

No	Theme	Question	Comment	Activity	Response	Adjustment
1	Alternative provision	Choice	Very little choice for respite care, both residential and nursing	Event	Noted	Insertion to 6.4.5
2	Alternative provision	Choice	Block purchasing respite beds reduces the limited choice available	Event	Noted	Insertion to 6.4.5
3	Alternative provision	Choice	Introduce care beds in sheltered housing so that if peoples needs increase they don't need to move	Event	Noted. This relates to Extra Care Housing.	Insertion to 6.4.4
4	Alternative provision	Choice	Availability of step up and step down beds within a single care home to give individuals and families time to discuss/make arrangements/organise equipment/choose care home – families need time to digest	Event	Noted	Already included in 6.4.6. Retitled
5	Alternative provision	Quality	Home adaptations for carers to sleep	Event	Noted - not within the scope of this strategy	
6	Alternative provision	Choice	Step down process to give people more time to make more informed choices	Event	Noted	Already included in 6.4.6. Retitled
7	Alternative provision	Value	Respite is more time consuming and costly. Staffing at an appropriate level can be difficult.	Event	Noted	Insertion to 6.4.5
8	Alternative provision	Choice	Day care in care homes provides people with taster sessions – needs to be properly funded.	Event	Agreed	New section 6.4.8
9	Alternative provision	Choice	Need to help people help themselves and more options to be available e.g. step down beds, day care, respite.	Event	Agreed	Already included in 6.4.6. Retitled
10	Alternative provision	Choice	Alternate staffing/equipment is sometimes the issue e.g. with the availability to give IV antibiotics in the home. ACT supports with this (rapid response, 4 hour response from Community Resource Teams)	Event	Noted	
11	Alternative provision	Choice	Dementia villages should be considered to add to choice	Event	Noted	See Section 6.4.12
12	Alternative provision	Choice	Try before you buy to make a clear and informed choice e.g. respite and day care available in homes to ease transition/help potential residents have fears dispelled/make informed choice.	Event	Noted	
13	Alternative provision	Choice	Health Board – responsibility in developing flexible bed options	Event	Noted	
14	Alternative provision	Choice	Sheltered housing isn't sheltered housing any longer – wardens aren't 24 hour and people need that safety net to keep them living there for longer.	Event	Noted - we need to make sure there are a flexible range of options for accommodation with support including Extra Care Housing.	See Section 6.4.4
15	Alternative provision	Choice	Health and social care support available in people's own homes to delay admission to long term care home placement particularly needed at night e.g. night sitters.	Event	Noted - not within the scope of this strategy	
16	Alternative provision	Choice	Capitalise on preventative services - telecare, pressure mats, befriending services	Event	Noted	
17	Communication	Quality	Lacking information about availability in central point of access	Event	Not clear. However this relates to the availability of a single point of access within each LA area and is not within the scope of this strategy.	
18	Communication	Quality	The 'category of care' the person is assigned to is not known until later in the process stopping people from making decisions about available options	Event	Noted	
19	Communication	Quality	General information about the process of choosing a care home is lacking e.g. a simple fact sheet or clear information about different types of beds	Event	Agreed	Addition to commissioning intentions
20	Communication	Choice	Educate people to make early choices on care homes	Event	Noted	Addition to commissioning intentions

21	Communication	Choice	Care plan that travels with the person from (own/care) home to home.	Event	Care plans are already expected to do this.	
22	Communication	Choice	Choice of places to live where residents are treated "normally" e.g. by going down the pub if that's what they like doing, having shared rooms for married couples.	Event	Noted - links to Regional Quality Framework	
23	Communication	Choice	List of care homes available for older people and their families with clear information on what the care homes provide and their recent vacancies etc.	Event	Agreed	Addition to commissioning intentions
24	Communication	Choice	Brochures for different care homes available to patients and families remembering that not everyone is computer literate.	Event	Agreed	Addition to commissioning intentions
25	Communication	Choice	Ensure Family Information Services are up to date with most recent information.	Event	Agreed	Addition to commissioning intentions
26	Communication	Choice	Support care homes - ensure robust care plan available early and up to date	Event	Noted	Addition to commissioning intentions
27	Communication	Choice	Support care homes - allow better access to patients for care home manager	Event	Comment not clear	
28	Communication	Choice	Improve communication with care homes/families and LA/Health Board staff – more joined up working	Event	Agreed	Already in commissioning intentions
29	Communication	Choice	Highlight individuals' favourite foods and if they need assistance with eating	Event	Noted	
30	Communication	Choice	Lack of information and communication on alternative services e.g. "shared lives scheme".	Event	Noted	Addition to commissioning intentions re provision of information
31	Communication	Value	Value for money is different for different individuals – must be VFM for them!	Event	Noted	
32	Communication	Value	Joined up planning requirement	Event	Noted	Already in commissioning intentions
33	Communication	Quality	What is quality? It's different to different people, subjective measures. Is it the service user's choice?	Event	Noted. The Regional Quality Framework seeks to define commonly agreed quality standards.	
34	Communication	Quality	Reputation	Event	Comment not clear	
35	Communication	Quality	Lack of engagement across sectors to resolve issues having effect on quality	Event	Noted	
36	Communication	Quality	Important to recognise the journey of the individual and their families	Event	Noted	
37	Communication	Quality	Individuals preferences are respected and not ignored – "What Matters To Me" questions are asked to gather individuals' likes and dislikes as a starting point that can be revisited and reviewed	Event	Noted	
38	Communication	Quality	Activity programmes that are individualised – some people just want a chat, some want activities e.g. bingo, some want help in practising their faith etc.	Event	Noted. These issues should be covered in more detail in service specifications and the Regional Quality Framework.	
39	Communication	Quality	Tailoring services to fit need/Person-centred – multi-skilled staff	Event	Noted	
40	Communication	Quality	Highlight what families can do to help/provide support	Event	Noted	
41	Communication	Quality	RQF – capture real life experience of residents, families and carers?	Event	Agreed - RQF aims to capture this.	
42	Communication	Quality	Engage with carer – share what residents have done whilst they have been away, include and involve them	Event	Noted	

43	Communication	Quality	Shared understanding of quality – service user/professionals/commissioners/family etc.	Event	Agreed. The Regional Quality Framework seeks to define commonly agreed quality standards.	
44	Communication	Quality	Communication – if quality of information to care homes from hospitals and social workers is improved it would also drive up overall quality of service – care home managers would like to see relationships being built up across service	Event	Agreed	Addition to commissioning intentions re provision of information
45	Communication	Quality	Provider meetings really helpful for sharing best practice and information	Event	Noted. WB LAs commit to building on this - already a commissioning intention.	
46	Communication	Quality	Complaints procedure needs to be clear – including relatives and residents meetings	Event	Noted. Effective complaints procedure is included in the development of the Regional Quality Framework.	
47	Cost	Quality	Gwalia homes Vs other homes in Neath Port Talbot – significant cost difference	Event	Noted. Commercial issue	
48	Cost	Quality	Low fees make it difficult to build a business case for more provision	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to working towards a sustainable care home market.	
49	Cost	Quality	Huge cost for care homes in training staff – with no guarantee of retention, staff can move on	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to addressing this issue.	See specific commissioning intention.
50	Cost	Quality	National financial impact – no housing benefit	Event	Comment not clear but financial challenges are noted.	
51	Cost	Quality	Affordability of the public purse – how does this meet the needs of the future?	Event	Noted. The Commissioning Strategy seeks to address the issue of meeting future need.	
52	Cost	Quality	Spending life savings on being able to access the care home you want	Event	Noted	
53	Cost	Quality	Not for profit options – can be more costly	Event	Noted	
54	Cost	Quality	Barriers for providers entering the market - availability of capital	Event	Noted	
55	Cost	Quality	Clarification of voluntary contributions	Event	Noted	
56	Cost	Choice	Un-level playing field – distribution of resources to invest in the sector – some providers are given finances to build and develop premises – where others will not be given funds from banks due to lack of stability of the sector and costs attributed e.g. living wage	Event	Noted. Specific circumstances and comparisons cannot be addressed in this strategy, but WB is committed to working in equal partnership with providers across the sector.	
57	Cost	Choice	Choice is often dependent on cost and affordability – this needs to be fair as lack of resources can impact on the choice made by individuals requiring care and their families	Event	Noted.	
58	Cost	Value	Discourage block contracts	Event	Noted. We will work collaboratively with providers to develop a range of commissioning options to the meet the demands of our market.	
59	Cost	Value	Financial climate difficult	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to working towards a sustainable care home market. See key strategic intentions.	
60	Cost	Value	Clarification of voluntary contributions – on booklets for care homes identify which require “top-up”.	Event	Noted. This should be included in the provision of good quality information to support choice.	New strategic objective added.

61	Cost	Value	How do you define value for money when you are paying two different fees for the same services?	Event	Noted. Specific circumstances and comparisons cannot be addressed in this strategy, but WB is committed to working in equal partnership with providers across the sector.	
62	Cost	Value	Living wage	Event	Not specific but the challenge of supporting a sustainable and committed workforce is recognised.	
63	Cost	Value	Wage percentage increases/pension costs etc.	Event	Not specific but the challenge of supporting a sustainable and committed workforce is recognised.	
64	Cost	Value	Funded nursing care £140 per week - not enough to provide good quality nursing care	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to working towards a sustainable care home market. See key strategic intentions.	
65	Cost	Quality	Investment in service and training of the sector can lead to a positive view of the caring profession which resonates through the residential home sector...encourages career pathway through care sector in the wider community/forging a career in the care sector will receive family support. Link to job centre for support.	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to developing and promoting a sustainable workforce. Key strategic intention.	
66	Cost	Quality	Task orientated staff due to resources e.g. washing, cleaning, feeding. Chatting to residents about their lives, interests etc. is just as important but limited resource to allow the staff to spend quality time with residents.	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to developing and promoting a sustainable workforce. Key strategic intention.	
67	Cost	Quality	Cost implications on excellent quality e.g. staff time/recruitment and retention of good staff	Event	Noted. WB Partners are committed to developing and promoting a sustainable workforce. Key strategic intention.	
68	Cost	Choice	Time pressure on choice when admission to care home is from a hospital bed – urgency to move people on	Event	Noted	New strategic objective
69	Cost	Choice	As there is a lack of nursing beds across Western Bay, appropriate placements sometimes need to be identified out of county. This process increases length of hospital stay.	Event	Agreed. This relates to the key strategic objective of ensuring an appropriate range of care home capacity to meet need.	
70	Geography	Quality	Location of care homes available relating to usual place of residence – local availability and transport available	Event	Noted. This relates to the key strategic objective of ensuring an appropriate range of care home capacity to meet need.	
71	Geography	Choice	Geographical divides – locations of some homes limits choice	Event	Noted. This relates to the key strategic objective of ensuring an appropriate range of care home capacity to meet need.	

72	Geography	Quality	Location of care home extremely important to some people to link with family/friends/visitors	Event	Noted. This relates to the key strategic objective of ensuring an appropriate range of care home capacity to meet need.	
73	Infrastructure	Quality	Design of rooms in care homes even in purpose built homes e.g. no lifts	Event	Noted although not entirely clear. This relates to the key strategic objective of supporting care homes to meet regulatory standards.	
74	Infrastructure	Choice	Not only care but also the environment needs investment	Event	Noted. Financial challenges are noted. WB Partners are committed to working towards a sustainable care home market.	
75	Infrastructure	Choice	Environment in care home is calmer and cosier than hospitals	Event	Noted	
76	Infrastructure	Value	Other costs for care home providers – heating/maintenance/contracts/food	Event	Noted. Financial challenges are noted. WB Partners are committed to working towards a sustainable care home market.	
77	Infrastructure	Choice	Anxiety towards the long term use of the buildings of some care homes when prospective residents visit them when there are rumours or long term plans	Event	Comment not clear but respect the need for commissioners and providers to have a clear understanding of future commissioning intentions.	
78	Leadership	Quality	Risk adverse approach in hospitals – could patients try and go home if this wasn't the case – different behaviour in hospitals compared to if at home.	Event	Noted	
79	Leadership	Choice	Leadership is key!	Event	Agreed.	
80	Leadership	Value	RQF – achievable but cost is the issue in meeting each criteria	Event	Noted.	
81	Leadership	Quality	Move away from form filling and move towards achieve each individual resident's personal outcomes	Event	Noted.	New strategic intention re: reducing the burden of bureaucracy.
82	Leadership	Quality	Celebrate good practice and good care e.g. Magic Moments in Care Homes	Event	Noted. It is expected that the implementation of the RQF facilitates celebrating good practice.	
83	Leadership	Quality	Take time to recognise positive feedback, not just negative.	Event	Noted. It is expected that the implementation of the RQF facilitates this.	
84	Leadership	Quality	Provision to share best practice	Event	Not clear. However our commitment to the Regional Quality Framework, together with the promotion of partnership through, for example, provider forums will enable us to share good practice.	
85	Leadership	Quality	Acknowledgement made of the benefits of having a structured quality system against which services are measured e.g. RQF	Event	Agreed. We regard this comment as an endorsement of our work developing a RQF	
86	Leadership	Quality	Quality led by the care home manager	Event	Noted	

87	Legislation	Quality	Individuals' care needs changing e.g. receiving a diagnosis of dementia whilst in a care home – need flexibility to be able to keep people in their existing placement if made before diagnosis BUT registration limits the flexibility	Event	Agreed	New strategic intention
88	Legislation	Quality	Need more fluidity with registration – availability depends a lot on recruiting qualified staff	Event	Agreed	New strategic intention
89	Legislation	Quality	Recommendation of dual registered homes i.e. residential and nursing so residents don't have to move if their needs change.	Event	Agreed	New strategic intention
90	Legislation	Quality	Barriers for providers entering the market - minimum standards	Event	Noted although not clear	
91	Legislation	Quality	Barriers for providers entering the market - regulations	Event	Noted although not clear	
92	Legislation	Choice	Care standards policy can be restrictive – care standards staffing is an issue because people have complex needs	Event	Noted	
93	Legislation	Value	Government funding/grants/needed to help reduce costs.	Event	Noted but outside the scope of this strategy. However the need to support easy access to capital funding is noted.	New Strategic intention
94	Legislation	Value	Pooled resources	Event	Not clear	
95	Legislation	Quality	CSSIW Inspections	Event	Not clear	
96	Legislation	Quality	CSSIW regulations help to set a standard	Event	Not clear. CSSIW regulations are standards.	
97	Legislation	Quality	Improvement in quality observed for inspections – ensure this raise in level is continued	Event	Noted	
98	Legislation	Quality	Raise wider awareness of ratings e.g. CSSIW reports/RQF	Event	Noted	
99	Cost	Quality	Evidence of profit	Event	Not clear.	
100	Sector	Quality	Variance of availability of care home services across different areas of Neath Port Talbot	Event	Noted. The availability of sufficient care home capacity to ensure adequate choice of good quality care homes is a key objective of this strategy.	
101	Sector	Quality	Requirement to map care home provision	Event	We feel that Section 6 of our document achieves this.	
102	Sector	Quality	Difficult to increase provision of care homes across Western Bay due to the instability of the sector	Event	Noted. This strategy seeks to promote a more stable care home market across the Western bay region	
103	Sector	Quality	Availability of spare capacity rather than full utilisation e.g. occupation.	Event	We are looking to develop a care home market that meets needs.	
104	Sector	Quality	Difficult to increase provision & choice when forecasts show a reduction in need e.g. residential beds	Event	We are looking to develop a care home market that meets needs.	
105	Sector	Quality	Need to update terminology and stop using EMI (elderly mental infirm)	Event	Agreed - we do not use this language in this strategy.	
106	Sector	Quality	Placements are for shorter periods of time now compared to historically	Event	Agreed	
107	Sector	Quality	Attraction of market	Event	Not clear	
108	Sector	Quality	More availability of information to promote choice – not just based on whether there are vacancies in a particular home	Event	Agreed	New strategic intention
109	Sector	Choice	Demand and supply of care homes has direct effect on choice	Event	Agreed	
110	Sector	Choice	Do we need homes with a combination of NHS & Private Sector?	Event	The mix of funding sources in care homes will be the subject of ongoing discussion between commissioners and providers in the Western Bay area	
111	Sector	Choice	Choosing to live in residential care should be seen as a positive choice	Event	Agreed	

112	Sector	Choice	Need to show providers confidence in the market leading to eventual stability in the market	Event	Agreed	
113	Sector	Value	Top up fees are inevitable to make a sustainable business model	Event	Agreed that an appropriate use of 'third party contributions' can be beneficial for providers - when delivered in accordance with guidance such as that provided by the Older Person Commissioner	
114	Sector	Value	Realistic – better value for money may not mean cheaper	Event	Agreed	
115	Sector	Value	Share resources across providers	Event	Agreed	
116	Sector	Quality	Care homes need to be a community in its own right and to be part of the wider community – link to schools, colleges etc. for events and visitors	Event	Agreed	
117	Sector	Quality	Sector needs to be forward thinking i.e. for tomorrow's generation of older people	Event	Agreed	
118	Sector	Quality	Basic quality – we expect to be fed and watered in a home that is warm and comfortable.	Event	WB RQF seeks more than this basic level of quality.	
119	Sector	Quality	Quality decisions include - best interests, environment e.g. bright/light/space for visitors/outside space	Event	Noted - included in the RQF	
120	Sector	Quality	More emphasis on care over environment – 5* accommodation doesn't always mean good care	Event	Noted. RQF seeks to set acceptable standards for both care and the physical environment. We do not accept that one needs to be traded off against the other.	
121	Sector	Quality	KEY – care homes are people's homes	Event	Agreed	
122	Specialist Care	Quality	Lack of availability for older adult mental health placements (with a direct effect on safety), especially nursing/dementia care as people are living at home for longer	Event	Agreed. Section 6.4.13 notes this.	
123	Specialist Care	Quality	Lack of availability for specialist placements e.g. for people living with Huntington's	Event	Noted - although this strategy relates to Western Bay commissioners commissioning approach for older people, the requirement for placements for those with specialist complex needs is noted in Section 6.4.13	
124	Specialist Care	Quality	Specialist bed availability – delay in funding decisions – patient experiences	Event	Noted	
125	Specialist Care	Quality	Lack of homes for life and provision for end of life care	Event	Agreed. This issue is noted in Section 6.4.7	
126	Specialist Care	Choice	Limited choice available across dementia care services	Event	Agreed. Section 6.4.13 recognises this.	
127	Specialist Care	Choice	More difficult to get funding for dementia care services	Event	Agreed. Section 6.4.13 recognises this.	
128	Specialist Care	Choice	Needs of early onset dementia – patients in care homes are an issue on respite and placements	Event	Agreed but out of the scope of this strategy	
129	Specialist Care	Value	Standards incur costs that are passed onto relative – moving care is expensive	Event	The challenge of balancing quality care with affordable costs is noted.	

130	Specialist Care	Quality	End of life care – when a care home rings 999 for an individual to go to hospital at the end of their life, the individual would invariably rather remain at home – recently discussed at Unscheduled Care Commissioning Board. Good practice needed to be shared for end of life care.	Event	Noted.	
131	Specialist Care	Quality	Dietetic support – being offered what they need when they want it	Event	Agreed	
132	Specialist Care	Quality	Access to specialist services when needed and closer links to be established	Event	Agreed	
133	Staff	Quality	Difficulty recruiting trained nurses – need improved access to recruit	Event	Agree. This is noted in Section 6.4.3 and a specific strategic intention relates to this.	
134	Staff	Quality	Delay in social workers being allocated to individuals to progress with the process	Event	Noted.	Yes strategic intention
135	Staff	Quality	Support workers for families in this situation	Event	Not clear	
136	Staff	Quality	Lack of night sitters is the main reason for placements	Event	Noted	
137	Staff	Quality	Nurses in hospital wards are very busy so no one to talk to – need liaison link with family	Event	Noted	
138	Staff	Quality	Early identification of who will need assistance on discharge and not just when they get well	Event	Noted	
139	Staff	Quality	Barriers for providers entering the market - availability of suitably qualified staff	Event	Noted. We have specific strategic intentions relating to working with prospective new providers and taking a collaborative approach to workforce.	
140	Staff	Quality	Utilise workforce appropriately - skills/empowerment/shared responsibility between health and social care/retrain workforce to meet needs	Event	Agreed - strategic intentions relating to a collaborative approach to workforce.	
141	Staff	Value	Cost of staffing	Event	Not clear	
142	Staff	Value	Collaborative training approach can save money	Event	Agreed. Already a strategic intention	
143	Staff	Value	Flexibility of workforce	Event	Not clear	
144	Staff	Quality	Increased staff levels and better pay = better quality	Event	Agree	
145	Staff	Quality	Staff treated well and with respect as they work very hard – whilst skills can be difficult to quantify	Event	Agree - WB partners are committed to supporting a sustainable and motivated workforce.	
146	Staff	Quality	First year staff are in post - very important to ensure levels of quality delivered – 6 to 10 months' probation	Event	Noted	
147	Staff	Quality	Registration of care workers a good thing – see it as a profession? Cost of registration?	Event	Noted	
148	Staff	Quality	Funding for training for over 25s (Level 2) have little assistance but may have life skills to deliver exceptional care.	Event	Not clear	
149	Staff	Quality	Poor quality – poor records e.g. food charts missing	Event	Not clear	
150	Staff	Quality	Staff caring/friendly/interested	Event	Noted	
151	Staff	Quality	Education (e.g. NVQs) can be a barrier	Event	Noted.	New strategic intention
152	Staff	Quality	Link social workers to individual homes?	Event	Noted.	
153	Staff	Quality	Importance of trust	Event	Agree - WB partners are seeking to build and demonstrate trust.	
154	Staff	Quality	Staffing at night ratios – uniformity needed	Event	Staffing levels need to be based on service user need and therefore cannot be uniform.	

155	Staff	Quality	Training needs to be consistent across homes with one standard approach – standard assessment centres for QCF/NVQs – and needs to be high quality	Event	Agreed - strategic intentions relating to a collaborative approach to workforce.	New strategic intention
156	Staff	Quality	Requirement for more qualified nurses – could nursing assistants be introduced for some of the nursing tasks e.g. medication	Event	Noted - opportunities for development of skills across whole workforce should be explored	
157	Staff	Quality	Importance of Welsh Language and its importance in people's lives – true for many different cultures	Event	Agree. We are committed to meeting our duties and responsibilities under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure and supporting others with their language choices	Additional section
158	Staff	Quality	Team work important and innovative approach taken to keep things 'fresh'	Event	Noted	
159	Sector	Availability	1 stop shop	Survey	Not clear	
160	Communication	Availability	A central coordination hub / management hub organising services in a systematic manner.	Survey	Noted.	
161	Cost	Value	Affordable care for the future	Survey	Not clear	
162	Communication	Quality	Better outreach services engaging with the elderly and their families before someone actually needs to go into a home. Reduce the stigma attached to residential homes, reach out to a younger audience, invite people in to see the homes when they are fit and well enough to make informed choices.	Survey	Noted	
163	Alternative provision	Availability	Better provision during working years to allow saving for retirement and care if required, better distribution of the budget between NHS and community care	Survey	Noted. Beyond the scope of this strategy	
164	Alternative provision	Availability	Care homes like Arwelfa in Croeserw, Cymmer must stay open	Survey	Noted. Individual circumstances cannot be considered within the scope of this strategy	
165	Infrastructure	Quality	Consistently high standards in truly caring environment at reasonable cost that the majority can afford	Survey	Noted as an aspiration.	
166	Specialist Care	Availability	Enough specialist beds i.e. dementia care for challenging behaviour (currently lack of)	Survey	Agreed. Section 6.4.13 notes this.	
167	Cost	Availability	Extra funding	Survey	Not clear	
168	Sector	Availability	Finance / Accessibility / audit and monitor of standards / consistency of care.	Survey	Not clear	
169	Communication	Choice	Forward planning with potential residents - involve us in the design stage when we are fit and well	Survey	Noted.	

170	Cost	Value	Funding for individuals, local authorities and providers to ensure that the service provided can be delivered at a cost that can be afforded	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
171	Cost	Value	Funding takes into account the increasing costs to smaller homes	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
172	Legislation	Value	Joint NHS and Social Services budget	Survey	Agreed. WB partners will be required to develop pooled budgets as a requirement of the SS&WB Act for care home placements by April 2018	
173	Sector	Availability	More care homes needed	Survey	This strategy aims to ensure sufficient good quality care home capacity to meet future need.	
174	Communication	Quality	More emphasis on person centred planning to fit the service to person rather than person to service	Survey	Noted - this is being picked up as we develop our approach to assessing need reflecting the requirements of the SSWB Act.	
175	Communication	Choice	More information needs to be made available and the information to be easily accessed	Survey	Agree	New strategic intention
176	Cost	Value	Standardisation of costs for admission into homes	Survey	Not entirely clear.	

177	Sector	Availability	Sufficient flexible/spare capacity to be retained within the homes to support changing demands	Survey	Keeping "spare capacity" would be an individual business decision for care home managers.	
178	Infrastructure	Availability	A mix of modern, affordable and accessible care home places	Survey	Noted	
179	Infrastructure	Quality	Access to information, use of IT e.g. Skype where families are unable to visit.	Survey	Noted.	
180	Communication	Choice	Advocacy where appropriate to support individuals and families - stop the railroading of "professionals know best"	Survey	Noted. The provision of information, advice and advocacy is a requirement of the SSWB Act.	
181	Communication	Choice	More and better information available	Survey	Noted	New strategic intention
182	Sector	Availability	Care homes are allowed to differentiate themselves and not become one size fits all	Survey	Noted	
183	Cost	Value	Better financial support for care homes to pay decent wages and have decent staffing levels	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels.	
184	Communication	Choice	Good access to all easily comparable information available in one place for a suitable broker or helper to present choices to potential residents	Survey	Noted	New strategic intention
185	Communication	Choice	Good quality choices of home services and care homes available. Information that categorises and gives a quality mark for each service or grade. Gives what areas they specialise in so carers and families can make informed choices.	Survey	Noted.	New strategic intention
186	Sector	Availability	In Bridgend, more care homes for local residents	Survey	This strategy aims to ensure sufficient good quality care home capacity to meet future need.	
187	Sector	Quality	Local provision is best - if consistent quality across the region then issue of 'choice' becomes less important	Survey	This relates to the common Regional Quality Framework	
188	Geography	Availability	Location should be paramount, ensuring that all homes that are likely to meet patients' needs are acknowledged to the person or advocate.	Survey	Noted	
189	Sector	Availability	More care homes for the ageing population	Survey	This strategy aims to ensure sufficient good quality care home capacity to meet future need.	
190	Legislation	Quality	More transparency. The care homes website for example, differs from CSSIW statements.	Survey	Not entirely clear, but the provision of accessible and good quality information is a new strategic intention.	
191	Sector	Availability	Stop closing the available care homes	Survey	WB partners recognise that the decommissioning of care homes is likely to be difficult for individuals and communities. We are committed to commissioning and, where necessary, remodelling services to meet the needs of communities and individuals.	
192	Geography	Availability	Sufficient care homes across the areas served, at least one per ward/neighbourhood	Survey	This strategy aims to ensure sufficient good quality care home capacity to meet future need.	

193	Alternative provision	Quality	Better outreach services engaging with the elderly and their families before someone actually needs to go into a home.	Survey	Noted - not within the scope of this strategy, but part of our overall "What Matters to Me" model.
194	Sector	Quality	Reduce the stigma attached to residential homes, reach out to a younger audience	Survey	Noted
195	Communication	Quality	Invite people in to see the homes when they are fit and well enough to make informed choices	Survey	Noted
196	Communication	Quality	Be consistent. Be honest. And speak to all staff and residents not just the chosen few.	Survey	WB partners are committed to working with care home residents, providers and stakeholders in an open, honest and transparent way which is reflected in our RQF..
197	Sector	Quality	Be research based, and up to date. Boot out old fashioned ways of working.	Survey	Noted
198	Staff	Quality	Better trained managers and staff	Survey	Agree - WB partners are committed to supporting a sustainable and motivated workforce.
199	Infrastructure	Quality	Good standard premises	Survey	Not clear
200	Communication	Quality	Care homes should be located in a community setting with lots of community input	Survey	Agree
201	Sector	Quality	Care Standards Act 2000 - Should this question really be needed or has no progress taken place in 16 years??	Survey	Not clear
202	Sector	Quality	Flexibility and partnership working - trust. Positive risk taking.	Survey	Noted - WB partners are committed to building trust
203	Cost	Value	Funding needs to increase to reflect the costs that care homes have to pay for staff and other costs	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.
204	Legislation	Quality	Good legislation to stop abuse in care homes	Survey	Not clear
205	Legislation	Quality	Higher standards and be inspected regularly	Survey	Agreed.
206	Staff	Quality	Highly trained staff selected through robust recruitment processes, multi-agency support available at all times	Survey	Noted

207	Staff	Quality	Human kindness	Survey	Agree that this is a fundamental quality that should be nurtured in all care home environments	
208	Staff	Quality	Invest in staff/resources for caring staff	Survey	Agree - WB partners are committed to supporting a sustainable and motivated workforce.	
209	Legislation	Quality	Need to have set standards in all care homes with relevant reviews and validation	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework	
210	Staff	Quality	Onsite OT, Physio services, GP's appointment room, Rehab rooms with equipment so people are not bussed about when they have an appointment.	Survey	Noted	
211	Legislation	Quality	RQF in place and workforce development to support all frontline staff	Survey	Agree. This reflects our strategic intentions	
212	Legislation	Quality	Unannounced inspections, easier for families to complain and raise concerns	Survey	Agreed.	
213	Legislation	Quality	Very rigorous inspection	Survey	Agreed.	
214	Staff	Quality	First class staff training	Survey	Agree - WB partners are committed to supporting a sustainable and motivated workforce.	
215	Staff	Quality	A career / pay scale that values the importance and helps improve status of all care home staff	Survey	Agree - WB partners are committed to supporting a sustainable and motivated workforce.	
216	Staff	Quality	Well-trained staff, working in a person-centred way. E.g. for patients with hearing loss - 70% of people over 70 have a hearing loss - this requires excellent communication skills and high levels of deaf awareness	Survey	Noted.	
217	Legislation	Quality	A shared understanding and agreement on how to evidence the standards - quality means different things to different people	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework	
218	Legislation	Quality	Better regulation, set a standard in services and accommodation that all residential care homes have to achieve not just the private sector but public sector services.	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework which we will apply equally across the sector	
219	Legislation	Quality	Care Standards Act 2000 - Should this question really be needed or has no progress taken place in 16 years?? What has the Care Council for Wales achieved with regard to a register for care staff?? Over 10 years ago this register was meant to have been implemented. If the Care Council is not fit for purpose why is it still funded	Survey	Beyond the scope of the Western Bay Commissioning Strategy	

220	Cost	Value	An understanding of what good value for money is - good quality is better value in the longer term - not cheapest is best	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
221	Legislation	Quality	Better monitoring and set standards that homes have to achieve year in year out. No point achieving a standard if the home is judged against this standard every three years or so.	Survey	Noted.	
222	Cost	Value	Councils need to take into account that good value for money means supporting funding for statutory increases in costs such as the increase in wages, pensions and increased training.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
223	Sector	Value	Do not commission with failing care homes	Survey	Noted	
224	Sector	Value	Do not privatise. In house is the best value for money	Survey	Noted	

225	Cost	Value	Ensure funding for the provision of residential care is sufficient to meet increasing expectations of all stakeholders.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.
226	Legislation	Value	Good inspection regime	Survey	Not entirely clear although of course we are seeking to have a strong quality monitoring process in partnership with CSSiW.
227	Staff	Value	Good value for money does not mean good quality services. Look at the standards of training and support provided to care staff rather than price	Survey	Agree. These are key elements of the RQF.
228	Sector	Value	Level playing field in terms of fees paid across the regional market place	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.

229	Cost	Value	More finance available so that tenders are based on quality standards and not solely on the cheapest tenderer.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
230	Legislation	Quality	Regular review and monitoring of the services being provided	Survey	Agreed - we are looking to build on a strong quality monitoring process we have in partnership with CSSiW	
231	Cost	Value	Sufficient financial resources (!), used effectively, strictly monitored	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
232	Cost	Value	This may end up with poor quality homes.	Survey	Not clear	
233	Cost	Value	Vale for money does not necessarily mean quality. E.g. Cheap in continence product are a waste of resources, don't hold urines and degrade skin. But a decent product that has barriers protection built in. Tena, although expensive, will save money on continence care and skin damage.	Survey	Noted	

234	Cost	Choice	More finance available	Survey	Noted. We are in a period of unprecedented pressure on resources, however, Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
235	Alternative provision	Choice	All of the health service provisions that the elderly have to go to their GP or outpatients department for appointments. A rehab gymnasium, GP surgery on appointment, it's not just about having the hairdresser in every other Friday its about attending to the mental and physical health of residents without the fear of being a burden if you have to be taken to appointments by staff which takes all of your independence away	Survey	Noted.	
236	Sector	Choice	Allow for the ageing population and not expect the lower earning sector to miss out	Survey	This is not our intention.	
237	Sector	Choice	Ask the people living there what they need. E.g. someone to take them out shopping etc.	Survey	Our Regional Quality Framework places emphasis on the individual preferences and choices of care home residents i.e. person-centred approaches.	
238	Communication	Choice	Ask the people who use services and who care for the person. They are the experts. They know what the person likes to do or what engages him/her best. Think outside the box for suggestions, not the normal or what has been offered previously. People like simple things that actually cost very little to implement.	Survey	Noted.	
239	Cost	Choice	Consider block funding to ensure some financial security for providers. Consider alternative ways of contracting for them	Survey	Agree - already a strategic intention.	
240	Communication	Choice	Consult with residents and families to discover what THEY would like, source best providers, promote volunteer activities from within the community, universal access for all	Survey	Noted.	
241	Staff	Choice	Expand current chaplaincy provision in hospitals to Care Homes - this could incorporate current provision from local faith groups.	Survey	Noted.	
242	Staff	Choice	Follow the Cardiff and Vale elderly care services way of working. Care home nurses can refer direct to SALT, CMHT audio, dentist etc. without going through the GP which wastes time - respect nurses knowledge.	Survey	Noted	
243	Staff	Quality	Good quality trained staff ,specialist units , all homes that we commission from have to show training records etc. of all staff	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework	

244	Cost	Value	Look at funding - it is difficult for smaller homes to offer wider services and maintain good staffing levels.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
245	Sector	Value	More in-house services being made available, so any savings from this can be utilised elsewhere in the care system.	Survey	Noted.	
246	Alternative provision	Quality	More flexible day services and short stay/respite opportunities; work with providers to share good practice and identify where spare capacity is best utilised; better connection with local community activities; encourage inter-generational knowledge exchange through links with schools (see Hairy Bikers 'Old School' programme)	Survey	Noted.	New Section 6.4.8 re: Day Services
247	Staff	Quality	More peripatetic services offered like occupational health, nursing, podiatry, chiropody	Survey	Noted. We will seek to develop the relationship between care homes and community health and social care services.	
248	Specialist Care	Availability	More specialist beds for people at end stage of dementia	Survey	Noted.	
249	Cost	Availability	Resource needs to be looked at along with additional homes in the first place	Survey	Not clear	
250	Alternative provision	Value	Stop looking at traditional care homes, people can be supported in their own homes with assistive technology which in the long term is more cost effective	Survey	The overall Western Bay "What Matters to Me" Model emphasises the promotion of independence and the provision of flexible support to help people stay at home for as long as possible. However, we expect that people will still need/choose to live in a care home and we want to make sure this choice is equally available to all of our older population. This is the scope of this particular strategic document.	
251	Communication	Quality	Tell us what services they are looking for and ask us for ways to provide them. Also allow care homes to deliver the services that are person centred to the residents in their home, even if the councils do not rate them, the residents do	Survey	Noted.	
252	Communication	Quality	Work to find out what people really want in a care home for when they are older - we are a diverse community - care homes need to reflect this	Survey	Noted.	
253	Sector	Availability	Work very closely with the independent sector to agree joint strategies on delivery	Survey	This is what WB partners are committed to doing through the development of this strategy.	

254	Cost	Availability	Better funding (e.g. funding for older people is a fraction of that for people with functional mental health problems and learning disabilities yet the needs can still be as great if not more)	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
255	Cost	Value	Care home providers take a risk with their own money that they invest in the homes they buy. As with all business the return for this risk should be good value for money, so the price paid should cover the costs of running a decent service and a profit. Councils should recognise that they need to support private homes with placements and provide a list of those looking for placements to the homes. They should also speed up the assessments of those who need residential care. Also we have 3 staff working for us whose parents have been assessed as only needing a few visits whereas they need full time support. This incorrect assessment although cheaper to the council is causing families excess pressure and allowing too many vacancies to occur in homes.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
256	Cost	Value	Cheaper tax, cheaper essential services Welsh Assembly and Central Government should reduce the overheads for care homes that provide high quality care and services to the elderly. Inspected regularly by COMPETENT inspectors will drive up the standards of care provision in this country.	Survey	Noted but this issue is outside the control of the WB partnership.	
257	Legislation	Quality	Emphasise the quality of life of the area, highlight the standards we are seeking to achieve	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework	
258	Staff	Quality	Ensuring positive links with community services to support the care needs of patients via staff training , end of life care issues, advanced care planning - collaborative working to support patients and services.	Survey	Noted	New strategic intention relating to links with community services
259	Sector	Quality	Foster good working relationships with existing providers, promote existing good practice and resources, to make it clear that Western Bay expects, and will only settle for the best!	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework and our intention to foster stronger working relationships between commissioners and providers across the care home sector.	

260	Cost	Value	I think a number of care home providers would be keen to explore new opportunities but have to remain financially viable. For investment to be made up front in terms of the physical environment; up skilling staff; additional specialist equipment etc. providers need to have some certainty there will be future business and placements made.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
261	Sector	Availability	Keep the care homes open.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners certainly wish to support the care home market and continue to access beds where these are of suitable quality and continue to meet need at a reasonable price.	
262	Sector	Availability	Make it attractive to investors in new care home providers. Get them involved.	Survey	Noted	New strategic intention re Market position Statement
263	Communication	Quality	Make them aware of the excellent collaborative working Western Bay Community Services offer	Survey	Noted	
264	Staff	Value	Pay a decent rate so that they can get good quality well trained staff	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
263	Communication	Availability	Providers engagement days, workforce development programmes, community engagement days, facilitated exchange of good practice	Survey	Agreed. Strategic intention regarding building relationships with providers	
266	Communication	Availability	Set out clearly what you want - co-operative approaches with groups of care home users, families, staff and providers is an attractive option	Survey	Noted	

267	Legislation	Quality	Set firm guidelines into the way care should be provided to all clients, and consistent, independent spot checks / audit made routinely.	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework	
268	Cost	Availability	The council to provide financial incentives.	Survey	This would require closer analysis and discussion. However, Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
269	Sector	Quality	The problem will not be solved by encouraging new care home providers to move to the area, it is about solving issues with the ones you have and encouraging existing providers to invest in existing homes and developing new homes or more innovative ways to deliver services which meet the needs of an ageing population	Survey	Noted.	
270	Sector	Value	They are eager to expand in Bridgend as we have a severe deficit - but they will not do so without the large element of risk being accounted for i.e. resources (block purchasing for example)	Survey	The issue of shortfalls in capacity is understood. Otherwise the comment is not clear.	
271	Sector	Availability	Value for money	Survey	Not clear	
272	Staff	Quality	You need to get the GPs on side. Get each practice to take on one home rather many. It would improve care, in two ways. 1. Weed out the poor GP practices who are obstructive, and 2. Deliver a better service. The surgery could hold weekly clinics, rather than the ad hoc mess we have to deal with.	Survey	Noted. Engagement with Primary Care Services part of development of strategy	
273	Staff	Quality	ALL staff - NVQs in Care (or similar), generic Western Bay induction training and CPD; more qualified nurses	Survey	Noted	
274	Sector	Quality	https://www.jrf.org.uk/report/care-provision-fit-future-climate	Survey	Noted and thanks.	
275	Communication	Choice	No mention of patient advocacy and processes that are required for patients who lack capacity.	Survey	Agreed - Information, Advice and Advocacy Services are currently being developed across the Western Bay Region in response to the SSWB Wales Act and are also included in the RQF.	
276	Infrastructure	Choice	Place for family	Survey	Not clear although we recognise it is important for residents to maintain close links with their families.	
277	Infrastructure	Quality	The safety of elderly residents from fire and poor old unsuitable converted care accommodation	Survey	Noted.	
278	Sector	Quality	The strategy covers these areas fully.	Survey	Thank you for your endorsement.	

279	Sector	Quality	Treat old people with great respect	Survey	Agree this is a very important value statement and it lies at the heart of our regional Quality Framework.	
280	Sector	Choice	Yes - do not mark homes down if residents do not choose things inspectors would like to see	Survey	Noted.	
281	Legislation	Quality	You need to see beyond the surface and behind closed doors. For instance, eat the food.	Survey	Noted.	
282	Staff	Value	How providers are to care for people with more complex needs who need a higher staffing ratio.	Survey	Not clear although recognise the challenge	
283	Cost	Quality	No-one should miss out on any aspect of quality care due to financial circumstances	Survey	Agree	
284	Cost	Choice	Standardising costs as patients often can't have their first choice due to not being able to fund.	Survey	Noted.	
285	Cost	Value	The budget must meet the expectations of care.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
286	Cost	Value	The importance for some homes the issue of 'top up fees'	Survey	Agreed that an appropriate use of third-party contributions can be beneficial for providers - when delivered in accordance with guidance such as that provided by the Older Person's Commissioner.	
287	Legislation	Cost	There are very little incentives for care providers to provide and achieve high standards of care	Survey	Noted. This relates to our Regional Quality Framework	

288	Staff	Cost	This needs to increase to cover statutory wage costs	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.	
289	Cost	Value	Why should people who are self-funding have to pay more?	Survey	Noted. WB partners will explore this issue in partnership with providers.	
290	Sector	Quality	A very well written, detailed strategy	Survey	Thank you for your endorsement.	
291	Sector	Cross cutting	Covers all key areas related to care homes, Choice is important however ensuring choice can be met, capacity and best interest principles to be considered. Acknowledging when ACP and end of life principles should be considered? Use of standardises frailty score (Rookwood) to red flag key levels of management i.e. levels of 7-9 may indicate this need. Creating more links with secondary care and CRT teams to provide quality teaching sessions or for NH staff to link into around all aspects of care - this principle is reflected in the document with the dementia training team.	Survey	Helpful point. We have added a new strategic intention regarding strengthening links with community health and social care services.	
292	Legislation	Quality	Gold, Silver, Bronze and fail, should be awards on the door like the food standards agency scores. You must work on the floor and see what goes on. Don't just talk to the managers.	Survey	Noted.	
293	Legislation	Quality	I have visited many local authority and private care homes in Wales over the past 7 years and the quality and standards vary from poor-good-excellent there has to be a minimum standard set not only for the care provision and the services on offer but for the overall fabric of the building. Why do we still have care homes over 2-3 floors isolating people if the lift fails, putting people at risk if there is a fire. Introduce new standards that assistance and money saving incentives will come with easily accessible care homes that are over 1 or 2 floors but are designed without lifts, stair lifts etc. This will assist the elderly to walk with their chosen aid or self-propel their wheel chair and access the home they live in without the fear of "putting you out".	Survey	This relates to our Regional Quality Framework. In the context of this strategy, it is not appropriate to comment on individual situations, however if they are of concern, they should be noted to the appropriate CSSiW offices and Council Contacting Teams.	

294	Cost	Value	It is a good idea to reduce your costs. We have reduced our costs as much as we can. To progress we need to see an increase in rates paid and for inspectors to be more person-centred as residents differ from home to home and one size fits all inspections do not work.	Survey	Noted. Western Bay partners are committed to building a sustainable care home market supported by reasonable fee levels. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement. Each local authority has their own fee-setting arrangements and applies their own rationale, with each organisation working with the independent providers within their respective areas to agree the fees. This process is set to continue for at least the next three years.
295	Sector	Quality	Local Implementation Plans need to ensure full engagement with providers, carers and cared-for to build in the flexibility that will be required.	Survey	Noted. Local implementation plans are being developed subsequent to the publication of this strategy. Local authorities are responsible for the social and personal care components of a care home placement.
296	Communication	Choice	No-one wants to put their loved ones into the care system / care home, however it is essential that when this happens, the family are made to feel that they have done their very best and that the best possible care has been taken, and that there is sufficient choice. I believe that engaging and communicating effectively with the family will benefit all parties.	Survey	Agree
297	Cost	Value	Not a race to the cheapest ,	Survey	Agree. WB partners seek in their commissioning to achieve a reasonable yet exacting balance between quality and affordable price.
298	Communication	Quality	Please publish the results of this consultation soon and do repeat this process regularly	Survey	Agreed. The results if the consultation will be published alongside the strategy
299	Communication	Quality	Principles appear well-thought out. Important to get this right for ageing population.	Survey	Thank you for your endorsement.
300	Sector	Availability	There is a severe deficit position in Bridgend and urgent action is required to put interim measures in place as well as the longer terms strategy.	Survey	The issue of shortfalls in capacity is well understood by commissioners.
301	Alternative provision	Availability	We have good care home facilities, we are jeopardising. Care in the community can only go so far, there comes a time people need 24 hr care. That should be in their local community, with other residents that they know	Survey	Agree. This strategy seeks to achieve that objective.

302	Alternative provision	Availability	Yes. To support more people to be independent at home, people will need better access to the right support and assistive equipment. Remembering that 70% of 70 year olds have a hearing loss, this will require new pathways to ensure that people are aware of equipment that can help them live at home safely e.g. adapted telephones, visual doorbells, TV listening devices, visual fire alarms and other communication devices that can prevent isolation for people with hearing loss. The increased focus on complex needs will need more highly trained staff able to support people for example that have dementia and hearing loss. Taking a few simple steps to address a person's hearing loss can then make it easier to communicate and support the person more effectively. Our research (Joined Up, 2013) shows that ensuring people with dementia receive a timely diagnosis, benefit from digital hearing aids, and receive communication support and assistive technology while living in their community would reduce residential care home placement by 28%.	Survey	Very helpful point. Alongside the development of this strategy, Western Bay partners are seeking to implement the "What Matters to Me" service model which promotes independence and supports people to remain at home for as long as possible.	
303	Legislation	Quality	You need to change Regulations & Inspections Bill to Act	Email	Done. Thank you.	
304	Staff	Quality	The Committee expressed concerns over the nursing staffing issues reported for care homes in that Agency staff were being used to fill the gaps at a likely higher cost. The Committee commented that this needed addressing as a priority and proposed looking towards improving the pay for permanent staff to try and recruit and retain more, instead of paying the higher cost of Agency nurses. The Committee requested that these concerns be fed back to the Western Bay Group in general as Members felt that this was not just a Health Board issue as the Partners within Western Bay should be looking at addressing this together.	Scrutiny	Noted	
305	Sector	Availability	The Committee recommend that the figures for the numbers of self-funders be gathered as is done in England, in order to determine the extent of the risk to the Authority in terms of the resources required for future funding for Care for Older People.	Scrutiny	We recognise the importance of this information. During the establishment of a pooled fund for care homes required by 2018, this information will be collected as part of the scoping exercise. This will allow us to have a full and true picture of future resources required.	
306	Communication	Cross cutting	The Committee requested that they receive the responses to the public consultation once they have been analysed and sorted.	Scrutiny	Agreed. The results if the consultation will be published alongside the strategy	
307	Communication	Quality	The Committee requested that the Commissioning Strategy be revisited at an appropriate time when the performance measurements for the region have been developed and finalised and there has been some reporting against them. Members agreed that this would also provide the Committee with the opportunity to consider the responses to the consultation in detail and specifically, the responses and receptiveness of Care Home Providers to the proposed increase in complex needs and dementia care beds.	Scrutiny	Agreed	