

## WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

17 APRIL 2018, 2.00PM

Taf Room,  
Halliwell Centre, UWTSD, Carmarthen  
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### Minutes

#### Present

Sue Darnbrook (SD) (Chair), Ceredigion County Council - Part  
Jake Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council  
Jonathan Griffiths (JG), Pembrokeshire County Council  
Jill Paterson (JP), Hywel Dda University Health Board  
Cllr Jane Tremlett (Cllr JT), Carmarthenshire County Council  
Cllr Tessa Hodgson (TH), Pembrokeshire County Council  
Cllr Catherine Hughes (CH), Ceredigion County Council  
Alan Thomas (AT), User representative  
James Tyler (JT), User representative  
Karen Chandler (KC), Pembrokeshire People First (Advocate for JT)  
Steven Griffiths (SG), Carer representative  
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HL), Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations (CAVO)  
Judith Hardisty (JH), Hywel Dda University Health Board  
Bruce McLernon (BM), National Provider Forum  
Carys James (CJ), Ceredigion County Council

Also in attendance

Anna Bird (AB), Hywel Dda University Health Board  
Kim Neyland (KN), (Minutes), West Wales Care Partnership  
Martyn Palfreman (MP), West Wales Care Partnership  
Jessica Rees (JR), West Wales Care Partnership  
Philippa Fido (PF), Wales Audit Office

#### Apologies

Melanie Minty (MM), Care Forum Wales  
Sarah Jennings (SJ), Hywel Dda University Health Board

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

SD welcomed attendees to the meeting and round-table introductions followed.

## 2. Apologies

These were noted.

## 3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

SD advised that due to her new role within Ceredigion County Council, she would no longer be Statutory Director of Social Services and would therefore be standing down as member and Chair of the RPB.

CH formally nominated CllrJT as Chair and agreement to her appointment was unanimous. JH was then nominated as Vice Chair, filling the vacancy left by CllrJT's election as Chair. Once again, agreement to her appointment was unanimous. It was further agreed that, in line with the RPB's terms of reference, both appointments would be for 12 months.

CllrJT thanked SD for her service as Chair of the RPB and her significant contribution to the work of the partnership and this was endorsed by all members.

## 4. Minutes of previous meeting held on 16 February 2018 and Matters Arising:

These were approved.

Matters Arising:

### Item 3 – Board Membership update

MP advised that, in line with the instructions of the RPB, expressions of interest had been invited for additional service user and carer representatives and a national third sector representative. A number of expressions of interest had been received from users and carers and these would be considered shortly by MP and HL on behalf of the Board. Interviews would be held if appropriate on 23 April.

No expressions of interest had been received from national third sector organisations, although MP reported that he was hoping to talk to a representative from Action for Children in the next few weeks over the possibility of their joining the Board. A further report at the next meeting was requested. **ACTION: MP** Item 7 – Third Sector contribution to care and support in Wales update

MP advised that a composite report on the work to develop a regional preventions framework, undertaken on behalf of the partnership by Practice Solutions, and recommended next steps in relation to supporting the third sector, would be prepared for the June meeting of the RPB. **ACTION: MP**

### Item 8 – Regional provider forum and citizen panel

MP advised that in-principle proposals for both the above had been considered by the Integrated Commissioning and Preventions Programme Board and that these would be brought to the RPB for consideration at its June meeting. **ACTION: MP**

### Item 10 – Transforming Clinical Services update

JP advised the board that the TCS team had narrowed down the options for consultation to 3. Formal consultation on these options was due to commence imminently, with recommendations being made to a public meeting of the Health Board in the Autumn. The Board would be updated on progress in the interim period.

#### Item 13 – Parliamentary Review update

JM advised that a national delivery plan to address the findings of the Parliamentary Review was expected in June. Ministers had announced funding of £100 million over the next two years (the transformation fund) to support the transformation of health and care along the lines recommended within the Review. Regional bids would be expected over the Summer and a request had been received from the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Care for the submission of preliminary ideas from each region on priority areas for change, and existing effective practice that they planned to upscale with the new funding. What was clear was that proposals would need to evidence transformational change and the ability to shift the 'demand curve'.

It was noted that a response to the Cabinet Secretary's letter would be drafted on behalf of the RPB and signed off for the statutory partners by the Directors of Social Services, and JP and SJ for HDdUHB, prior to submission. **ACTION: MP**

Over the coming period mechanisms would be identified to ensure that wider partners were involved in the development of bids for the transformation fund.

#### Item 13 – Regional event, 24 May, Llanelli

MP reminded members of the regional conference on 24 May and encouraged people to attend. He advised that the Minister for Children and Social Services would be opening the conference. Further details would be circulated shortly. **ACTION: MP**

### **5. West Wales Area Plan – Update and delivery**

MP advised members that the Area Plan approved in February had been endorsed by statutory partners and published on 28 March. Links had been provided to the document via the West Wales Care Partnership website <http://www.wwcp.org.uk> and the new, interactive West Wales Data Portal <http://www.wwcp-data.org.uk>, developed in partnership with the Local Government Data Unit which provided the functionality for regular updating of the Plan and supporting data sets.

It was noted that an easy read version had been developed and would be published shortly in Welsh and English. A request was made that in the future accessible versions of documents be available at the time of publication and this was noted.

### **6. Carers' Delivery Plan 2018-19**

AB introduced the plan to the board, presenting an updated version of the previous plan, for the Board's approval. SG spoke of the importance of the plan being regularly updated and for appropriate engagement with carers to ensure that their concerns were reflected and addressed in the Plan. AB stated that a quality assurance group is in the process of being formed and carers' views would be

captured to form a baseline against which to measure progress, and the impact of the Plan, in a year's time.

HL stated that the work being undertaken for the region on prevention emphasised the role of carers in this regard.

AB thanked the board for their comments on the plan and asked for recommendation to endorse the plan. She also advised that Welsh Government was putting together a ministerial board for carers and would be asking RPBs to nominate representatives with the first meeting in June.

## **7. Regional Governance**

MP advised that work was ongoing on the development of the overarching agreement and establishment of joint arrangements between statutory partners to facilitate decision-making and provide governance for pooled funds and other partnership arrangements. Joint regional scrutiny arrangements would be key to the model and MP gave assurance that elected members would be fully engaged in the development of these to ensure appropriate political balance etc.

JT asked whether the proposals would undermine the user and carer voice if they were not included in the new structures. MP gave assurance that the role of the RPB in overseeing integration in West Wales and calling partners to account for their activity would be protected under the new arrangements.

A further update would be brought to the RPB in June. **ACTION: MP**

## **8. Integrated Care Fund Update**

MP advised that the final quarter report for 2017-18 would be brought to the Board for noting in June and briefly updated the Board on progress in relation to the production of the programme for 2018-19. The Revenue Investment Plan and local Capital proposals would be brought for approval at the meeting in June. Final guidance on new Capital funding being made available from 2018-19 to support large-scale, regional programmes was expected shortly. Discussions had begun with housing and other colleagues over possible programmes to be supported through this new funding.

Concerns were raised over the late notice of allocations from Welsh Government and MP advised that these concerns were being fed through on behalf of the Region. HL stressed the need to free up funding for new projects rather than allowing projects to roll over into the next financial year. KN advised that approaches to achieve this, and to obtain more consistency across the Region were being pursued through the regional ICF forum.

PF provided a brief overview of the national review of ICF being undertaken by Wales Audit Office. She advised that fieldwork would take place in June, with a number of RPB members involved in the process. Interim findings for West Wales would be brought to the RPB in the autumn.

## **9. Regional Priorities Update**

The updates were noted. MP advised that:

- The Transformation of Mental Health Services was now entering implementation phase
- Progress was being made by the Learning Disabilities Programme Group and CJ would be sponsoring this work for the RPB
- The virtual pooled fund for older adult care home placements was in place, and work was ongoing to establish a single regional contract for the service. The key benefit of the virtual pooled fund was the ability for partners to collectively monitor the service and make joined up decisions over future provision. The added value of the arrangements would be assessed as work got underway on the establishment of physical pooled arrangements, to take effect from April 2019

JG advised that an integrated workforce strategy for health and social care remained a priority and would be the subject of a regional conference involving key stakeholders in the near future. Recruitment and retention was a key priority within this context. SG suggested that the role of carers would need to be included in the strategy.

## **10. Next meeting:**

Noted as **7 June 2018, 2.00pm, Caer Suite, MWW Fire and Rescue Service HQ, Carmarthen**

## **11. Any Other Business**

### Ministerial attendance at RPB

MP advised the board that the Minister for Children and Social Services would attend a meeting of the RPB on 20 September, as part of a national programme of visits to each of the seven regions across Wales.