

COMMITTEE	Care Scrutiny Committee
DATE	3 February 2022
TITLE	North Wales Population Needs Assessment - Consultation Survey Report
CABINET MEMBER	Councillor Dafydd Meurig
PURPOSE	To submit the Consultation Survey Report for scrutiny

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To submit the North Wales Population Needs Assessment Consultation Survey Report to the attention of the members of the Scrutiny Committee. The needs assessment is created in accordance with the Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales) 2014.
- 1.2 It is necessary to prepare and publish the assessment in the form of a report by April 2022, and the limited timetable means that the assessment itself has not yet been finalised. We are therefore submitting to member one of the main sources of the assessment, namely the Consultation Survey Report.

2. The decision sought

- 2.1 The support of the committee for the Consultation Survey Report before the needs assessment is submitted to the Cabinet and Council for approval.
- 2.2 We are continuing to work on the Gwynedd population needs assessment, and this will be ready for scrutiny by the Scrutiny Committee in September. Members of the committee are asked to state whether there is anything in the regional consultation survey which they wish us to give further attention to in the Gwynedd assessment. .

3 Details of the North Wales Population Needs Assessment 2022

- 3.1 The Consultation Survey Report is a key contribution to the needs assessment which is to be submitted to Council on 3 March, and relevant details are contained in the following paragraphs.

- 3.2 Section 14 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014) requires local authorities and health boards to jointly assess:
- i) The extent to which there are people in a local authority's area who need care and support
 - ii) The extent to which there are carers in the local authority's area who need support
 - iii) The extent to which there are people in a local authority's area whose needs for care and support are not being met
 - iv) The range and level of services required to meet the care and support needs of people in the local authority's area
 - v) The range and level of services required to achieve the purposes in Section 15(2) (preventative services) in the local authority area
 - vi) The actions required to provide the range and level of services identified in accordance with paragraphs (d) and (e) through the medium of Welsh

3.3 The assessment must cover as a minimum the following themes/groups:

- Children and young people
- Older People
- Health, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment
- Learning Disabilities (Children and Adults)
- Autism
- Mental Health
- Carers

3.4 The assessment discusses the secure estate, homelessness and veterans. The assessment has been guided by the requirements set out in the code of practice for population needs assessment and has given due regard to other duties and policies that have a significant impact on the groups listed. Each chapter contains an assessment of;

- The Welsh language (the 'active offer')
- Equalities and Human Rights
- Socio-economic considerations
- Impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- Safeguarding considerations
- Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Social Value

3.5 The population assessment has been engagement led. Feedback has been received from staff, partner organisations, service users and the general public to identify strategic needs for care and support. The regional team has also been collecting evidence through data analysis, background literature reviews, consideration of service reviews and additional local engagement work.

4. How does the assessment contribute to Council's priorities?

4.1 The population needs assessment contributes to regional and local level strategic planning cycles, consequently this will support all local authorities' corporate priorities relating to the health and social care needs of the population.

4.2 There is overlap between the population needs assessment and the Well being Assessment which has been prepared by the Public Service Board in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015, and information is shared where necessary.

4.3 The needs assessment is used to prepare the area plan for north Wales which is to be published in 2023.

5 Engagement

5.1 Engagement for the population assessment included: a questionnaire for organisations that asks for their views and evidence; together with feedback from consultation work during the past three years. A total of 350 questionnaire responses were received, and the full report is attached (Appendix 1).

5.2 A stakeholder map was produced and reviewed listing all the population groups who may need care and support services to ensure that as many people as possible were given the opportunity to have their say. This also includes hard to reach groups.

5.3 The Consultation Survey Report states:

- i) Who we have consulted with
- ii) The approach to the consultation
- iii) What the feedback was, i.e., what is working well, what needs to be improved, what changed during the time of the COVID 19 pandemic, and how we can recover

5.4 The main conclusions state that it is necessary to:

- i) Improve the link between the third sector and frontline services
- ii) That more early intervention services are needed
- iii) In order to recruit and retain staff that services need longer term funding, and more certainty of financial sources

6 Resource implications

The population needs assessment will identify regional and local priorities, and it is possible that a level of investment is needed for this, on a regional or local level.

7 Impact Assessment Aseiad o Effaith

The Government has removed the need for an Equality Impact Assessment on the needs assessment as a report in itself. The needs assessment includes an analysis and research on equalities, human and socio-economic rights for each group which have been included in the needs assessment.

8 Recommendation

- 8.1 That the committee approves the Consultation Survey Report to be submitted with the North Wales Population Needs Assessment 2022 to the Cabinet and Council.
- 8.2 That the committee notes whether there is anything that is raised in the regional consultation survey that they wish us to give further attention in the Gwynedd assessment.

