

# WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD

## MINUTES

17<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 2.00PM

Face-to-face Boardroom, Ystwyth Building & Via Teams

### Present:

Cllr Alun Williams (Cllr AW), Councilor Ceredigion County Council -Virtual  
Judith Hardisty (JH), Vice Chair Hywel Dda University Health Board (Chair)  
Hazel Lloyd-Lubran (HLL), Chief Executive Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organizations (Vice Chair)-Virtual  
Anna Bird (AB), Assistant Director - Strategic Partnerships, Diversity and Inclusion Hywel Dda University Health Board  
Ardiana Gjini (AG), Director of Public Health Hywel Dda University Health Board - Virtual  
Michael Gray (MG), Director of Social Services, Pembrokeshire County Council-Virtual  
Cathryn Thomas (CT), Deputy Director Social Care Wales  
Donna Pritchard (DP), Corporate Lead Officer Ceredigion County Council- Virtual  
Jill Paterson (JP), Director of Primary Care, Community and Long-term Care Hywel Dda University Health Board  
Alan Thomas (AT), Service User Representative- Virtual  
Malcolm Perrett (MP), Vice Chair Care Forum Wales- Virtual  
Lee Davies (LD), Director of Strategy and Planning Hywel Dda University Health Board (Item 3 only)  
Chris Harrison (CH), Joint Head of Commissioning, Carmarthenshire County Council/Pembrokeshire County Council on behalf of Jake Morgan, Director of Social Services Carmarthenshire County Council

### Also in attendance:

Kim Neyland (KN), West Wales RPB Team  
Michael McClymont (MM), West Wales RPB Team (Minutes)  
Kelvin Barlow (KB), West Wales RPB Team  
Naomi McDonagh (NM), West Wales RPB Team  
Andrew Hopkins (AH), West Wales RPB Team

### Apologies

Estelle Hitchon (EH), Welsh Ambulance Service NHS Trust  
Jake Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council  
Cllr Tessa Hodgson (CllrTH) Pembrokeshire County  
Cllr Jane Tremlett (CllrJT), Carmarthenshire County Council  
Andrew Carruthers (AC), Hywel Dda University Health Board  
James Tyler (JT), Pembrokeshire People First  
Jen Green (JG), Pembrokeshire People First

Jonathan Morgan (JM), Carmarthenshire County Council  
Audrey Somerton-Edwards (ASE), Ceredigion County Council  
Hilary Jones (HJ), Bro Myrddin Housing Association  
Gaynor Toft (GT), Pembrokeshire County Council  
Gareth Morgans (GM), Carmarthenshire County Council

## **1. Welcome and Introductions**

JH welcomed everyone to the meeting. She asked those who were attending the board meeting for the first time to introduce themselves. NM, new Project Manager with the WWRPB Team, introduced herself first. AH, the Capital Programme Manager, on Secondment with the WWRPB Team, introduced himself next. Dr AG, the newly in post Executive Director of Public Health with Hywel Dda UHB, followed and introduced herself.

## **2. Notes of last meeting and action log**

JH asked whether there was anything in the notes of the last meeting that needed to be raised for accuracy. No issues were noted. The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

JH asked KB to provide an update on the items that were not green in the action log.

Sign-off of Manifesto: KB noted that the updated Manifesto will be brought back to the WWRPB following completion of WG RPB self-assessment sometime within the next year.

NEST action plan timeline update: KB advised that Angela Lodwick has agreed to lead and will be the Senior Responsible Officer for that work. Sarah Bolton had planned a recent series of meetings, which had to be stood down. They will be reconvening over the summer, as there is a requirement to produce a report for Welsh Government in relation to progress in October 2023.

## **3. Draft Capital Strategy**

LD, Hywel Dda UHB - Executive Director of Strategic Development & Operational Planning, explained that as Co-Chair with Jake Morgan of the Capital Group, he was introducing the strategic 10-year capital plan for the region and an overview of the significant work that the group has been doing over the past six to eight months to produce it. He explained the regional workshops convened to produce the strategy, requesting RPB members note the regional accord, which sets out how partners will work together and the regional capital prioritisation process. He handed over to AH to explain the governance for the capital programme and ways in which that supports the concepts mentioned in the strategy, such as the business case development tool. AH also explained the stakeholder engagement in the process and endorsement received following presentation of the report to Local Authority DMT

meetings and HDdUHB Capital Sub-Group, before the draft is presented to Welsh Government

AH Confirmed that the Strategy is iterative, with the next development being an annual delivery plan that will provide further details, including, a pipeline of Housing with Care Fund capital schemes, reflecting the priorities and gaps identified. The strategy will utilise interactive processes, using tools such as Power BI. In the meantime, work continues on proposals for submission to Welsh Government's Integration and Rebalancing Care Fund, four of which have been supported by the RPB to date and one of which has been approved for Business Case Development.

AH closed by stating that 2 new project leads have recently been appointed, which will increase the capacity for capital support across the region.

CT asked what key sections he would draw her attention to. AH suggested the business case development tool, which will be used to review and prioritise proposals and aid business case development. CT followed up by querying whether he is content with it. AH confirmed he was confident that it will enhance the process.

JP thanked the team for the work that has been done to bring together a lot of principles and processes discussed at RPB meetings previously. She expressed her concern regarding the lack of detail linking to the Market Position Statement (MSR) and the capacity required to align with and deliver outputs from it.

CH reflected that she understood the concern about capacity however, thought that strategically it aligned really strongly with the MSR, which is a positive, as it provides the strategic alignment not available previously. She commended the use of the prioritization tool in developing the pipeline of schemes and the increase in capacity with the appointment of AH and his team. CH highlighted also the gaps in commissioning capacity, noting that it is an area the RPB are also prioritising with the appointment of 2 project managers to assist with this work.

KB added that now the strategic framework and the capacity needed is in place, it is important that the focus is shifted to delivery.

JH queried the 3-year time scale and whether it needed some refinement. AH responded by confirming it would, explaining that in accordance with the guidance, initial priorities had been identified, but as the process to identify potential service transformation through capital investment develops in response to the strategy, annual delivery plans would provide more detail on the process and associated timelines.

JH asked the board if they were content for the recommendations in the report to be agreed.

**RPB agreed with the recommendations within the report and endorsed the 10 Year Capital Strategy**

JH noted that the health board had had some input on Biophilic design using different cost-effective building materials, expressing her hope that this would be incorporated in some of the plans. She suggested it worthwhile researching on-line, where many examples can be found, including a student accommodation block in Swansea and an exemplar in a hospital in Singapore.

#### **4. Further Faster Update**

KB reminded RPB of Shelley Davies' attendance at WWRPB on 15<sup>th</sup> May, when she gave an update around Welsh government's policy position. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June there was an announcement from the Minister in relation to additional funding, of £30 million.

KB advised that the Welsh Government statement of intent has been published and included for information, with the RPB team having been advised that an additional allocation specifically for social prescribing may come through the RPB.

In addition, he stated that WG officials have confirmed that they are hoping to set out some more details soon in relation to lane 1 funded activity, also mentioning that they are hoping to make an appointment which will lead on work for lane 2, the development of the optimum care model for older and frail population group and will provide further information as he receives it.

HLL responded to suggest this work shouldn't be delayed until Welsh Government confirms the financial situation and that if the region is committed to the vision within further faster, there benefit in mapping some of what we're already doing, rather than wait for funding that may be influenced by quite specific programs of work that Welsh Government will fund, which might not reflect the collective further, faster work focused on in West Wales.

JP advised that the IEG have agreed an integrated home Care First Group which supports this work regionally, which has an operational group within each county already developing plans to bring forward a similar response to the further, faster requirement.

JP agreed with HLL that it's about looking at the work that is underway now and how we would support it, recognising that clearly, there are things that would benefit from further investment, but there is much work underway to try to join things up.

#### **5. Rebalancing Consultation update**

JH mentioned that this has come about because of the White paper last year, proposing to establish regional partnership boards as statutory boards. The consensus from our Health boards and local authorities in response to that consultation was to reject the creation of statutory body, in favour of continuing to work in partnership.

She added that officials in Welsh Government have been working on this since that response, with various statements issued by the Deputy Minister and Minister. She highlighted the part 9 statutory guidance on partnerships in the papers, drawing attention to page 14 containing potential proposals and changes to the role and membership of regional partnership boards, in addition to the sections on governance.

KB mentioned the deadline to respond is the 14th of August, stating that in addition to submitting the West Wales response that the RPB team complies to be considered in the next couple of weeks, there is potential for a coordinated response between RPBs, reflecting the consensus in relation to concerns around the bureaucratisation.

AW agreed. Stating that although the different local authorities might have slightly different views on it, rather than the blank canvas, it would be good to have a proposed submission to review and comment on that could aid consensus.

**ACTION: KB to draft a response in the next week for comment.**

## **6. RPB Annual Report**

NP provided an overview of the annual report, requesting that members note that it covers the transitional period, between the end of the current Area Plan, introduction of the Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF) in April 2022 and regional development of the Welsh Government's six Models of Care for Health and Social Care delivery.

The report is a comprehensive summary of the 2022-23 work undertaken with priority population groups, in addition to specific areas of work developed in accordance with the Models of Care. NM pointed out that the document will be sent for translation, subject to the board's approval and thanked everyone within the team for contributing and collaborating on its production.

JH noted it was extensive, but really easy to read due to the structure. The board was invited to provide comments.

AB requested an amendment to inaccuracies around some of the unpaid carer statistics.

**ACTION: NM to speak to AB to correct**

JP requested an enhancement to link the report to the work on accelerated cluster development in the future.

**ACTION: NM to source additional content from JP and include.**

KB agreed that it was an excellent piece of work, noting that the challenge is to interpret reports like this for a public audience. He stated that the added capacity in

the team and a refresh of the communication strategy will help us to improve engagement and communication with the public, including celebrating success and promoting achievements of the partnership through different media.

**Subject to these amendments and any final comments RPB endorsed the report for publication.**

**ACTION: Any final comments to NM by 28<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

## **7. Carers Annual Report**

AB provided an update on the Carers Annual Report focusing on the partnership work between the health board, local authorities and our third sector organisations.

She highlighted the use of videos to convey stories and encouraged members to watch the video embedded in her presentation when circulated, suggesting they look at Larry's story also. She ended her presentation with a reminder of the priorities outlined in the annual report, which would continue to be the focus in 2023-24.

AG thanked AB for a comprehensive report, querying whether there were any statistics broken down by age, including the proportion of those under the age of 18. AB confirmed that there were some stats in the report.

KN suggested there may be a breakdown by age profile on the WWRPB data portal. <https://www.wwcp-data.org.uk/population-assessment-2022>

CH commented that it was nice to see a more rounded and broader report moving away from reporting only on RIF funding, which encompasses all the really great work that's happening to support unpaid carers in other initiatives.

AB thanked Monica Bason-Flaquer from the RPB team for the support in compiling the report.

**The board accepted the report that had been presented.**

## **8. Draft Area Plan**

KB provided an overview of the second area plan, explaining the high-level priorities, which are based on the findings from the Population Assessment and Market Stability Report and the Welsh government expectations to reflect the single agency plans.

AW suggested that the report needs to focus not just on a stable and resilient workforce, but also a sufficient one, reflecting the seriousness of regional recruitment currently.

AG mentioned that she had not had time to read the report, and apologised in advance if the point that she is raising was elaborated in the plan. She noted that two of the top priorities were children's homes and dementia but wanted more details on how they would be addressed in relation to the preventative agenda over the next five years.

She also requested details on obesity and the lack of physical exercise, which are priorities for all three of our local population Wellbeing Assessments and thanked KB for reference to the strategic plan for primary care.

KB responded that the preventions agenda is one of the actions within the plan being progressed by the regional preventions board, a joint board between the three public service boards and the RPB, which is developing a prevention programme and implementation plan that would cover the social determinants of health including childhood health and obesity.

The children's agenda and specifically children's homes are a priority action in the plan. There is already work underway in West Wales to develop some new models of provision to develop our own public sector residential provision in-line with the Welsh government's expectation to eliminate profit from the provision of children's homes.

MG thanked KB for taking the board through the report. He agreed it made sense that the priorities reflect where we are already investing energy and concurred with Cllr AW comments concerning an addendum to the wording of a "stable and resilient workforce", suggesting it be reframed to reflect circumstances in the region, as workforce is such a priority.

KB advised that the Workforce Board has a workshop arranged for 28<sup>th</sup> July and suggested this session is used to review the wording for the workforce priority, which was agreed.

Action: JH requested any further comments after reading the report fully, be returned to KB by the 28<sup>th</sup> July.

## **9. AOB**

JH confirmed no AOB items had been raised with her.

JH then confirmed that an appointment for KB's successor had been made. Linda Jones, currently on secondment to the ADSS is expected to be joining in September. Therefore, as this was likely to be KB's last partnership board meeting, she wanted to put on the record her sincere thanks for the support given to her by KB, stating it had been a pleasure working with him, that he would be missed and wished him good luck in moving on to the next stage.

## **10. Date and venue of next meeting**

23 October 2023, 2pm, but opportunity will be sought to arrange a meeting in September 2023.