



COUNCIL – 16TH MARCH 2022

SUBJECT: REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD – POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval of the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) from Caerphilly County Borough Council prior to submission to Welsh Government
- 1.2 To receive comments from members on the highlighted need in the PNA and if this need reflects the local authority area.
- 1.3 To demonstrate how the PNA aligns to the regional Wellbeing Assessment required Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Population Needs Assessment is a statutory document required by Welsh Government once per electoral cycle
- 2.2 Local authorities are required under the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 to work in partnership with Health Boards to produce a regional PNA
- 2.3 The PNA will set out the extent to which there are people in the area of assessment who need care and support

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Council are asked to consider if needs identified in the regional Population Needs Assessment are an accurate reflection of local and regional needs; and agree to endorse the Population Needs Assessment.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 The PNA has been completed by the Regional Partnership Board and involved the statutory partners including the 5 local authorities, Aneurin Bevan University Health

Board, third sector umbrella organisations and local citizens and service providers.

4.2 To ensure CCBC fulfils its duty under the SSWB Act.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 As set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWB ACT) local authorities and local Health Boards must enter into a partnership to produce one population assessment report per local government electoral cycle. The Act also stipulates:

- the Regional Partnership Board is required to produce the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) and
- local authorities and local health boards are required formally to approve the PNA report and make available on their websites.

5.2 A copy of the population assessment report must be completed by April 2022 and also be sent to Welsh Ministers at the time of publication. The first regional Population Needs Assessment (PNA) was overseen by the Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) in April 2016. The PNA aligned to Wellbeing Assessment completed by Public Service Boards as required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act. The 2022 PNA report will also align, integrate and cross reference the Gwent Wellbeing Assessment to avoid duplication and create a joint population wellbeing assessment for the region (this section can be read alongside the regional Wellbeing Assessment or as an individual document).

5.3 The first PNA was approved assigned off across the region on 1st April 2017(follow link to RPB website Population Needs Assessment <http://www.gwentrpb.wales/> The identified need was used to develop the regional Area Plan. Following the publication of the regional report each local authority and health board required to prepare and publish a plan setting out the range and level of services they proposed to provide, or arrange to be provided, in response to the population needs assessment. The plans are formally referred to as Area plans and a statutory requirement under the SSWB Act. The first regional Area Plan was published 1st April 2018 and set out the partnership working and delivery of services in response to each core theme identified in the population assessment.

5.4 In March 2021, Welsh Government released supplementary advice for Regional Partnership Boards to support development of Population Needs Assessments (PNAs). There were no changes to the guidance, however, some additional information and definition of core themes were included but the statutory PNA themes have not changed and are set out below.

- 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

In Gwent we took an approach to produce a separate Area Plan section for autism, and WG have advised that separate PNA sections should be produced for the next PNA. An additional section in relation to Housing is also appropriate and can provide

a clear link to the national strategies and partnership working with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).

- 5.5 It will be unrealistic for the PNA to include all the identified needs across health and social care but the regional report will highlight the joint priorities to be progressed across public services, the health board and voluntary sector.

Engagement with citizens is a key requirement under the SSWB Act and the PNA has been developed and includes qualitative data from a range of citizen groups.

As required with the first PNA, the Regional Partnership Board will have to develop a regional Area Plan – publication 1st April 2023 – and will set out how the identified need will be met through partnership working and collaboration. The RPB will once again work alongside Public Service Board partners to ensure alignment with Wellbeing plans required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, as well as linking to LA Corporate Plans and ABUHB Integrated Medium Term Plan.

5.6 **Conclusion**

The PNA has identified and reinforced existing areas of need and priorities for action including:

- Continued support to children looked after and reduction of out of county placements
- Ageing population, loneliness amongst older people and increase in people living with dementia
- Carers and the need for access to information, respite and mental health support
- The need for emotional wellbeing and mental health support across the region
- To mitigate impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and long covid
- Support to vulnerable groups including people living with learning disabilities, physical disabilities and autism

6. **ASSUMPTIONS**

- 6.1 There are no assumptions made in this report

7. **SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 7.1 The work of the Regional Partnership Board is consistent with the five ways of working as set out in the sustainable development principle in the Well-being of Future Generations Act: -
- Long Term – Balancing short-term needs with the needs to safeguard the ability to also meet long-term needs
 - Prevention - Acting to prevent problems occurring or getting worse to help public bodies meet their objectives
 - Integration – Considering how the well-being objectives may impact upon each of the well-being goals, or on the objectives of other public bodies
 - Collaboration – Acting in collaboration with any other person that could help the board to meet its well-being objectives
 - Involvement – Involving people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals and ensuring that those people reflect the diversity of the area which the body serves.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications to agreeing to the PNA but further action planning will be required during 2022/23 which may involve discussions on best use of council budgets.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 No implications to personnel in agreeing to the PNA

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 CCBC Partnerships Scrutiny Committee - 27th January 2022
- 10.2 CCBC Cabinet Member for Social Care and Housing and Director Social Services.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

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Appendix 1: Gwent Regional Partnership Board Population Needs Assessment.*

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