

## SOCIAL & HEALTH CARE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
<b>Report Subject</b>	Annual Report of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board 2022/2023
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Social Services and Wellbeing
<b>Report Author</b>	Chief Officer (Social Services)
<b>Type of Report</b>	Operational

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report is the Annual Report of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board for 2022/2023 (Appendix 1). It is a requirement within the Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 that each Regional Partnership Board prepares, publishes and submits its annual report to Welsh Government.

This report is to provide information to partners with regards to the North Wales Regional Partnership Board and its activities during 2022/23.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1	Members note the work that is required to be undertaken by the Regional Partnership Board.
2	Members note the progress undertaken in 2022/23 on the work areas being taken forward through the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

## **REPORT DETAILS**

<b>1.00</b>	<b>BACKGROUND</b>
1.01	The Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 requires that each Regional Partnership Board produces and publishes an annual report on its work and submits this to Welsh Government.
1.02	In March 2018 the Welsh Government issued Guidance for the completion of the Regional Partnership Board Annual reports and Boards were to use this guidance for the completion of their report. The attached report contains all the information which was required to be included within that Guidance. The North Wales Regional Partnership Board report is written in a format that captures all information required.
1.03	The Regional Partnership Board is the Board which has been set up to meet the requirements of Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014. The Act requires that local authorities make arrangements to promote co-operation with their relevant partners and others, in relation to adults with needs for care and support, carers and children. It places a duty on relevant partners to co-operate with, and provide information to, the local authorities for the purposes of their social services functions.
1.04	Part 9 of the Act also provides for partnership arrangements between local authorities and Local Health Boards for the discharge of their functions. The Act also provides Welsh Government Ministers with regulation making powers in relation to formal partnership arrangements, resources for partnership arrangements (including pooled funds) and partnership boards.
1.05	<p>The purpose of Part 9 of the Act is to improve the outcomes and well-being of people, as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery. The key aims of co-operation, partnership and integration can therefore be described as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To improve care and support, ensuring people have more say and control</li><li>• To improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of individuals</li><li>• Provide co-ordinated, person centred care and support</li><li>• Make more effective use of resources, skills and expertise.</li></ul>
1.06	The purpose of the Annual Report is to set out the progress that Regional Partnership Boards have made and reflects on how boards are achieving the principles of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.
1.07	Working in partnership across health and social care services will help support resilient communities and also ensure a seamless service for individuals that require care and support.

<b>2.00</b>	<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>
2.01	The 6 Local Authorities and Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board in North Wales pool funding to support regional working across the Region, this also funds the Regional Collaboration Team and there is a formal partnership agreement to underpin this.
2.02	Through the Regional Partnership Boards, Welsh Government is channelling grant funding streams such as the Regional Integration Fund for Health and Social Care and the Housing with Care Fund and the Health and Social Care Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund. Where it is possible to charge regional partnership activity to these grants this is being actioned.

<b>3.00</b>	<b>IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT</b>
3.01	An overall Well-being Impact Assessment has not been completed for the Annual Report but Equality Impact Assessments have been completed for the individual elements contained within the report.
3.02	<p>Ensuring compliance with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 and with the Guidance on regional partnership board annual reports issued in March 2018 in producing the annual report.</p> <p>The key risk is that the North Wales Regional Partnership Board is able to progress the various requirements under Part 9 Guidance and that the partnership develops to enable further partnership working and integration of services in the future.</p>

<b>4.00</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED / CARRIED OUT</b>
4.01	Members will be aware of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 and will have received information about Part 9 of the Act and the development of Regional Partnership Boards. There has been no formal consultation, other than with members of the Regional Partnership Board which includes a wide range of membership and includes citizens and carers.

<b>5.00</b>	<b>APPENDICES</b>
5.01	Appendix 1 – North Wales Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2022/23
5.02	Appendix 2 – Bwrdd Partneriaeth Rhanbarthol Gogledd Cymru Adroddiad Blynyddol 2022/23

<b>6.00</b>	<b>CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS</b>
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<b>7.00</b>	<b>GLOSSARY OF TERMS</b>
7.01	<p><b>Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014:</b> The Act which is the national driver for social service delivery across Wales.</p> <p><b>North Wales Regional Partnership Board:</b> The Board was established to meet the requirements of Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 to oversee Partnerships and Integration of Services. The North Wales Regional Partnership Board was established in April 2016 and met in shadow form until the Board became fully operational in September 2016. Flintshire is represented by the Cabinet Member for Social Services and the Chief Officer for Social Services.</p> <p><b>Housing with Care Fund:</b> Capital funding available from Welsh Government to provide housing and accommodation for people with care and support needs.</p> <p><b>Regional Integration Fund:</b> It builds on the progress made under the previous Integrated Care Fund and Transformation Fund. The fund will help integrate health and social care services.</p> <p><b>Health and Social Care Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund:</b> Capital funding is a programme set up to directly support the Programme of Government commitments of developing 50 integrated health and social care hubs and to support rebalancing the residential care market.</p>