



## **HEALTH, SOCIAL CARE AND WELL BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 7TH FEBRUARY 2017**

**SUBJECT: SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELLBEING ACT 2014 –  
REGIONAL POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek Members views on the contents of the report and draft Population Needs Assessment (PNA) regional report prior to referring the report to Council for approval.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 places a statutory duty on local authorities and health boards to prepare a regional population needs assessment (PNA) in relation to people requiring care and support. A draft PNA has been jointly developed across the region (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen) by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and the Gwent Transformation Team. The PNA sets out the common priorities across the region and suggested actions.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- Wellbeing Assessment in accordance with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015;
- CCBC Corporate Improvement Plan and the Wellbeing Objectives.

### **4. THE REPORT**

- 4.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 (the Act), in Part 2, section 14, requires that local authorities and local health boards must jointly carry out an assessment of the needs for care and support, and the support needs of carers in the local authority areas. Care and support is in relation to people known to Social Services but we also need to recognise that there are a large number of people who are supported through preventative services and initial research has estimated that this could be approximately 1 in 5 people. A population needs assessment (PNA) report will comprise of two sections:

#### Section 1: the assessment of need.

Local authorities and Local Health Boards must jointly assess:

- the extent to which there are people in the area of assessment who need care and support
- the extent to which there are carers in the area of assessment who need support
- the extent to which there are people whose needs for care and support (or, in the case of carers, support) are not being met.

The PNA report must include specific core themes dealing with:

- children and young people
- older people
- health / physical disabilities
- learning disability/autism
- mental health
- sensory impairment
- carers who need support; and
- violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

Section 2 - the range and level of services required.

Local authorities and Local Health Boards must jointly assess:

- the range and level of services required to meet the care and support needs of the population and the support needs of carers
- the range and level of services required to prevent needs arising or escalating; and
- the actions required to provide these services through the medium of Welsh.

- 4.2 Under the Act the five local authorities within the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) footprint - Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen - must form a partnership arrangement with the ABUHB and produce a single combined population needs assessment report (PNA). In addition the PNA must:
- Be produced once per local government electoral cycle and across the ABUHB footprint
  - Contain the population assessment for each of the local authority areas but also combine these assessments to produce a single regional assessment of the needs of the people in the whole of the Local Health Board's area
  - Include an assessment of the range and level of services required to meet those needs.
  - Demonstrate clearly the extent to which the core themes are concentrated or diffused across the partnership
  - Keep population assessment reports under review and revise them if required.
- 4.3 The first population assessment must be published by April 2017 and a 'Gwent Regional Leadership Group consisting of Directors of Social Services and ABUHB Executive Officers co-ordinate the PNA development via a regional transformation team. A statutory duty under the Act is for each region to form a Regional Partnership Board (RPB) between the Local Authorities and Health Board in the region. The RPB includes elected Member leads for Social Services and ABUHB members, as well as Directors of Social Services and ABUHB Chief Executive Officers. The RPB act as a joint committee to oversee the PNA process. Further reports will be provided in relation to the governance arrangements as the project develops.
- 4.4 It is recognised that the PNA will need to link to the Wellbeing Assessment required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Wales Act 2015. Although the definition of wellbeing is slightly different in each Act, there are synergies to gain, and duplication to avoid by linking the assessments. Local officers have been working closely to align the development of respective population assessments to avoid duplication and identify areas of synergy and joint working.
- 4.5 A draft regional PNA has been developed and is currently out for consultation. The PNA was developed through extensive engagement with regional citizen panel, provider forum and regional executive director leadership group; as well as local groups such as youth forum, older people's forums, carers groups and parenting networks. Further engagement is planned during the consultation period.

- 4.6 Engagement was also supported by CCBC and PSB through the *'The Caerphilly You Want'* (which is an engagement process established to support the development of well being assessments required under the relevant legislation and groups such as the 'Shout Out Group'). A survey was developed and completed by 172 people of which over a third (37%) had a disability, long term illness or health problem. Some key points included:
- Greatest health support needs - Mental health support
  - Greatest social care needs – Integrated care services, information on what is available, support for older people (to remain independent), support in the community – facilities such as day care, support for adults and children with disabilities, support for those with mental health issues – counselling, accessible and affordable
  - Health and social care services required - Ageing population needs to be provided for – homecare, joined up approach to health and social care.
- 4.7 Some of the wider **regional** emerging areas of interest are also set out below and further engagement is planned during the consultation period:
- An ageing population brings many opportunities, however there are also challenges for service provision and increases in the number of people living with long term conditions.
  - Loneliness is a growing concern.
  - Across the region there are high levels of social capital and volunteering. By taking an asset and placed based approach there is an opportunity to improving well-being.
  - Increasing support is required for Looked After Children across the region
  - Adverse childhood experiences have a negative impact on people's long term health and economic prospects and can be perpetuated through the generations.
- 4.8 The PNA will have to be signed off and agreed by individual local authority councils and ABUHB by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2017 and subsequently published on individual websites. Following the publication of the regional report each local authority and health board are required to prepare and publish a plan setting out the range and level of services they propose to provide, or arrange to be provided, in response to the population needs assessment. Area plans must include the specific services planned in response to each core theme identified in the population assessment. As part of this, area plans must include:
- the actions partners will take in relation to the priority areas of integration for Regional Partnership Boards;
  - the instances and details of pooled funds to be established in response to the population assessment;
  - how services will be procured or arranged to be delivered, including by alternative delivery models;
  - details of the preventative services that will be provided or arranged;
  - actions being taken in relation to the provision of information, advice and assistance services; and
  - actions required to deliver services through the medium of Welsh.
- 4.9 The first area plans must be published by 1 April 2018 and there will be a need to ensure links between the Area Plan and the Public Services Board's Well-being Plans required under the Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015 to facilitate collaborative working between the two legislative duties and avoid duplication. Links to CCBC's Corporate Improvement Plan and its Wellbeing Objectives and ABUHB Intermediate Medium Term Plans will also need to be established, as well as alignment to the Neighbourhood Care Network plans in each of the GP cluster areas.

## 5. WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

- 5.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 principles of working are similar to the sustainable principles identified under the Wellbeing of Future Generation Act (Wales) Act 2015. The development of the PNA is consistent with the five ways of working as defined within the sustainable development principle in the WFG Act in that it is:

- Long-term – It identifies issues that will affect the county borough and region over the next 3-5 years.
- Preventative – It sets out preventative action and how acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse will improve local well-being.
- Integrated – It considers how the issues may impact upon partners and how these are interrelated.
- Collaborative – The Assessment was prepared in collaboration with partner organisations with an interest in the well-being of the area. It identifies how acting in collaboration could help improve local well-being.
- Involvement – The Assessment was prepared involving people/organisations, and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area.

## **6. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Promoting equalities is a fundamental requirement of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act legislation, with specific resonance for meeting the well-being goals of Wellbeing of Future Generations Act - *A more Equal Wales*, and *A Wales of Cohesive Communities*.

## **7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications related to this report.

## **8. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 Officers from the Gwent Transformation Team have been working closely with Council's Corporate Policy Unit who have played a key part in ensuring the alignment of both population assessments required under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 and Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. This work will ideally continue when developing the corresponding Area Plan and Local Well-being Plan.

## **9. CONSULTATIONS**

- 9.1 This report has been sent to the Consultees listed below and all comments received are reflected in this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 To consider the draft PNA report, priorities and suggested actions and provide comments prior to the report being submitted to full Council.

## **11. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 11.1 For CCBC to fulfil the statutory requirement on Local Authorities and Health Boards to sign off the PNA by the required date.
- 11.2 So that CCBC can provide formal consultation comments in relation to statutory regional PNA report. The benefits expected are more opportunities for regional working, joint commissioning and maximising of resources. There is a legal expectation that CCBC will agree and sign off the PNA by April 2017. Further details on implementation of the priorities and actions will be set out in the corresponding Area Plan and staffing implications will be considered during the process.

## 12. STATUTORY POWER

12.1 Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014, Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Draft Population Needs Assessment

Appendix 2 - Consultation Response Form

Appendix 3 - Population Needs Assessment Summary of Priorities, Actions and Process Steps