

<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Care Scrutiny Committee
<b>DATE</b>	16 February 2022
<b>TITLE</b>	Gwynedd Adults Population Needs Assessment
<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>	Councillor Dilwyn Morgan
<b>PURPOSE</b>	To submit the draft needs assessment for scrutiny

## **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.

## **2. The decision sought**

- 2.1 The support of the committee to the assessment before it is submitted to the Cabinet and Council for approval.

## **3 Details of the Gwynedd Adult Population Needs Assessment 2023**

- 3.1 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, take decisions on priorities, and develop and transform services for the future.
- 3.2 The report provides an assessment of:
  - 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
- 3.3 The report offers recommendations on how to move forward to address the matters noted in 3.2 above.

- 3.4 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
- 3.5 It also discusses the Welsh language, safeguarding issues, the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic, also included is the Equality Needs Assessment (Appendix 2).
- 3.6 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.
- 3.7. The assessment has also been drawn up alongside officers in the health board.
- 3.8 The main themes which have arisen whilst creating the assessment are highlighted in paragraph 1.5 of the introduction.
- 4. How does the assessment contribute to Council's priorities?**
- 4.1 The needs assessment contributes to regional and local strategic planning discussions, and this in turn will support our priorities in the context of the population's health and social care needs.
- 4.2 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.
- 4.3 The needs assessment is used in order to prepare action plans for the services of the Adults Health and Well-being Department.
- 4.4 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.

4.5 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.

## **5 Resource implications**

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

## **6 Recommendation**

That the committee approves the assessment to be submitted to the Cabinet and Council for approval.

