

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
21ST MARCH, 2024

SUBJECT:

PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE

Purpose:

The committee has requested an update report on the development of a Prevention Strategy for Carmarthenshire.

THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IS ASKED TO:-

Review and assess the update report and provide any recommendations, comments, or advice.

Reason(s)

To seek assurance that the development of a prevention strategy is under way.

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR CARMARTHENSHIRE

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

Prevention Strategy Update

Introduction:

The committee has requested an update on the current position of the development of the Prevention Strategy for Carmarthenshire.

Background:

There is currently no prevention strategy in place in for Carmarthenshire or for the Hywel Dda Region and the closest report of a similar nature was the 'Prevention, Early Intervention, Promoting Independent Living Carmarthenshire: A Resilient Community' developed in 2016 therefore it is now timely to review and update our position and develop an updated prevention strategy which takes account of our current position and sets out our prevention vision for the future.

Since the development of the above strategy there has been a significant number of changes which include but is not limited to:

- The impact of Covid on services and on the citizens of Carmarthenshire
- The refreshed Population Needs Assessment and Market Stability report for West Wales
- The Wellbeing Assessment
- Welsh Governments Rebalancing Care and Support White paper
- Strategy development including unpaid carers, dementia

Therefore, it would seem appropriate to take the opportunity to take stock and develop a new strategy.

Current Position

Regional & local governance arrangements have matured with the development of a Regional Preventions Board - a subgroup of the West Wales Regional Partnership Board. The Board spans the governance arrangements of the RPB and the respective PSBs in the region. This reflects shared legislative responsibilities relating to promoting prevention and wellbeing. Our Local Preventative Board feeds into this governance structure.

There is a strong work programme progressing the development of preventative/community-based initiatives working with third sector organisations and CAVS, this also includes the development of social and micro enterprises.

We have implemented a new Community Preventative Services model - Carmarthenshire's Third Sector Preventative Services, which is part of a wider community model of care and support, providing the structure and central pathways to support. The model is designed to build seamless links between services that help people of all ages stay independent within their communities for as long as they are able or wish and if needed to access more formal care and support when the time comes. The recent development and recommissioning of our third sector preventative services into five locality areas has enabled support providers to work in partnership together and with local communities to provide holistic, innovative, and flexible support to improve and maintain people's health, well-being, and independence, through social integration and the strengthening of community relationships. Each locality area has a lead third sector provider, who together with other third sector partners is responsible for developing initiatives & responding to community needs. The Connect2Carmarthenshire platform captures all the activity and offers.

We have launched our micro enterprise and social enterprise development which aims to diversify the market and provide a wider range of opportunities for personalised care & support.

Enhanced through additional Grant Funding, including Shared Prosperity Fund the preventative services model has been enhanced further and enables preventative services to further develop the model by increasing knowledge and skills on how to connect with 'harder to reach groups' including people who live in rural areas, males, the farming community and people of other languages.

The Regional Carers Strategy has been refreshed reflecting what is important to unpaid carers. The strategy highlighted four key priority areas for carers and is available on the West Wales RPB web site ([Carers Strategy – West Wales Regional Partnership Board \(www.rpb.org.uk\)](http://www.rpb.org.uk))

Within the Adult Social Care division, the prevention agenda is one we need to progress at pace during 2024. There are examples of innovative practice in day services where community and leisure facilities have been utilized to prevent people needing to attend a building-based service. There are examples of creative intervention by the community teams such as wellbeing pathways in the Community Mental Health teams to provide information and support at an earlier point to prevent the need for statutory intervention. Additional capacity has been created within the substance misuse team focusing on prevention and harm reduction. A collaborative approach is being developed and progressed with regard to suicide prevention.

Recognising the importance of the preventative agenda, the newly appointed Service Delivery Manager for Prevention and Wellbeing who came into post on the 20th of September and will be leading on the development of the Preventative agenda, including the strategy. The initial phase of this development has been meeting with key stakeholders and understanding the Carmarthenshire landscape with regards to prevention.

Next Steps

The Carmarthenshire Prevention Group met on the 11th of January where a key agenda item was to define the scope and remit of the strategy as well as the intended audience. The strategy will be one that covers all ages and will provide the public and key stakeholders with Carmarthenshire's plans and focus around prevention & wellbeing for the next five years.

Members of the prevention group were asked for nominations to be part of the Prevention Strategy Development task and finish group. These have now been provided and the first meeting will be held in March (date to be confirmed depending on diary availability) This will ensure that the strategy includes views and information from across Health and Local Authority teams and that it meets the expectations of all key stakeholders.

We will be engaging citizens, third sector partners and stakeholders throughout the project to ensure that the new Prevention Strategy is developed, shaped and owned by the people of Carmarthenshire.

Timeline for Development:

Dates	Tasks
Oct-Dec 23	Identify Key Stakeholders Make connections with relevant partners Understand the current prevention provision Review other key policy documents which have an impact Review other prevention strategies from across other sectors/areas
Jan 24	Define the scope and remit of strategy Understand the audience (public/staff/services) Set up Prevention Strategy Delivery Group
Jan 24 – Jun 24	Prevention - Initial Feedback from citizens survey undertaken Monthly Delivery Group Meetings – to review progress and provide input and feedback. Stakeholder mapping Completed and approved by Task & Finish Group Governance Agreed Communications Plan Devised
July 2024 – September 2024	Initial Draft of the Prevention Strategy prepared for review at the Carmarthenshire Prevention Group. Amendments made following feedback. Equality impact Assessment Completed Public Consultation Undertaken
Oct 2024	Approvals Process Completed
Nov 2024	Publication of Carmarthenshire’s Prevention Strategy
DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	NO

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: **Chris Harrison**

Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio-diversity & Climate Change
YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The prevention strategy will make reference to all relevant council and health strategies which are linked, this will include the Council's Corporate Strategy 2022-27, the Carmarthenshire Well-being Plan 2023-28 and 'A Healthier Mid and West Wales' and will ensure that it aligns with the strategic direction of the council and the health board.

Once the strategy has been developed consideration will be given to statutory requirements in relation to the Welsh Language and Equalities including the completion of an equalities impact assessment where appropriate.

2 Legal

Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014

- ▶ Fundamental principles - Voice & Control; Prevention and early intervention; Well-being; and Co-production
- ▶ Part 2 of the Act details the requirement to promote social enterprises, co-operatives, user-led services and the third sector

Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 – Resilient Wales; A Healthier Wales; More equal Wales; Cohesive Communities. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places further emphasis on planning for the future, joint working across public service organisations, and working better and more closely with people and communities.

- ▶ Framework for community resourcefulness (Social Care Wales); social prescribing framework (Welsh Government); community movement (Coalfields Regeneration); community ownership (Building Communities Trust/Cwmpas)

3. Finance

It is acknowledged that budgetary pressures will be a key challenge, however in addition to existing budgets, resources such as the Regional Integration Fund (RIF), the Shared Prosperity Fund and Carmarthenshire Cluster Funds are supporting the delivery of preventative services. By working with third sector organisations, we will also be able to capitalise on other funding opportunities which the statutory sectors are unable to access.

**CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**
YES

Include any observations here

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
PEIPIL Action Framework	1	Available on request
Prevention, Early Intervention, Promoting Independent Living Carmarthenshire: A Resilient Community	2	Report.pdf (gov.wales)