



CABINET – 30TH APRIL 2014

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF INTENT FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX NEEDS

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For Members to endorse the Statement of Intent written in response to the Framework for Integration, published by Welsh Government in March 2014 (Appendix A) and for members to endorse the Statement of Intent and to confirm the authority's participation in the regional governance framework (Appendix B).

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Statement sets out the baseline position and direction of travel for meeting the health, social care and well-being challenges for older people with complex needs, where alignment of resources and service integration is anticipated. A significant element of integration for Older People is delivered through the Gwent Frailty programme, but the Statement seeks to extend into core services, as well as prevention and early intervention activities.
- 2.2 The new joint governance framework will provide a mechanism for ensuring that political and professional leadership underpins strategic decision making at a regional level, where all joint health, social care and well-being activities are de-signed and delivered. The framework will include active involvement of service user representatives, independent/third sector organisations and registered social landlords, utilising existing fora, where possible. The governance framework captures the range of current and planned regional integration across all age groups and is not limited to older people. The joint governance framework brings together a range of regional partnerships that are already well established, with a new Director led officer group being formulated to ensure co-ordination of activity across the whole system.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 Welsh Government policy supports integrated working across a range of health, social care and well-being themes. This policy is a major part of the forthcoming Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Statement of Intent has been developed in consultation with colleagues working within the greater Gwent health and social care economy, utilising national evidence and policy requirements to underpin the Statement.

- 4.2 The statement will be presented to Aneurin Bevan University Health Board (ABUHB) and the four neighbouring local authorities over the next few weeks, seeking their respective endorsement. Following endorsement by statutory bodies, the statement of intent will be published on relevant websites.
- 4.3 Welsh Government policy direction is aimed at encouraging service integration across health, social care and well-being services (including housing). Integration may be at the strategic commissioning level, as well as at the level of operational service delivery.
- 4.4 Welsh Government issued draft guidance in October 2013, requiring health and social care partners in Wales, to develop draft proposals to integrate service planning and delivery for older people with complex needs, within health board boundaries. This guidance was finalised in February 2014, calling for final Statements of Intent, attached as Appendix A.
- 4.5 There is a clear vision for supporting frail elderly people in the greater Gwent area, set out in the Frailty programme. This programme aims to support people to remain happily independent for as long as possible and to provide comprehensive care, treatment and support that prevents a hospital admission and reduces reliance on care home placements. The Statement of Intent builds upon this agreed vision and extends into core services and collective activity to reduce frailty and develop a range of responses that provide early intervention, to meet increasing demands, as numbers of older people dramatically increase by 2020.
- 4.6 The current Frailty Joint Committee, which includes relevant Executive Members, will have its role and function extended to oversee all strategic activities, within the regional governance framework. A new Director led Integrated Services Co-ordinating Group will ensure delivery of strategic and operational activities and will report to the Frailty Joint Committee.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Welsh Government policy supports integrated working across a range of health, social care and well-being themes. This policy is a major plank of the forthcoming Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Bill.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The integration agenda will clearly mean that partners will have to consider the benefits of pooled budgets but these will be considered on a service-by-service basis.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct personnel implications arising from this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

- 8.1 All comments from consultations are reflected in the main body of the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Members to asked to endorse the Statement of Intent submitted in response to the Framework for Integration, published by Welsh Government in March 2014, and to confirm the authority's participation in the regional governance framework.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The greater Gwent health and social care economy has submitted a Statement of Intent for Older People with Complex needs to Welsh Government, in line with policy expectations. A regional joint governance framework has been developed to oversee the implementation of a range of integrated health, social care and well-being services. These documents require the endorsement of Council.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:

- Appendix A Statement of Intent for Delivering Integrated Health and Social Care for Older People with Complex Needs - Final, 28th March 2014
Appendix B Health, Social Care & Wellbeing Governance Framework – Draft, March 2014