

WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

MINUTES

15th May 2023, 3PM

Virtual

Present:

Cllr Alun Williams (CllrAW), Ceredigion County Council
Judith Hardisty (JH), Hywel Dda University Health Board (Chair)
Estelle Hitchon (EH), Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust
Cllr Tessa Hodgson (CllrTH) Pembrokeshire County Council
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL), Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organizations (Vice Chair)
Michael Gray (MG), Pembrokeshire County Council
Cathryn Thomas (CT), Social Care Wales
Cllr Jane Tremlett (CllrJT), Carmarthenshire County Council
Donna Pritchard (DP), Ceredigion County Council- Virtual
Jake Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council
Alan Thomas (AT), Service User Representative
Jonathan Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council
Hilary Jones (HJ), Bro Myrddin Housing Association
Malcolm Perrett (MP), Care Forum Wales
Gareth Morgans (GM), Carmarthenshire County Council
Rhian Matthews (RM), Hywel Dda University Health Board

Also in attendance:

Kim Neyland (KN), West Wales RPB Team
Jessica Paddock (JP), West Wales RPB Team (Minutes)
Michael McClymont (MM), West Wales RPB Team
Elin Brock (EB), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Nikeela Uprichard (NU), West Wales RPB Team
Shelley Davies (SD), Welsh Government
Sarah J Bolton (SB), West Wales RPB Team

Apologies

Kelvin Barlow (KB), West Wales RPB Team
Jill Paterson (JP), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Andrew Carruthers (AC), Hywel Dda University Health Board
James Tyler (JT), Pembrokeshire People First
Jen Green (JG), Pembrokeshire People First
Anna Bird (AB), Hywel Dda University Health Board
Audrey Somerton-Edwards (ASE), Ceredigion County Council

1. Welcome and Introductions

The start of the meeting was delayed by 15 minutes to allow Directors of Social services to attend from a previous overrunning meeting. JH welcomed those attending. Apologies were noted.

2. Notes of last meeting and action log

JH asked whether there was anything in the minutes of the last meeting that needed to be corrected. CT advised that there is a grammatical error in the last paragraph on the terms of reference item, it should read carers not career. Minutes were then agreed as an accurate recording.

JH briefly updated on the outstanding actions on the action log.

Sign off of Manifesto: KB has provided an update confirming that the Manifesto would be brought back following completion of WG RPB self-assessment.

Implementing Further Faster work: Shelley Davies from Welsh Government in attendance today to update.

Area Plan presentation: KN advised that the Area Plan will be brought back to the July meeting.

Strategic Capital Plan: KN stated that there is a workshop on the 26th may where the 1st draft of the Strategic Capital plan will be considered prior to being brought to the July WWRPB meeting. The draft will be circulated in advance of the meeting for comment.

NEST action plan timeline update: SB advised that following the meeting of the children's board on April 19th there was no agreement on a lead officer to take the work forward but in the interim, Angela Lodwick has agreed to lead. A more detailed report will be brought to the July meeting.

3. Footprint Meeting Welsh Government

JH introduced Shelley Davies from Welsh Government who was presenting to members today. SD providing some background that she and Matt Jenkins have been visiting Regional Partnership Boards to look at the proposed amendments, the Part 9 and the Part 2 codes and guidance which govern the work of the RPB's and looking at the development of our integrated community care system and the role Further, Faster will play in some of that. 5 task and finish groups have met to look at this work, with a focus on what is happening in the communities and refining the scope of RPB's. SD confirmed that WAST will be added onto the membership and that RPB's will closely align with GP Clusters. The groups will also look at scrutiny arrangements.

SD advised that she is happy to share the slides with members. JH responded that it is a complicated landscape and it would be helpful to have access to the slides.

HLL questioned that in the Further Faster Together papers why there is no mention of unpaid carers as they are a vital part of the workforce. SD advised that carers are fundamental to the model and locality expects them to be a fundamental part of the model when further detail is released as the initial position statement is very high level.

JM stated this is a complex area of work and is useful for our RPB to begin working through some of the concepts whether it's trusted assessors, various discharge pathways or the regions approach to technology. RM advised she would be happy to provide RPB with a similar presentation to that taken to the Integrated Executive Group meeting and how positive it is to hear integrated care system included and be spoken of in system terms as opposed to service terms.

DP queried how the work will be promoted to the wider population of Wales. Welsh Government need to actively start to get messages out to the population/ public about their expectation on what is trying to be achieved across statutory services as this is about changing the public's mindset about available services, delivery and support going forward. SD responded that Welsh Government are developing a companion document to a Healthier Wales, which will be published as a first step in communicating with the public.

MG responded that we would need difficult discussions around health behaviors. In response to MG, Shelley advised that this needs to be reflected on.

EH reiterated that the landscape is massively overly complicated and when we communicate this to the public, we need to strip this back to its essence and starting to speak in different terms. We have real challenges, and we must be upfront with what is being faced.

AT communicated via the chat bar that patients /public are a bit consultation exhausted, especially with the new hospital consultation ongoing therefore, there has to be very clear communication to avoid confusion between the two. EH stated that our first principle in communication needs to be that things no longer look like they did in the past, for the many reasons that are well rehearsed. We need to be honest that there's a long way to go to change things and make them better, but that's our commitment. We should be educating families as well as clinicians. We don't live forever, and we actively disable older people in some of the things we do. It's about making people's final years as positive as possible, which isn't being stuck in a bed awaiting an assessment that may be neither necessary, nor the outcome deliverable.

JH thanked SD for attending today's meeting.

4. RICH Annual Report and Action Plan

EB was introduced to take members through the RICH Annual Report and Action Plan. EB ran through the key highlights and provided background of the Regional Innovation Coordination Hub. 22 innovation projects have been supported throughout the year which are mostly Bevan exemplar projects and planned care innovation and programmes. Also, the evaluation of the Regional Integrated Fund models of care has been completed. Two innovation projects have been specifically funded from RICH funding, which are about to start in the next month or so. One is a technology enabled care regional innovation project, working across children's services with our three local authorities and the other is supporting an earlier diagnosis for lung cancer and patients. In partnership with Tritech, a project is about to start, which is evaluating GP Innovation, GP cluster innovation projects and specifically looking at mental health services that have been funded over the last couple of years.

EB explained that the 23-24 work plan has been agreed with Welsh Government, with the focus on enabling and stimulating more innovation across social care. We're working with teams within the health board that support our services to innovate, as we don't have those resources and capacity across social care. So, more needs to be done to look at those challenges.

EB agreed to meet with CT outside of the meeting to discuss further.

ACTION: EB to arrange

The RICH workplan was agreed.

5. Area Plan update

This item was deferred until the meeting on 17th July.

6. AOB

No further AOB.

JH advised that the Health Board has appointed a Director of Public Health who will be joining in August and will be attending the RPB. Also, that it has been discussed with KB that someone from the replacement body of the CHC Llais **will** be invited to attend a future RPB meeting.

7. Date and venue of next meeting

17th July 2023, 2pm, Ystwyth Boardroom, Hafan Derwen.