

Report to:	Full Council
Date:	4 May 2023
Portfolio Leader:	Councillor Dilwyn Morgan
Officer:	Hawis Jones, Commissioning, Contracting and Projects Manager
Subject:	Gwynedd Adults Population Needs Assessment

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The North Wales Population Needs Assessment was approved by Full Council at its meeting on 3 March 2022. That assessment was created in accordance with the requirements of the Social Services and Well being (Wales) Act 2014.
- 1.2 This report together with the assessment (Appendix 1) enables us to view the local perspective on the Gwynedd adult population's care and support needs. In addition to the aspects included in the report on north Wales, it also includes more detailed information about the specific needs of the population of Gwynedd.
- 1.3 This report should be considered as one which complements the regional report and which has considered its content. It also adds information about the needs of the Gwynedd population to that report.
- 1.4 It is not intended for the report to include matters which are part of service action plans.

2 Care Scrutiny Committee

The report was submitted to the Care Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 16 February 2023. The report was approved, and a request was made for the comments presented at the meeting to be noted. During the discussion, the following was asked for:

- Our timetable for the commencement of nursing provision
- Our plan to address the lack of nursing beds for people with memory problems in south Merionethshire

3 Cabinet

The report was approved by the Cabinet at its meeting on 25 April 2023 with a recommendation to the Full Council that it adopts the recommendations in the report for inclusion in the Council Plan.

4 The decision sought

That the Council:

- 4.1 Approves the assessment.
- 4.2 Adopts the recommendations in the report for inclusion in the Council Plan.

5 The details of the Gwynedd Adult Population Needs Assessment 2023

- 5.1 This local assessment differs from the north Wales assessment, in that the local assessment does not respond to a statutory requirement. However, it will be a resource which will assist us to plan services locally, to take decisions on priorities, and to develop and transform services for the future.
- 5.2 The report provides an assessment of:
 - i) The extent to which there are people in Gwynedd who need care and support
 - ii) The extent to which there are carers in Gwynedd who need support
 - iii) The extent to which there are people in Gwynedd whose needs for care and support are not being met
- 5.3 The report offers recommendations on how to move forward to address the matters noted in 4.2 above.
- 5.4 The assessment discusses the following themes and groups:
 - Older People
 - Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment
 - Learning Disability
 - Autism
 - Mental Health
 - Carers
 - Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence
- 5.5 It also discusses the Welsh language, safeguarding issues, the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, also included is the Equality Needs Assessment (Appendix 2).
- 5.6 The assessment has been led by engagement. We have considered feedback from staff, partner agencies, service users and the public in order to note the strategic needs for care and support.
- 5.7 The assessment has also been drawn up alongside officers in the health board.
- 5.8 The main themes which have arisen whilst creating the assessment are highlighted in paragraph 1.5 of the introduction.

6 How does the assessment contribute to Council's priorities?

- 6.1 The needs assessment contributes to regional and local strategic planning discussions, and this in turn will support our priorities in the context of the health and social care needs of the Gwynedd population.

- 6.2 There is an overlap between the population needs assessment and the Well-being Assessment which has been prepared in accordance with the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 by the Public Services Board, and information is shared when needed.
- 6.3 The needs assessment is used in order to prepare action plans for care and support services for adults.
- 6.4 In order to continue as an useful document, we will work with officers in the health board in order to update the information in the assessment. As we receive updates on data, e.g. census data, we intend to update the information, reviewing the content continually.
- 6.5 A test of the success of the assessment is whether it satisfies our and partners' requirements when joint planning services. We will monitor to what extent the assessment achieves this by looking at new information requests, and will review its content as required.

7 Resource implications

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

8 Recommendation

That the Council:

- 8.1 Approves the assessment
- 8.2 Adopts the recommendations in the report for inclusion in the Council Plan.

Views of statutory officers

Monitoring Officer

It is noted that the Gwynedd Adults Population Needs Assessment is a non statutory local document. There are recommendations which will need to be considered and included in the relevant plans for implementation if adopted.

Head of Finance

“A comprehensive assessment of demand for services now and into the future is essential if we are to continue to make sure that our resources have been directed to the right place. Of course, that does not mean that it will be possible to fund all aspects as we would like and the need to prioritise – and at times make difficult decisions – will undoubtedly continue.

I am satisfied that this assessment does not create a spending commitment in itself, but will be an important and useful tool in planning for the future. Any bid for additional funding will need to be subject to the Council’s usual arrangements.”