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| WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD | Item 5 |

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**West Wales Area Plan**

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| **Summary of report and key issues**1. Local authorities and Local Health Boards (LHBs) are required to produce Area Plans in response to their Population Assessments. Area Plans have to be produced once every 5 years and the first Plan must be published by 1 April 2018
2. The RPB previously agreed an approach to development of the Area Plan for West Wales
3. An initial working draft of the Area Plan has been produced, attached as Appendix 1 and informed by a series of conversations across partner agencies over the summer
4. It is proposed to engage with a range of stakeholders over the contents of the draft Area Plan and then to bring an updated draft to the RPB for consideration in December with final sign-off in February 2018
5. The Area Plan will also be taken through partner agencies for ratification early in 2018 and published on 1 April
6. The RPB will receive regular updates on delivery of the Plan. Less frequent reports will be provided on progress in other areas identified within the Population Assessment but not included in the Plan itself.

**Recommendations:**That the RPB:1. Notes and comments on the approach taken to develop the Area Plan and contents of the initial draft of the Plan
2. Provides additional comments to the Regional Collaboration Unit by 30 November
3. Notes and agrees proposed next steps
4. Mandates development of a regional performance framework to measure progress in delivery of the Plan
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**Background**

1. At its meeting on 19 May 2017 the RPB received advice on the requirement under Section 14A of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act for regional partnerships to develop Area Plans in response to their Population Assessments. These Plans need to be produced within a year of the most recent Population Assessment (PA), the deadline for the first Plan therefore being 1 April 2018. Plans must:
* Cover specific core themes dealing with the population groups included in the Population Assessment
* Be concise and drafted in accessible language
* Set out the services planned collaboratively by local authorities, LHBs and other partners in response to each core theme
* Include details of the types of services to be arranged and procured, including those delivered by independent and third sector organisations and through alternative delivery models
* Consider the appropriateness of pooled funds to support delivery of identified actions
* Reference regional strategies for Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)
* Indicate how they will support the prioritisation of integration of services in the areas identified within Part 9 of the Act
* Set out the preventative services to be provided or arranged
* Include actions being taken by local authorities and others in relation to IAA services
* Identify actions required to arrange for the provision of services through the medium of Welsh
* Identify resources which will be deployed in delivering the Plan
* Reference LHB Integrated Medium Term Plans (IMTPs) and wellbeing plans developed through Public Service Boards
* Be informed by engagement with citizens, carers and relevant bodies in the public, third and independent sectors
1. The RPB agreed an outline approach to the development of the Plan which will:
* Use the legislative requirements as set out in the Statutory Guidance as a framework for the plan structure and content
* Align thematic actions with existing strategic priorities (with the addition of carers)
* Focus on actions that need to be taken forward collaboratively across the region
* Seek assurance on other actions being taken forward locally in each of the themed areas, but not replicate other existing strategies and plans

**Developing the Plan**

1. Over the summer period a range of groups comprising representatives of relevant partner agencies have considered the areas for improvement contained within relevant sections of the Population Assessment and develop actions under three broad categories:
* Those requiring an integrated regional approach and therefore need to be explicit within the Area Plan,
* Those that should be escalated for consideration by Public Service Boards (PSBs) to be addressed through wellbeing plans being developed under the Future Generations legislation – this reflects the requirement for alignment between the Area and Wellbeing Plans and links have been established with each of the Public Service Boards to achieve this
* Those that will be taken forward through existing plans at regional, sub-regional or local level
1. Proposed actions emerging from these discussions have been incorporated into an initial working draft of the Area Plan which is attached as Appendix 1.

**Considerations**

1. Care has been taken to ensure that the initial draft:
* Is structured to meet the statutory requirements set out in paragraph 1 above
* Is proportionate – focusing on activities which will be taken forward in partnership across the region rather than listing all services that will be delivered across the region.
* References other plans as appropriate, including Hywel Dda UHB’s IMTP and Transforming Clinical Services programme and relevant service plans
* Lists planned actions in relation to (1) existing RPB priorities, (2) cross-cutting themes including carers and workforce and (3) population groups covered in the Population Assessment
* Promotes a co-production approach to delivery of its objectives, recognising that engagement over the contents of the Plan not be sufficient in itself
* Identifies the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) and Cluster Funding as key resources for change (without going into specific detail on allocations to support individual initiatives)
* Categorises actions into short and medium term (on the premise that more detailed timelines are in place or being developed for specific programmes)
* Identifies issues to be referred for action by PSBs
1. It is proposed that regular updates are provided for the RPB on delivery of the Plan, supported by a regional performance framework. Less frequent reports will be provided on progress in other areas identified within the Population Assessment but not included in the Plan itself.

**Next steps**

1. Following consideration of the initial draft of the Plan by the RPB, it is proposed that the following steps are taken:
* Circulation of the draft for comment among a range of stakeholders, including relevant user and carer organisations and providers
* Completion of an Equalities Impact Assessment
* Formal interaction with the 3 PSBs to highlight issues for potential action through their wellbeing plans and agree areas pertinent to people needing care and support which will be progressed through the Area Plan
* Informal engagement with other regions and Welsh Government to ensure that the Plan is fit for purpose
1. An updated draft of the Plan will then be brought to the RPB for consideration at its December meeting and a final version for sign-off in February 2018. Arrangements will also be put in place for ratification of the Plan by partner agencies early in 2018 prior to publication on 1 April.