

## SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2018
<b>Report Subject</b>	North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Cabinet Member for Social Services
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer Social Services
<b>Type of Report</b>	Strategic

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan is the joint area plan which fulfils the Local Authority's duties outlined within the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) 2014 Act and the Care and Support (Area Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2017.

On April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017, The North Wales Population Assessment was published. The aim of the document is to assess the care and support needs of people in North Wales, including their carers. The six regional Local authorities worked together with Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Public Health Wales to produce the assessment. In response to this population assessment a North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan has been developed by the Regional Partnership Board. It aims to show how Flintshire County Council will meet people's care and support needs, as well supporting the needs of carers within Flintshire. It is part of a wider regional plan and priorities within the plan are already being addressed in Flintshire's local plans.

If endorsed by Flintshire (and by other regional Local Authorities) it is anticipated that the plan will be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1	Members to review and approve the draft North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan.
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## REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE POPULATION ASSESSMENT REGIONAL PLAN
1.01	Local authorities and Health Boards are required to produce a joint area plan in response to the population assessment by the 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018.
1.02	A strategic document, the regional plan details the actions and plans developed in response to the population needs assessment by the Regional Partnership Board, which are to be delivered by the six local authorities, BCUHB and North Wales Police.
1.03	The plan is the joint area plan as stipulated by Section 14 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Care and Support (Area Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2017.
1.04	<p>Joint area plans must focus on the integrated services planned in response to each core theme identified in the population assessment. As part of this, joint area plans must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the actions partners will take in relation to the priority areas of integration for the Regional Partnership Boards;</li> <li>the instances and details of pooled funds to be established in response to the population assessment;</li> <li>how services will be procured or arranged to be delivered, including by alternative delivery models;</li> <li>details of the preventative services that will be provided or arranged;</li> <li>actions being taken in relation to the provision of information, advice and assistance services</li> <li>actions required to deliver services through the medium of Welsh”</li> </ul>
1.05	<p>An Equality Impact Assessment and consultation report have been completed for the regional plan. The population assessment regional plan steering group, which included representatives from each of the six local authorities, BCUHB and Public Health Boards, all took part in carrying out The Equality Impact Assessment. Flintshire was represented at this group by a member of the Planning and Development team for Social Services who had also supported with consultations workshops and spreading awareness of the consultation. Further Equality Impact Assessments will need to be carried out as detailed plans are developed under each of the strategic priorities. This is line with Flintshire County Councils duties under the Equality Act 2010. Copies of the reports are attached as appendices.</p>
1.06	<p>Social Care Wales and Welsh Government produced a template for the plan, which we have used as a basis for the North Wales draft regional plan. The plan is split into three parts;</p> <p><b>Part A: Regional Priorities</b></p> <p>The priorities that the Regional Partnership Board have chosen to deliver in partnership are integration of services in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Older people with complex needs and long term conditions, including dementia</li> <li>• People with learning disabilities</li> <li>• Carers, including young carers</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children and young people</li> <li>• Integrated Family Support Services</li> <li>• Mental health</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: Response to population assessment chapters and core themes</b></p> <p>The population assessment was structured into chapters based on the core themes listed in the Part 2 Code of Practice. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• children and young people</li> <li>• older people</li> <li>• health / physical disabilities</li> <li>• learning disability / autism</li> <li>• mental health</li> <li>• sensory impairment</li> <li>• carers who need support</li> <li>• violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.</li> </ul> <p>Also included are additional chapters on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secure estate</li> <li>• Veterans</li> <li>• Housing and homelessness</li> </ul> <p><b>Part C: Overall findings.</b></p> <p>All the chapters identified needs in relation to the following cross-cutting themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention and early intervention</li> <li>• Information, advice and assistance</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> <li>• Transport and access to services</li> <li>• Availability of services in the Welsh language</li> <li>• Promote social enterprises, co-operatives, user led services and the third sector</li> <li>• Encourage informal support from family, friends and community networks</li> <li>• Provide services based on ‘what matters’ to individuals</li> <li>• Citizen voice</li> <li>• Safeguarding</li> <li>• Poverty and inequality</li> <li>• Quality of population and performance data</li> <li>• Challenges of delivering services in the current financial climate</li> </ul>
1.07	<p>The cross-cutting themes are all being addressed by partners as part of their core business. This work will support the implementation and embedding of the requirements of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. All these cross-cutting issues need to be considered when developing regional priorities and fully integrated services.</p>
1.08	<p>The report includes details on how each area is addressing the priorities.</p>

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	The North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services Improvement Collaborative funds a Regional Project Manager to support the development of the plan and associated costs including translation and specialist engagement.
2.02	The cost to Flintshire has been in staff time to support the project. This has included staff to carry out engagement work with the public, service users, staff and elected members and staff to support the writing of the population assessment and regional plan.
2.03	There are clear resource implications in the delivery of the priorities within the plan, which is detailed within the scope and delivery plans prepared for each priority.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
3.01	Consultation on the draft plan took place between 11 August and 17 November 2017. The purpose of consulting on an early version of the draft plan was to involve as many people as possible in writing and shaping the plan at an early stage in the project. The findings from the consultation have been incorporated into a revised draft of the plan and a full consultation report has been produced.
3.02	<p>Flintshire consulted and engaged with as many people as possible in developing the plan. The draft plan was sent to all staff members in Flintshire as well as elected members for consultation. It was also sent to all third sector partners for consultation.</p> <p>Workshops on the Plan were delivered to the following groups to gather feedback.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flintshire Involvement Project ‘speaking out’: client feedback group</li> <li>• Flintshire Looked After Children Participation Group</li> <li>• Flintshire and Wrexham, Mental Health Voluntary Sector Network Meeting.</li> </ul>

<b>4.00</b>	<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
4.01	The risk that the plan will not meet Welsh Government’s requirements under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. To mitigate, the report is based on the template produced by Social Care Wales and we are working closely with Welsh Government through the regional leads group.
4.02	There is a risk that plan will not meet the needs of carers and people who need care and support within Flintshire as they have not responded. To mitigate, we have consulted and engaged with a wide range of stakeholders.

4.03	A risk that there will not be capacity within Flintshire to deliver any additional or expanded priorities over and above the current priorities of the Regional Partnership Board.
4.04	Working with BCHUB, five other local authorities and public health to deliver on the regional plan can be a challenge due to difference in provision, capacity and working environments. This can be overcome through thorough and clear communication and adopting a strong co-productive approach.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan Wellbeing impact assessment report.
5.02	North Wales Population Assessment regional plan 2018 – 2023 Consultation report.
5.03	North Wales Population Assessment regional plan 2018 – 2023 (draft version).

<b>6.00</b>	<b>LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS</b>
6.01	<b>Contact Officer: Craig Macleod, Senior Manager: Children and Workforce Telephone: 01352 701313 E-mail: craig.macleod@flintshire.gov.uk</b>
6.02	Information on the North Wales Population Assessment. <a href="https://www.northwalescollaborative.wales/north-wales-population-assessment/">https://www.northwalescollaborative.wales/north-wales-population-assessment/</a>
6.03	Resource on the Social Services and Wellbeing Act 2014 <a href="https://socialcare.wales/hub/sswbact">https://socialcare.wales/hub/sswbact</a>
6.04	Care and Support (Area planning) (Wales) Regulations 2017 <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/56/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/wsi/2017/56/contents/made</a>
6.05	Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 <a href="http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en">http://gov.wales/topics/people-and-communities/people/future-generations-act/?lang=en</a>

<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	<u>Well-being</u> : The following areas embody the notion of wellbeing: <input type="checkbox"/> Physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing <input type="checkbox"/> Protection from abuse and neglect <input type="checkbox"/> Education, training and recreation <input type="checkbox"/> Family and personal relationships <input type="checkbox"/> Involvement in the local community <input type="checkbox"/> Securing rights and entitlements

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Social and economic well-being, including not living in poverty.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Living in suitable accommodation.</li></ul>
7.02	<p><u>Population Needs assessment:</u></p> <p>An assessment of the care and support needs of the population in North Wales, including the support needs of carers. It has been produced by the six North Wales councils and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) supported by Public Health Wales, to meet the requirements of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 (the act).</p> <p>The report aims to improve our understanding of our population and how it might change over the coming years to help us provide better public services in North Wales. To prepare the report we looked at statistics, spoke with our communities and made use of a wide range of information collected by local councils, health services, charities and other organisations that provide services.</p>