



Report of the Director of Social Services

External Funding Panel – 4 September 2019

Welsh Government Integrated Care Fund and Transformation Fund

Purpose:	To note the offer of the funding for the Welsh Government Integrated Care Fund and Transformation Fund
Policy Framework:	Social Services and Wellbeing Act Wales (2014) Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal, Child & Family Services, Adult Services, West Glamorgan Regional Programme.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that: 1) The panel notes the offer of the Council's element of the Transformation Fund 2) The panel notes the offer of the Council's Revenue element of the ICF fund 3) The panel notes the requirement for the Chief Finance Officer to approve and sign all grant acceptances in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule 8.
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1. Introduction

1.1 Integrated Care Fund

1.2 The Integrated Care Fund (ICF) aims to drive and enable integrated working between social services, health, housing, the third and

independent sectors. The focus of the fund is to enable older people to maintain their independence and remain at home, avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and delayed discharges. It also supports the development of integrated care and support services for other groups of people including people with learning disabilities, children with complex needs and autism.

1.3 The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 ('the Act') provides for regional partnership boards which bring together health, social services, the third sector and other partners to take forward the effective delivery of integrated services in Wales. Their purpose is to improve the outcomes and well-being of people with care and support needs and their carers. The ICF is a mechanism to support delivery of the requirements of the Act.

1.4 The fund helps health boards and partners in:

- Local authorities
- Housing
- The voluntary and independent sectors.

To work together to support:

- Frail and older people
- People with a learning disability
- Children with complex needs due to disability or illness
- Carers, including young carers.

1.5 It helps support older people to maintain their independence and remain at home within their own communities, avoiding unnecessary admissions to hospital or residential care and delays when someone is due to be discharged from care.

1.6 The fund is also being used to support the integrated autism service, the Welsh community care information system, and the Dementia action plan.

1.7 Transformation Fund

1.8 The Healthier Wales plan sets out a vision of a 'whole system approach to health and social care, which is focussed on health and wellbeing, and on preventing illness.' To achieve this, a national Transformation Programme has been set-up to ensure that change happens quickly, and with purpose, across Wales. The Transformation Programme will be responsible for delivering the commitments in this plan, focussed on demonstrating an early impact over three years, to build the momentum needed to shift the whole system towards achieving the long term vision. It will provide targeted funding and resources to accelerate progress, including through a dedicated £100m Transformation Fund.

- 1.9 The Fund will provide up to £100m of funding across Wales over the two financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20.
- 1.10 The Transformation Fund will be targeted to priority projects and to new models of health and social care, with the aim of speeding up their development and demonstrating their value.
- 1.11 The initial focus of the Transformation Fund will be on models which make early progress on: seamless alignment of health and social care services; local primary and community based health and social care delivery; and new integrated prevention services and activities.
- 1.12 The Fund is intended to meet the time-limited additional costs of introducing new models of health and social care. It is aimed at accelerating the wider adoption and scaling up of new ways of working which are intended to replace or reconfigure existing services. In particular the Fund is designed to quickly validate the 'scalability' of new models (their ability to expand from a locality to a region, or from a region to other regions) and to test whether they are 'transformative' (affordable and sustainable, changing or replacing existing approaches rather than adding an extra layer on to them).
- 1.13 The Fund will provide revenue funding to support time limited 'transformation projects' which support the introduction of new models. The Fund will not support the additional costs of delivering new models on a recurring basis. It will support costs which relate specifically to the 'transformation project', for example:
- Staff time – freeing up staff to develop and test new models of care, including backfilling of existing roles where necessary
 - Programme infrastructure – at a national and local level, but proportionate to the scale of change
 - Physical infrastructure – where possible from revenue funding, particularly application of ICT
 - Double running costs – to support the transition from existing to new models of care.

2. The Programmes

2.1 Integrated Care Fund

2.2 Funding is available to support both revenue and capital schemes. This report covers the Revenue element of the scheme only. Expressions of interests were invited from all West Glamorgan partners and the applications were reviewed in a multi-agency panel and the recommendations for schemes have been approved by Programme Team members and formal approval in line with the ICF guidance. The total funding for the Swansea Council allocated Revenue Schemes is **£4,299,968**

2.3 The Revenue funding will be utilised to support the development of projects detailed in section 4.1.

2.10 Transformation Fund

2.11 Of the £100m of funding available across Wales, a total of £5.9m was awarded to West Glamorgan for the delivery of the regional approach 'Our Neighbourhood Approach' Bid. Of this allocation £3.6m has been assigned to the Swansea specific elements, including 3rd Sector. This money is available for the period of April 2019 to August 2020.

2.12 The purpose of the 'Our Neighbourhood Approach' proposal is to provide a platform upon which to practically apply the over-arching objective for the region to work collectively in the achievement of the Wellbeing goals through embedding the preventative, integrated, involved, collaborative and sustainable ways of working.

2.13 Building upon the integrated regional work to date the funding will focus upon the ambition to improve health and care for the population within the North of Swansea. The pilot this funding affords will aim to establish specific approaches to achieving key aims of locality specific and community based services, the exploration and expansion of community assets alongside active collaboration with citizens empowering all involved to achieve the shared objective of delivering 'what matters to me'.

2.14 In Swansea the funding is being used to support programmes of Transformation across both Adult Services and Child and Family Services.

2.15 In Child and Family Services the funding is being used to support the development of an Integrated Family Support Offer to work holistically with partners in an effort to support children and families to access the right support and prevent the need for more costly, statutory intervention.

2.16 The total funding allocation awarded to Swansea Council is £3.5million available from 1st April 2019 to the 31st August 2020 (17 months). For Child & Family Services the majority will be utilised to restructure Early Help/Family Support into locality based Early Help Hubs to support existing saving targets.

2.17 As with C&FS, Adult services will utilise the majority of allocation to reshape existing resource to target specific requirements of the transformation programme and the wider support required for its delivery. The following programmes will be supported by the Transformation fund in Adult Services:

- Learning Disability Transition Clients
- Building Community Assets (in conjunction with 3rd Sector)
- Community Based care and review

3. Equality and Engagement Implications

- 3.1 The Council is subject to the Public Sector Equality Duty (Wales) and must, in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- 3.2 Our Equality Impact Assessment process ensures that we have paid due regard to the above.
- 3.3 An EIA Screening Form has been completed with the agreed outcome is that a full EIA report was not required as these arrangements are around back office functions and there is no direct change to services provided to the public as a result.
- 3.4 However, throughout the transition year a full EIA report will need to be completed if services to client groups change as a result of needs, planning and commissioning decisions.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The total Revenue Integrated Care Fund allocated to Adult Services and Child and Family Services are detailed below;

ICF Schemes	Total Revenue
<i>Adoption</i>	£238,680
<i>Edge of Care</i>	£1,200,000
<i>Commissioning for Complex Needs</i>	£586,016
<i>West Glamorgan Programme Team</i>	£481,615
<i>S33 Funding</i>	£1,514,250
<i>Speech and Language Therapy</i>	
<i>Inclusive Digital communities</i>	
<i>Community Equipment Stores</i>	£184,244
<i>Bonymaen House</i>	
<i>Falls Response</i>	
<i>Crest Recovery College</i>	£50,482
<i>Dementia Friendly Communities and Homes</i>	£44,681

<i>Supported living in rural Swansea</i>	
<i>Ty Nant</i>	
<i>Early Help Hubs</i>	
<i>Sub Total</i>	£4,299,968

4.2 The proposed use of the Transformation funding allocation is detailed below aligned to four main categories:

Funding Allocation (April 19 – August 20)	
<i>Early Help Hubs & Transition</i>	£1,301,637
<i>Building Community Assets</i>	£ 455,406
<i>Community Based Care & Review</i>	£ 1,171,168
<i>Infrastructure & Transformational Support Costs</i>	£606,984
Total	£ 3,535,195

4.3 Across both ICF allocation and Transformation funding allocation in some cases is subject to final approval by Welsh Government at the point of writing this report and therefore subject to change. Any alterations alongside any opportunities to maximise further funding opportunities presented by slippage will be subject to Director Approval.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 The Council must ensure that the terms and conditions attached to WG Integrated Care Fund and Transformation Fund are complied with and the Council's Financial Procedure Rules Regarding Grant Applications and Acceptances are followed.

Background Papers: None

Appendix: EIA Screening