



Report of the Cabinet Member for Care Services

Cabinet – 20 April 2023

West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board Area Plan 2023-2027

Purpose:	To present the West Glamorgan Partnership Area Plan for approval by Swansea Council following approval by the Regional Partnership Board on 23 rd January 2023.
Policy Framework:	Section 14A of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014.
Consultation:	The document has been endorsed through the governance arrangements of the Regional Partnership Board. Legal, Finance and Access to Services
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Cabinet: 1) Approves the West Glamorgan Area Plan 2023/2027. 2) Notes that the Plan will be considered by the Swansea Bay University Health Board for approval and will then be submitted to Welsh Government.
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 This Area Plan sets out how the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board will respond to the findings of the [West Glamorgan Population Needs Assessment](#) published on the 1st April 2022, which captured the health and social care needs of people across the West Glamorgan

Region. It explains how the Local Authorities and the Health Board, with partners, will address the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

- 1.2 This document is the longer-term five-year strategic plan (2023-2027) and includes the regional priorities to be overseen by the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board.
- 1.3 The second document (to be published later in the year) is the corresponding Action Plan, which is also a five-year plan (2023-2027), includes the key actions for the partnership to deliver, the timeline for delivery, along with the outcomes and impact those actions will have in delivering the regional priorities. This is a live plan and therefore iterative.
- 1.4 The former Western Bay Regional Partnership Forum was established on a non-statutory footing in 2014 to progress and oversee the work of the Western Bay Health and Social Care Programme. It also worked on the arrangements for implementing the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (the Act). The Act came into effect on 6th April 2016 and introduced a statutory role for a Regional Partnership Board and specific responsibilities.
- 1.5 The Western Bay Regional Partnership Forum was reformed to become the Western Bay Regional Partnership Board (WB RPB) in July 2016 to meet Part 9 of the Act.
- 1.6 Following the Bridgend Boundary Change, from 1st April 2019 the new Regional Partnership arrangements for West Glamorgan were established with the statutory partners, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council, Swansea Council and Swansea Bay University Health Board.
- 1.7 The governance structure for the West Glamorgan Transformation Programme, can be found in Appendix 1.
- 1.8 The objectives of the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board are to ensure the partnership works effectively together with the following responsibilities:
 - To respond to the Population Needs Assessment carried out in accordance with section 14 of the Act
 - Plan and deliver initiatives using social value models to enhance health and social care.
 - To ensure the partnership bodies provide sufficient resources for the partnership arrangements
 - To promote the establishment of pooled funds, where appropriate
 - To ensure that services and resources are used in the most effective and efficient way to improve outcomes for people across the region

- To prepare an annual report for Welsh Ministers on the extent to which the Board's objectives have been achieved
 - To provide strategic leadership to ensure that information is shared and used effectively to improve the delivery of services and care and support, using technology and common systems to underpin this.
- 1.9 Section 14A of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 requires local authorities and Local Health Boards to produce Area Plans setting out the range and level of services that will be provided in their area in response to regional Population Assessments.
- 1.10 This report was considered and approved by the Regional Partnership Board on the 25th of January 2023 however it needs to be formally approved by each of the statutory partners in the RPB.

2. Development of the Area Plan

- 2.1 This Area Plan has been developed by reviewing the Population Needs Assessment's core themes and the gaps in provision that were identified as part of the information gathering exercises. Future work to address these gaps forms part of the plan, along with the findings of the Market Stability Report (also developed in 2022).
- 2.2 A review of the Population Needs Assessment and the Market Stability Report undertaken in the context of the new policies and guidance from Welsh Government (including the Models of Care linked to the Regional Integrated Fund and the Six Goal Programme) has served to reinforce the direction of travel for the region.
- 2.3 Additionally, the table identified where each action contributed to the policy agenda of "A Healthier Wales," Welsh Government Models of Care along with its enablers and the Six Goals of Urgent and Emergency Care
- 2.4 The region has co-developed the Area Plan by working in tandem with partners to engage with the population on the priority areas. As highlighted in the Population Needs Assessment's [Introductory Chapter](#), organisations have been mindful of consultation fatigue and the importance of ensuring engagement efforts are not duplicated across agencies.
- 2.5 This approach involved collaborating with the PSB Wellbeing Assessment engagement activities. The regional care and support component formed part of Neath Port Talbot's 'Let's Talk' campaign and Swansea's Assessment of Local Wellbeing public engagement exercises.
- 2.6 In addition to the above, we were able to further the conversation via our series of virtual 'Possibilities for People' public engagement events, two in person Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health Summits (June and October 2022), and the Your Voice Advocacy 'Keep Me Healthy'

Learning Disability Event (October 2022). These discussions solidified our thinking in terms of agreeing the themed areas that the region is focussing on.

- 2.7 It is important to recognise that the work undertaken to date sets out a starting point for further, more detailed engagement on the region's priority areas. The breadth of the regional programme of work can be overwhelming, particularly for the wider population who may not be involved in this arena and whose awareness of the transformation agenda may be limited. To this end, we are/will be undertaking specific, targeted engagement on the priority themes and their practical implementation going forward.

3. **West Glamorgan Regional Priorities for 2023-2027**

- 3.1 In response to the key conclusions drawn from the Population Needs Assessment and Market Stability Report, the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board has adjusted their priorities for the next five years.



- 3.2 A summary of the priorities are set out below – and these will form the basis of the detailed action plan which is being prepared:

Strengthening Communities

This priority focusses on how the statutory partners, third sector and volunteers will work collaboratively with and in communities. The partnership will adopt a strength-based and place-based model of prevention and community co-ordination. This will better support and promote good emotional health and wellbeing for individuals to remain living safe and well within their communities, without unnecessary recourse to statutory health and care services.

There will be a particular focus on:

- Support for carers of all ages
- Prevention and well-being services that support the delivery of a person-centred health and care approach
- Expanding the range of financially sustainable accommodation-based solutions for individuals who have or may develop care and support needs and reduce avoidable recourse to more institutionalised forms of care.

Transforming Health and Care Services at Home

This priority focusses on the development of new models of financially sustainable and integrated community health and care to support people to remain living safe and well within own homes and communities.


There will be a particular focus on:

- Home from hospital services
- Reducing unscheduled care admissions for people over 65
- Reducing the time spent in an acute hospital setting following an unscheduled care admission for people over 65
- Reducing unnecessary recourse to long term care for people over 65.

Transforming Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health Services:



This priority focusses on the development of an increased range of opportunities and promoting good emotional health and wellbeing for children and adults who are struggling with their mental health and including dementia to access proportionate support across the continuum of need.



There will be a particular focus on:

Implementing a 'no wrong door' approach for access to emotional well-being and mental health support


Ensuring timely access to the right help, from the right person at the right time across the continuum of need

Increasing the range of opportunities for children and adults to access support that promotes emotional and psychological well-being and reduce avoidable recourse to specialist mental health services.

Transforming Complex Care



This priority focusses on the development of new models of financially sustainable and integrated health and community-based care that maximises the safety and independence of children and adults with complex needs, enabling them to live and be cared for closer to home, lead ordinary lives and avoids unnecessary recourse to more institutionalised forms of care.



There will be a particular focus on:

Establishing effective processes for joint assessment and care planning (including the associated funding arrangements) between the statutory partners that ensure a focus on the delivery of integrated health and care for children and adults with complex needs.

Improving the experience of an individual in the transition from children to adult services

Expanding the range of financially sustainable accommodation and care-based solutions for children and adults with complex needs and reduce avoidable recourse to more institutionalised forms of care

Expand the range of financially sustainable integrated health and care services across the continuum of need and support children to remain living safe and well within their families and communities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Area Plan provides the strategic direction for the RPB programme for the next five years. It is a plan at a point in time and will therefore continue to iterate and develop and be continuously reviewed. The detailed action plan will set out the Goals, Methods and Outcomes, reflecting the Health Board's Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP), to ensure clarity on delivery is available. The priorities in this strategic plan are reflected in, and aligned to, the Health Board's draft IMTP for 2023/26
- 4.2 The governance arrangements for the programmes are currently being reviewed to ensure they reflect the strategic direction set out in the Plan.

5. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 5.1 The Council is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, 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 Acts.
 - 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.
 - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage
 - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language
 - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
 - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
- 5.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.
- 5.3 Our Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) process ensures we have paid due regard to the above. It also takes into account other key issues and priorities, such as poverty and social exclusion, community cohesion, carers, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and Welsh language.

5.4 An IIA Screening has been undertaken and is appended to the report. The Regional Partnership Board supports the development of integrated services across the region and adds value and improves the services delivered to the population of Swansea. The culminative impact can be demonstrated as positive. This is evidenced within our Annual Reports and progress as reported though to the Regional Partnership Board.

5.5 There is positive impact on the population as a result of this report, however direct implications of service changes will be determined when the Action Plan is produced. The action plan or programmes related to service change will be subject to the IIA process over the next 5 year.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this Report. Funding for programmes under the Regional Partnership Board come through various funding streams which are approved through the partnership and individual organisations as required.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix A - West Glamorgan Area Plan 2023-27

Appendix B - IIA Screening Report