



Exception Report: Service Integration and Pooled Funds

<p>Summary of Project</p>	<p>Service integration and the establishment pooled funds is a Regional Partnership Board priority, in response to Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2016 (SSWBA).</p> <p>A programme manager has been appointed to co-ordinate activity along three key lines.</p> <p>Firstly, work is taking place to establish pooled funds for care home provision (older adults, initially), combining the relevant budgets of Health and Social Care. The ambition is to drive associated integrated regional commissioning arrangements.</p> <p>Secondly, attention is focused on developing pooled funds in relation to short term and intermediate care for older people, with an initial emphasis on Carmarthenshire, as 'pacesetter' for the Region. This work will link to the Integrated Pathways for Older People (IPOP), and the Transformation of Clinical Services initiatives.</p> <p>Thirdly, opportunities to bring about extended integration (which may involve pooled funds) are being explored. Structures are in place to take forward work in relation to Integrated Family Support Services (IFSS) and Integrated Community Equipment Stores. The Regional ambition is to consider and develop a wider range of pooled fund arrangements, within the ambit of an overarching regional governance agreement.</p>
<p>Period covered by the report</p>	<p>April-May 2018</p>
<p>Summary of overall status</p>	<p>Progress continues to be made with the Programme. Under the auspices of the Service Integration and Pooled Funds (SI&PF) Programme Board, work is being driven through the Care Home Working Group, and Regional Integrated Community Equipment Store Working Group. The Carmarthenshire Pacesetter Working Group will be established within the broader context of the IPOP initiative and will also report into the SI&PF Board.</p> <p>A Regional Legal Agreement for the virtual pooled fund for care homes has been approved by all statutory partners and went live from 1 April.</p>

	<p>Arrangements for the collation of pooled fund data, and reporting to Lead Directors, has been agreed with the first reports scheduled for July.</p> <p>Work is continuing on establishment of pooled fund arrangements for IFSS and the drafting of an overarching regional governance agreement for the region (including revised regional governance and joint committee arrangements).</p> <p>A draft regional governance agreement has been produced and further work is being undertaken to ensure the agreement meets the needs of the Health and Social Care partners.</p> <p>Work is also underway to establish a physical pooled fund for all adult care home placements by April 2019.</p> <p>The review of Integrated Community Equipment Stores is ongoing. Broad delivery options have been drawn up, and assessment criteria are in the process of being agreed, with the options appraisal exercise scheduled to take place 5th June.</p>
<p>Key Risks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure of partners to provide required data in respect of care homes virtual pooled fund • Legislative, operational and political obstacles to establishing fully pooled fund arrangements for adult care home placements by April 2019 • Failure of partners to engage due to above obstacles • Failure to agree and implement proportionate approach to pooling funds for Integrated Family Support Services • Overarching Agreement and revised governance arrangements not agreed by all statutory partners • A series of potential risks in taking forward the regional approach to community equipment stores
<p>Key Milestones</p>	<p>The following milestones are relevant to the care home pooled fund work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Phase 1 – establish reporting arrangements •Phase 2 – expand virtual pooled fund (VPF) scope to all adult care home placements •Phase 3 – agree arrangements for fully pooled funds •Phase 4 – develop legal agreement •Phase 5 – revise Pre-Placement Agreement (PPA) •Phase 6 – legal agreement signed off •Phase 7 - Fully pooled fund for care homes established

Milestones achieved/Outputs (deliverables) completed in last period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service Integration and Pooled Funds Programme Plan developed and signed off • Pooled Fund for all Adult Care Home Placements Project Plan developed and agreed by Programme Board
Shortfalls/Non-completions in last period	None
Forecast for next period	<p>Integrated community equipment stores – complete options appraisal – June 2018</p> <p>Establish care home pooled fund reporting arrangements – July 2018</p> <p>Expand VPF scope to all adult care home placements – September 2018</p> <p>Advance arrangements for pooling Family Support Functions – September 2018</p> <p>Overarching regional governance agreement signed off – September 2018</p> <p>Regional care home contract (PPA) in place – September 2018</p> <p>Develop and implement care home placement website – September 2018</p>
Financial status	2018-19 budget to be agreed