



SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 23RD NOVEMBER 2021

**SUBJECT: GWENT REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL
REPORT 2020/2021**

REPORT BY: ACTING CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present Scrutiny Committee with the 2020-2021 Annual Report for the Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) and provide updates in relation to the key successes across the strategic partnerships operating beneath the RPB.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The RPB is a statutory partnership body, established to lead and guide the implementation of the Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014 across the five Gwent Local Authorities of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen within the footprint of the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board area.
- 2.2 The priorities of the RPB are:
- To improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities in the region;
 - To improve carer, treatment and support, ensuring people have more say and greater control;
 - To provide information and advice to help people sustain good health and wellbeing;
 - To provide co-ordinated, person centred care, treatment and support;
 - To make more effective use of resources, skills and expertise;
 - To align or integrate functions and resources, where integration adds values to citizens.
- 2.3 The RPB Annual Report for 2020/21 is attached for information at Appendix 1 and provides a strategic overview of the work of the Board in delivering against these priorities through the work of the themed Strategic Partnerships sitting beneath it. Although it is a regional report, most of the work undertaken is cross cutting and is relevant to Caerphilly.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 Scrutiny Committee is requested to note the content of the RPB Annual Report.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To ensure Scrutiny Committee is fully aware of the work of the RPB.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 As stated at paragraph 2.3 above, the work of the RPB is supported through six themed sub partnerships. The key successes for each are contained in Section 2 of the attached report and are highlighted below:

Gwent Adult Strategic Partnership (GASP)

5.2 The RPB implemented the Discharge to Recovery and Assessment pathway which supports the prevention of admissions into hospital and speedier discharges from hospital.

5.3 The GASP has focused on community pressures and developed an action plan which links to work being undertaken by the Community Care Sub Group (CCSG) and the recently established Tactical Contingency Group (TCG) to try to look at short and long term actions to address the whole system problems

5.4 The Partnership has monitored the continued implementation of the Frailty programme via the Community Resources Teams (CRT's) in each borough

5.5 The Partnership has participated in recent consideration panels for all projects funded via the Integrated Care Fund and Transformation Grant

Carers Strategic Partnership

5.6 The Partnership has continued to provide Information, Advice and Assistance to carers during the pandemic. A very successful small grants scheme has been developed, this has been augmented by funding from the additional carers grant award received from Welsh government

5.7 Carers Week in 2020 was celebrated in a variety of ways making the best use of social media and technology. In Caerphilly, the Carers Support Team delivered a Prize Quiz through Zoom, sent out daily messages to thank carers, held their own 'clap for carers' event and ran a photography contest.

Children and Families Strategic Partnership

5.8 The key strategic development for the Children and Families Partnership is the implementation of the Iceberg Model which is transforming the delivery of health and social care services to children and families at all levels of intervention.

5.9 The model incorporates the development of: a single point of access for children with emotional health and wellbeing issues called the SPACE Wellbeing Panel; the Family Intervention Team (FIT); Platform Peer Support and the regional role out of the My Support Team (MyST) model across all Local Authorities.

- 5.10 In addition, the RPB has overseen the allocation of the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) for children through endorsing a regional approach to the delivery of 'Edge of Care' services, Family Meetings, Mediation and additional supports for Special Guardians.

Dementia Board

- 5.11 The RPB has overseen the ICF Dementia funding which has been subjected to consideration panel in respect of evaluation of all projects that provide support for both people with dementia and their carers.
- 5.12 The ongoing rollout and development of Dementia Friends and Dementia Friendly Communities across schools and community support organisations which has helped to raise awareness particularly in relation to the impact of Covid-19 on people with dementia.

Health, Social Care and Housing Strategic Partnership

- 5.13 The priority for this Partnership is the provision of appropriate accommodation and housing options for older people and its membership includes the Local Authorities, Housing Providers and Registered Social Landlords (RSL's).
- 5.14 The Partnership established a Task Group to scope the housing and accommodation needs across the region, to share development opportunities and to ensure new developments are Age Friendly. A commissioned piece of work on Accessible Housing has made a series of recommendations which will be progressed during 2021/22.

Mental Health and Learning Disability Partnership

- 5.15 This Partnership has led on the development of a central point of access for information and self-help called Melo Cymru. Since its launch in January 2021 until the end of March, the site had over 6,500 visits and this was prior to any communication campaign.
- 5.16 In addition, a 24/7 crisis and out of hours support service has been implemented. Between the hours of 9am and 9pm, a Crisis Resolution Home Treatment Team (CRHTT) undertakes assessments within the patient's local area. After 9pm, the support is centralised at St Cadoc's Hospital.
- 5.17 For children and young people, Specialist CAMHS provision has been increased with Emergency Liaison, Crisis Outreach and the new Intensive Support and Engagement Team all aimed at increasing support in the community and reducing the need for hospital admissions.
- 5.18 The partnership has commenced work with the Children and Families Strategic Partnership Board to look at transition pathways across health and Social Care

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 There are no assumptions made or presumed in this report.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report is for information purposes only, so the Council's full Integrated Impact Assessment process does not need to be applied.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct funding implications for the Council arising from this report.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no personnel or HR implications arising from this report.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 The report is for information purposes and reflects the views of consultees.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Social Services & Well Being (Wales) Act 2014

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Attachments:

- Appendix 1: Gwent Regional Partnership Board Annual Report for 2020/21
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