

CABINET

Date of Meeting	Tuesday, 15 th December 2020
Report Subject	North Wales Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2019/20
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Social Services
Report Author	Chief Officer (Social Services)
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report is the Annual Report of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board for 2019-20 (Appendix 1). There is a requirement within 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. Due to the emergency situation, the submission date of the Annual Report is end October 2020.

This report is to provide information to partners with regard to the North Wales Regional Partnership Board and its activities during 2019-20. The report shows the progress made on the work streams of the Board during the year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That Cabinet confirms that it has read, understood and taken into account the work that is required to be undertaken by the Regional Partnership Board.
2	That Cabinet notes the work and progress in 2019-20 on the work areas that are being taken forward regionally through the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE NORTH WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20
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	Welsh Government issues guidance on the completion of the Annual report on an annual basis. The Regional Partnership Board Annual report therefore addresses the information required by the Welsh Government. Additional information on the work of the Board is available at www.northwalescollaborative.wales . The North Wales Regional Partnership Board report is written in a format that captures all information required. The report also includes information from case studies collected funding awarded to the Board during 2019-20.
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 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"> • To improve care and support, ensuring people have more say and control • To improve outcomes and health and wellbeing • Provide co-ordinated, person centred care and support • Make more effective use of resources, skills and expertise.
1.06	The purpose of the Annual report is to set out the progress that Regional Partnership Boards have made and reflects on how board are achieving the principles of the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014.
1.07	Welsh Government has issued updated Part 9 Statutory Guidance in January 2020 and the North Wales Regional Partnership Board is working in line with this Guidance. The main changes relate to additional

	membership, additional focus on outcomes for children and young people and further focus on integration of services.
1.08	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.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The 6 Local Authorities in North Wales pool funding to support regional working across North Wales, this is used to pay for staff to deliver on its work and also to fund the meetings. In 2019-20, through the award of partnership funds and grants to the Board, it has been possible to fund some activities of the Board and additional members of staff to manage the work streams of the Board utilising this funding.
2.02	Welsh Government is awarding regional grant funding streams via the Regional Partnership Boards e.g. the Integrated Care Fund, Delivering Transformation grants. Partners agree the use of the grants and agree jointly on regional people capacity required to deliver its programmes.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT	
3.01	There is a risk in ensuring compliance with the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) Act 2014 and with the Guidance for regional partnership boards. Boards have no dedicated funding streams and its activity currently funded from a mix of Local authority pooling of funding and top slicing grant funding from Welsh Government.	
3.02	Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principle Impact	
	Long-term	The RPB has finalised its priorities and focus document for the short term and longer term. This links to its Area Plan and the current priorities for the RPB.
	Prevention	No change
	Integration	The Children’s Commissioner for Wales attended to discuss the work of the RPB in delivering the priority to establish integrated services for ‘children with complex needs due to disability or illness and for children and young people with mental health problems’. There is a sub-group of the RPB already established which currently over-sees the delivery of partnership Children and Young People Transformation programme.
	Collaboration	The RPB continues to work with the Public Service Board to provide a coherent local and regional response to the wellbeing needs of individuals.

	Involvement	Unfortunately, carer engagement events planned for the end of 2019/20 were cancelled due to the current pandemic but engagement with carers via the carer representatives on the board have continued during the year.								
3.03	<p>Well-being Goals Impact</p> <p>The work which has been undertaken has enabled partners to understand each other's priorities more fully, both in respect of specialised and universal services.</p> <p>However, each partner will have a view on their own immediate pressures and while there will need to be recognition of this, we need to keep a clear focus on not only the here and now, but importantly the health and well-being of our future generations. During the latter part of 2018 the NWRPB entered into a new stage of development in line with A Healthier Wales, the Transformation Fund and this has led to an ambitious programme of transformation to commence.</p> <p>As a region we have linked into the national work around children with complex needs led by the National Commissioning Board and local officers have and continued to be active members on the Ministerial Advisory Group.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Prosperous Wales</td> <td rowspan="7">The work of the Board focuses on the health and well-being of our current and future generations. During the latter part of 2018, the RPB entered into a new stage of development in line with A Healthier Wales. The Transformation Fund has led to the ambitious programme of transformation which looks to meet the needs of the people of Wales and transform services.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilient Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Healthier Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>More Equal Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cohesive Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vibrant Wales</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Global Responsible Wales</td> </tr> </table>		Prosperous Wales	The work of the Board focuses on the health and well-being of our current and future generations. During the latter part of 2018, the RPB entered into a new stage of development in line with A Healthier Wales. The Transformation Fund has led to the ambitious programme of transformation which looks to meet the needs of the people of Wales and transform services.	Resilient Wales	Healthier Wales	More Equal Wales	Cohesive Wales	Vibrant Wales	Global Responsible Wales
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4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	When the Board develops regional reports, strategies or documents, officers and Elected members who sit on the Board bring these to relevant meetings within their own organisations to be formally agreed. Regional Partnership Boards do not have arrangements for regional scrutiny, this is undertaken at a local basis.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	North Wales Regional Partnership Board Report 2019/20.

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	Social Services and (Well-being) Wales Act 2014: The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act came into force on 6 April 2016. The Act provides the legal framework for improving the well-being of people who need care and support, and carers who need support, and for transforming social services in Wales.