

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report for Gwynedd Council Cabinet meeting

Date of meeting:	13 March 2018
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Item Title:	North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan 2018 to 2023

1 DECISION REQUESTED

- 1.1 To approve the North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan 2018 to 2023 (Appendix 1).

2 REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 2.1 To ensure compliance with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) 2014 Act and the Care and Support (Area Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2017.

3 INTRODUCTION

- 3.1 Local authorities and the health board in the North Wales region must produce a joint area plan in response to the population assessment by 1 April 2018. It should be a five year plan. In North Wales we have agreed to call the plan the 'North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan 2018 to 2023' to avoid confusion with the Local Health Board's area structure locally.

4 LOGIC AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

- 4.1 The statutory guidance states:

"Where a combined population assessment report has been produced, local authorities and LHBs should produce a joint area plan. These joint area plans must provide a description of the range and level of services proposed to be provided, or arranged, to respond to the care and support needs, and the support needs of carers, identified in the combined population assessment reports.

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:

- the actions partners will take in relation to the priority areas of integration for the Regional Partnership Boards;
- the instances and details of pooled funds to be established in response to the population assessment;
- how services will be procured or arranged to be delivered, including by alternative delivery models;
- details of the preventative services that will be provided or arranged;
- actions being taken in relation to the provision of information, advice and assistance services; and
- actions required to deliver services through the medium of Welsh”

4.2 Social Care Wales and Welsh Government produced a template for the plan in question (Appendix 1). That template has been used as a basis for the draft plan and the first draft of the plan was based on the findings of the population assessment and what we must do in order to comply with the legal requirements. The first draft was approved at the Regional Leadership Group on 30th June 2017 and the Regional Partnership Board on 21st July 2017.

4.3 Following further work on the plan, and the consultation that was held between 11th August and 17th November 2017, the plan has been approved by the Regional Leadership Group on the 15th December 2017 and the Regional Partnership Board on the 11th January 2018.

4.4 This plan notes how the Regional Partnership Board will respond to the findings of the North Wales Population Assessment which was published on 1st April 2017.

4.5 The plan is also a starting point for the formal regional work under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) 2014 Act and it notes a framework for health and social care partners to work together under a common programme. As well as noting principles, outcomes and priorities for the regional work across health and social care in North Wales, the plan concentrates on priorities that have been highlighted by citizens.

4.6 However it should be noted that the regional plan in question does not include all of the health and social care priorities, but rather it concentrates on areas of work that require partnership working. In order to ensure that there is no duplication of action plans with work programmes that already exist, the plan does not include a collection of specific action plans, but rather ‘refers’ to other plans.

4.7 The North Wales Population Assessment Report was approved by the Full Council on the 2nd March 2017. It was noted in the report that was presented to the Cabinet on the 14th February 2017 the following steps.

- *The next phase of the regional project will involve using the population assessment to develop an area plan for the region and we are currently awaiting the guidance about this from Welsh Government.*

- *More locally, and during the next few months, we will start to ensure that we have the most appropriate evidence for commissioning appropriately in the future.*

4.8 In response to the Chief Executives comments in the Cabinet on the 14th February 2017, the work of collecting and analysing the data at the local level is near completion. We are currently considering how the information is influencing our current work programmes and identifying any gaps or weaknesses that we need to respond to. It is anticipated that we will present the local version of the Population Assessment to the Care Scrutiny Committee in the springtime.

Resource implications

4.9 The North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services Improvement Collaborative funds a Regional Project Manager to support the project and associated costs including translation and specialist engagement.

4.10 There is a cost to the local authorities, BCUHB and Public Health Wales in staff time to support the project. This includes 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.

4.11 There will resource implications to delivering the priorities in the regional plan. More information is available in the plan and in detailed scope and delivery plans prepared for each priority.

Risks

4.12 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.

4.13 The risk that the plan will not meet the needs of the Regional Partnership Board, carers and people who need care and support. To mitigate, we have consulted and engaged with a wide range of stakeholders.

4.14 The risk that there will not be capacity in the region to deliver any additional or expanded priorities over and above the current priorities of the Regional Partnership Board.

Drivers and implications

4.15 The plan will have an impact on anti-poverty strategies by aiming to improve the way social care and health needs are met. There are strong links between poverty and health inequalities which this work help address. There are links with crime and disorder through the chapter on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence

- 4.16 The report will also consider the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 including sustainability. We have carried out a well-being impact assessment on this plan.

5 NEXT STEPS AND TIMESCALE

5.1 The proposed route for the plan is:

- Approval by the Regional Leadership Group 15th December 2017 and Regional Partnership Board 11th January 2018 – Approved
- Approval by local authorities and the health board (January to March 2018)
- Publication (1st April 2018)

6 ANY CONSULTATIONS HELD BEFORE RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

- 6.1 The consultation on the draft plan took place between 11th August and 17th 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. See Appendix 2.
- 6.2 An Equality Impact Assessment and consultation report has been completed for the regional plan, See Appendix 3. Further Equality Impact Assessments will need to be carried out as detailed plans are developed under each of the strategic priorities.

STATUTORY OFFICERS COMMENTS

Head of Finance:

I confirm the accuracy of part 4 of the report setting out the resource implications of supporting the project, and I understand there would be no need for any additional financial commitment from the Council to approve this Regional Plan.

Head of Legal:

The requirement to agree and adopt an area plan under Section 14A of The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 falls on individual local and health authorities. The report provides an accurate summary of the relevant statutory requirements for joint working. It should be noted that there is a statutory requirement to engage with certain specific stakeholders as the plan is prepared and this is included in the report. No further observations from a propriety perspective.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan 2018 to 2023

Appendix 2 - North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan 2018 to 2023: Consultation report

Appendix 3 – North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan: Wellbeing Impact Assessment Report

Background papers:

North Wales population assessment: www.northwalescollaborative.wales

Area plan statutory guidance: <http://gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/170206statutory-guidanceen.pdf>

Social Care Wales area plan template and guidance: <https://socialcare.wales/hub/hub-resource-sub-categories/planning-and-promoting>