



HEALTH SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 6TH FEBRUARY 2018

SUBJECT: REGIONAL AREA PLAN

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR – SOCIAL SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present the draft regional Area Plan required under the Social Services and Well-being Act.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Social Services and Well-being Act (2014) places a statutory duty on local authorities and health boards to prepare a regional Area Plan following the publication of the region's population needs assessment (PNA). A draft Area Plan has been jointly developed across the region (Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire, Newport and Torfaen) by Aneurin Bevan University Health Board and the Regional Partnership Team. The Area Plan sets out the actions to achieve the priorities identified in the PNA.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

Well-being Assessment (Wellbeing of Future Generations Act)
Draft Well-being Plan
Corporate Improvement Plan

4.0 THE REPORT

- 4.1 The Social Services and Well-being Act (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 in relation to people known to Social Services but also consider people who are supported through preventative services. The Gwent regional population needs assessment (PNA) report was agreed and published on 1st April 2017 and set out priorities over specific core themes:

- 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.
- 4.2 Following the publication of the regional PNA report each local authority and health board are required to prepare and publish an Area Plan setting out the range and level of services they propose to provide in response to the PNA. 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.
- 4.3 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 local authority Well-being Plans required under the Well-being of Future Generations Act to facilitate collaborative working between the 2 legislative duties and avoid duplication. Links to CCBC's Corporate Improvement Plan 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.
- 4.4 It is recognised that the PNA will need to link to the Wellbeing Assessment required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. 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 – see appendix 3 for draft Well-being Plan priorities.
- 4.5 The PNA was developed through extensive engagement with regional citizen panel, provider forum and the regional executive leadership group; as well as local groups such as youth forums, 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'* 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 the health board by March 31st 2017 and subsequently published on individual websites.

5.0 WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS

5.1 The Social Services and Well-being Act principles of working are similar to the sustainable principles identified under the Well-being of Future Generation Act. The development of the draft Area Plan 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.

6.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Promoting equalities is a fundamental requirement of the Social Services and Well-being Act legislation and an equality impact assessment will accompany the final Area Plan.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no financial implications related to this report.

8.0 PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Officers from the Gwent Regional Partnership Team have been working closely with Council's Corporate Policy Unit who have played a key part in ensuring the alignment of both the regional Area Plan Well-being Plan required under the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and Wellbeing of Future Generations Act respectively.

9.0 CONSULTATIONS

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

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 To consider the draft Area Plan, priorities and suggested actions and provide comments prior to the plan being submitted to Welsh Government.

11.0 REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 For CCBC to fulfil the statutory requirement on Local Authorities and Health Boards to produce a regional Area Plan following the publication of the regional PNA.
- 11.2 So that CCBC can provide formal consultation comments in relation to Welsh Government's statutory regional Area Plan required by 1st April 2018. The benefits expected are more opportunities for regional working, joint commissioning and maximising of resources.

12.0 STATUTORY POWER

- 12.1 Welsh Government

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Appendices:

Appendix 1: Draft Regional Area Plan

Appendix 2: Area Plan questionnaire

Positive Change – A shared commitment to cross-sectoral change

- Provide leadership to facilitate organisational culture change, and shift to new ways of working, aligning corporate priorities in accordance with the Sustainable Development Principle
- Use our assets and resources more intelligently and sustainably
- Support our residents and partners to contribute fully to the Caerphilly we all want

Positive Start – Giving our future generations the best start in life

- Investigate opportunities to invest in the early years to build resilience across the life course and improve outcomes for current and future generations
- Create an ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) informed Caerphilly county borough to enable collaborative strategic action that can reduce and prevent ACEs

Positive People – Empowering and enabling all our residents to achieve their own potential

- Facilitate a shift towards collaborative working with an emphasis on prevention to address current and future health and well being challenges.
- Develop a co-ordinated programme of volunteering, maximising it as a route to personal well-being and employment, including promoting corporate volunteering
- Establish all age apprenticeship programmes across PSB member organisations with co-ordinated points of access
- Equip our residents to manage their physical and mental health and well-being needs in partnership with services

Positive Places - Enabling our communities to be resilient and sustainable

- Support our most disadvantaged communities to be resilient, cohesive and enable them to help themselves
- Protect, enhance and promote our natural environment and foster community action on environmental issues
- Work with regional partners to create safe, confident communities and promote community cohesion.
- Increase the contribution that the environment makes to the health and well-being of our residents.
- Provide primary and community health services closer to home