

# North Wales Social Care and Well-being Services Improvement Collaborative

## NORTH WALES REGIONAL POOLED BUDGETS



### BACKGROUND

The project is in an early phase and has been established by the North Wales Regional Partnership Board to develop thinking around the areas set out by the Board for integration and pooled budgets to comply with the Social Services and Well-being Act 2014 Part 9.

The Partnership Arrangements Regulations require the establishment of pooled funds in relation to:

- The exercise of care home accommodation functions;
- The exercise of family support functions;
- Functions that will be exercised jointly as a result of an assessment carried out under section 14 of the Act or any plan prepared under section 14A.

These duties came into effect from 6 April 2016, with the exception of the duty to establish pooled funds in relation to the care home accommodation functions, which comes into force on 6 April 2018.

The Statutory Guidance supporting the Act also refers to the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate and lists the following areas:

- Older people with complex needs and long term conditions, including dementia.
- People with learning disabilities.
- Carers, including young carers.
- Integrated Family Support Services.
- Children with complex needs due to disability or illness.

### AIMS

The aim is to develop an Integration Agreement to be signed by the six Local Authorities and BCUHB with individual schedules developed for each area of integration and pooled budget. The

following areas have been identified as a starting point to explore in relation to the development of pooled budgets:

- Intermediate Care Fund
- Carer Services
- Children with Complex Needs and Integrated Family Support Services
- Community Services – Care Homes & Domiciliary Care (Gwynedd to pilot in a locality area)

The following areas will also be explored:

- Regional Safeguarding Boards
- Equipment and adaptations

### OBJECTIVES

The purpose of Part 9 is to improve outcomes and well-being of people, as well as improving the efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery. The key aims of cooperation, partnership and integration can therefore be described as follows:

- To improve care and support, ensuring people have more say and control.
- To improve outcomes and health and wellbeing.
- Provide co-ordinated, person centred care and support
- Make more effective use of resources, skills and expertise

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