



Report of the Director of Social Services

External Funding Panel – 3 October 2018

Integrated Care Fund: Dementia Funding 2018/19

Purpose:	To advise the Panel of the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) Revenue Funding for Dementia services and projects in line with the National Dementia Action Plan across Western Bay region for 2018/19
Policy Framework:	Social Service and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 Government of Wales Act 2006 Regulation and Inspection of Social Care (Wales) Act 2015
Consultation:	Access to Services, Finance, Legal.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the Panel retrospectively approves the acceptance of the ICF funding for dementia services in Swansea.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) Revenue Funding for Dementia services and projects in line with the National Dementia Action Plan across Western Bay region for 2018/19

2. Integrated Care Fund for Dementia Schemes

2.1 In June, Welsh Government announced further ICF funding of £864,000 for 2018/19 for the Western Bay region specifically for dementia schemes that support the National Dementia Action Plan.

2.2 The letter from Welsh Government (WG) outlined an expectation that RPBs would take a fundamental look at the existing dementia services and care pathways in each area and develop services which addressed any gaps identified, in line with the plan.

2.3 The ICF guidance for Dementia funding states that the funding:

- Should take into account the needs of the whole population, including those with protected characteristics;
- must be used to support new or additional provision of services and ways of working must clearly demonstrate the additionality that will be delivered, with the impact evidenced in the quarterly returns required as part of the governance of the fund;
- may be used to build on existing good practice and to increase the scale of provision of integrated services across Wales. It may also be used as pump-prime funding to assist transformation and change and to test out new models of delivery;
- may be used to fund a range of projects, both small and large scale, to deliver the actions within the Dementia Action Plan;
- can be used as revenue which supports capital funded projects e.g. staffing for new build provision.

2.4 As with core ICF funding, monies will be allocated to health boards within regional partnerships, but spending decisions must be taken collaboratively by the wider regional partnership board. The Dementia funding was reported to RPB in July and the prioritised scheme were agreed through the Western Bay governance, ensuring formal approvals were sought in line with the ICF guidance. The Dementia investment plan, which includes all Western Bay schemes, is included in **appendix 1**. The schemes were submitted to WG on 31st July and formal approval is expected by the end of September.

2.5 WG have confirmed that unlike the ICF revenue core funding, Dementia Action Plan funding is to be provided on an ongoing basis. Western Bay partners have however agreed to develop a strategic approach to Dementia Services and on that basis mapping work is underway to identify where the gaps are. The schemes submitted to WG were therefore only for 2018/19, given this piece of work has not yet been completed. Schemes for 19/20 onwards will be determined once the strategic approach is

agreed and any future funding decisions will go through the Western Bay Governance, which includes the Western Bay Dementia Board.

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.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The total value of the Swansea schemes is £122,605, though this does not include the regional schemes. There is no match funding requirement.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 From April 2016, there was a requirement under Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act for the establishment of a statutory Regional Partnership Board (RPB). A report requesting approval of the establishment of the RPB Board and its membership was approved by the 3 Local Authority Cabinets and the Health Board in July 2016. The Western Bay Regional Partnership Board leads on the planning and use of the funding, as well as ensuring delivery, to maximise outcomes for people and the effective and efficient use of resources.
- 5.2 WG ICF guidance states 'Regional partnership boards must put in place a Written Agreement to provide assurance that robust processes are in place to manage the effective delivery of ICF capital and revenue funds'. The written agreement has been completed and signed by the Chief Executive of ABMU and countersigned by the Finance Director and endorsed by Regional Partnership Board Chair. Addendum for the ICF Capital Funding to the original written agreement to be developed in conjunction with the finance and legal officers
- 5.3 The Authority has followed the terms and conditions laid out in the ICF revenue guidance and the ICF Dementia guidance.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Western Bay Dementia Investment Plan