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**NORTH WALES** SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING  
 SERVICES IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE

**Notes of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board Meeting**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**9:30 – 12:30**  
**Optic, St. Asaph Business Park**

**Present:** Margaret Hanson (Chair), Bethan Jones Edwards, Mary Wimbury (left at 11.45 am), Morwena Edwards, Nicola Stubbins, Morag Olsen, Jane Davies (on behalf of Neil Ayling), Caroline Turner, Clare Field, Cllr Joan Lowe, Richard Debicki, Cllr Bobby Feeley, Cllr Christine Jones, Lynda Colwell, Dave Worrall, Teresa Owen, Dawn Docx, Jenny Williams (arrived 10.00 am)

**Apologies:** Cllr Gareth Roberts, Neil Ayling, Vin West, Debbie Shaffer, Rob Smith, Cllr Liz Roberts, Cllr Llinos Medi Huws, Wendy Jones, Richard Weigh

**In attendance:** Lee Robinson and Vicky Jones, APB  
 Iwan Trefor Jones, NWEAB

Item	Notes	Actions
1.	<p><u>Welcome, introductions and apologies</u>            The vice chair welcomed all to the meeting, introductions were made and apologies noted as above.</p>	
2.	<p><u>North Wales Area Planning Board (NWAPB)</u>            Lee Robinson, APB chair, and Vicky Jones, Regional Commissioning and Development Manager, were in attendance to present a report on the NWAPB.</p> <p>The APB, which is not a statutory body has been established since 2010, as a result of WG guidance. There are seven APB's across Wales. The APB is a partnership body responsible for supporting the planning, commissioning and performance management of substance misuse services at a regional level, based on need. The work also interfaces with the work of the Health Board looking to share how funding is structured and opportunities for collaboration.</p> <p>APB funding is received from a variety of different streams:            Substance Misuse Action Fund (SMAF) £4.9m revenue budget ring-fenced for treatment with the objective to progress towards prevention, early intervention and recovery.            All Wales Capital budget, £5m Health budget, Office of the Police &amp; Crime Commissioner budget, Her Majesties Prison and Probation Service and Local Authority funding.</p>	

VJ reported on the APB structure, the reporting and accountability structure. Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) retain statutory responsibility for Substance Misuse (SM) and reporting arrangements has been agreed for APB to feed into each area CSP. The North Wales Safer Communities Board (NWSCB) also brings together CSP partners into a regional body.

NWAPB has identified 5 key themes, coupled with 6 priority areas as follows:

1. Improve how we work together
2. Improve equity of services appropriate to identified needs
3. To promote a sustainable recovery journey
4. Adopt an approach that considers the whole family
5. Provide for the needs of Young People
6. Reduce the Impact of substance misuse on communities

VJ noted the past three 3 years have been challenging in developing the partnership and structures given the diversity and geography of the area. A Corporate Government framework developed for reporting and accountability arrangements is continually being updated and improved. Strategic direction and establishing needs have been met through local commissioning services and a coherent regional team has been established to cover the region.

A mapping exercise of Adults and Children and Young People has been carried out across North Wales to obtain an overview of the regional picture of commissioned SM services.

NS enquired who represented DCC on the delivery group. YM and UHB also enquired on their representatives.

VJ confirmed Wyn Thomas, represented UHB and local authority representatives are the housing lead representative. LR confirmed initially it was not a requirement for all LA's to be present, only defined departmental areas which have gained representatives from regional grouping nominations. LR confirmed APB are working on improving membership in light of new guidance from WG 2017.

NS was not aware if APB has been through DCC internal governance arrangements. This was also reiterated by UHB.

CF highlighted in relation to the services available, the mapping does not reflect the need or the gaps i.e. CAMHS, YOT not represented.

APB does not commission the Health services, they only endorse the services.

ME remarked the community and safety in Gwynedd is one of many governance discussions in CSP meetings, other non-statutory bodies find this to be a challenge to the partnership. LR and VJ have worked

	<p>hard to make this understandable and this is no reflection on the work achieved. ME considers the same for Violence against Women and Domestic Abuse which reports to the NWSCB. There is a challenge in the West (working regionally) in this field to ensure rural areas receive consistent service as urban areas.</p> <p>CT also needs to understand how the APB service fits into the rural service and provision and what service is available to users and families.</p> <p>VJ confirmed this is a huge challenge. APB continue to explore the ongoing work to locate extensive range of outreach services in the community. Since 2013 funding has been focussed on prevention, working with partners i.e. NWP, WCBC experience – linking in with housing and homeless and consolidating so that SMS does not exist in a vacuum.</p> <p>BF questioned the number of positive outcomes achieved with timeline to ensure the funding is being spent efficiently.</p> <p>VJ stated there is no requirement for APB to produce an annual report. The Board is performance managed, but agreed a report with outcomes would be beneficial.</p> <p>RD questioned if the APB was sighted on NWP County Lines, which is a major threat across North Wales and the resources required to respond to the threats.</p> <p>LR and VJ confirmed the APB are aware of County Lines and NWSCB and APB are committed to work with vulnerable individuals to transform their lives.</p> <p>MH noted the issues in WCBC in relation to ‘Gold Command’ in terms of ability to ensure all are signed up to arrangements to a multi-agency response to major incidents.</p> <p>VJ confirmed when discussing ‘Adults’ this term implies ‘Adults and Older People’ and work is currently being prioritised on older people’s sustained use of substance as people live longer</p> <p>VJ agreed to contact BJE to links with DEWIS.</p> <p>In terms of all NWRPB membership each partner check to ascertain if the APB has been through the governance of their organisation and who is their representative.</p>	<p>VJ to contact BJE re DEWIS</p> <p>MH/MO to discuss representation in UHB</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><u>Notes and actions of last meeting</u> Deferred until the next meeting in December</p>	<p>Place on Dec agenda - RW</p>

<p>4.</p>	<p><u>RPB priority work stream - scope and delivery plan to be endorsed by the Board: Children with complex needs</u> Bethan Jones, Area Director BCUHB, who is leading on this work area attended to provide progress to date on action requested from September NWRPB, when the scope and delivery plan was endorsed by the Board.</p> <p>The concerns raised included a more detailed project plan with further information on timeframes and BJ attended to provide this.</p> <p>BJ confirmed the Children’s Transformation Board, which took the lead for this service area on behalf of the Part 9 Board is working well, with representation from Health, 3 Local Authority members, NWP, Voluntary services, CAMHS, Education, MH and Youth and is a good forum for discussion around children’s services. BJ also accepted local authority membership would need to be revised to include a representative from each North Wales local authority in the future.</p> <p>BJ noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has been undertaken on the first 1000 days and ACE’s agenda.</li> <li>• KD is tasked with developing the definition of children with complex needs</li> <li>• A report on Children’s Pooled Budgets has also been completed.</li> <li>• A workshop has been arranged on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> where NWRPB members will be invited to attend to further discuss the requirements of the plan. All 6 key issues will be discussed and a briefing pack is available for NWRPB members to familiarise themselves with these key issues prior to the workshop.</li> <li>• There is an opportunity by the end of the year to have an agreed plan of priorities for children across North Wales.</li> </ul> <p>NS raised the point that the report states ‘Children with highly or very complex needs’, which is potentially confusing and misleading and suggested keeping to the set term within the Act – Children with complex needs.</p> <p>BJ explained the reason for this was to try and differentiate between complex needs and very complex needs and how to integrate services to improve provision. Also, to make the distinction for those children with highly complex needs, to agree a strategy for the service users who will continually need support from the sector.</p> <p>MH noted it is very important not to leave anybody behind and the workshop planned will address this.</p> <p>JW requested confirmation on the capacity and governance and noted as a T4MH board member there are opportunities here to link in to that structure.</p>	<p>ChTB membership to be updated.</p> <p>BJ to forward an electronic copy to BJE for circulation</p> <p>Leadership Group in December – check agenda</p>
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	<p>ME concerned that integration on a local level may well be lost to regional working arrangements.</p> <p>ME raised concerns regarding the ability to create local placements within children services. This will be picked up in this workstream.</p> <p>MO stated services being provided need to be equitable and from UHB perspective there needs to be some elements of commonality.</p> <p>RD highlighted the issues of County Lines, missing from home as victims and offenders and the need to do all we can now to prevent future offending.</p> <p>Timelines will emerge from the November workshop</p> <p>Cllr JL enquired how the plan would be monitored and regular update provided on all work-streams.</p> <p>BJ confirmed that quarterly reports could be presented to the NWRPB.</p>	<p>Workstreams to report quarterly</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Living Healthier, Staying Well</u></p> <p>Jane Trowman, BCUHB attended to present the BCUHB priorities of the Living Healthier, Staying Well Programme.</p> <p>The programme focusses on the ten year plan, considering how decisions impact now and in the future, discussing the challenges facing all services from feedback received by involving people in various events and surveys.</p> <p>Goals discussed and agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve health, well-being and reduce inequalities.</li> <li>• Provide care closer to home.</li> <li>• Improve the safety and quality of all services.</li> <li>• Respect people and their dignity.</li> <li>• Listen to people and learn from their experiences</li> <li>• Use what we have wisely, explore new ideas and learn from research.</li> <li>• Support, train and develop our staff.</li> <li>• Focus on emotional and mental health.</li> <li>• Support children to have the best start in life.</li> <li>• Support people to look after their own health.</li> </ul> <p>JT noted there are over 100 further engagements (not formal consultations) planned by attending various meetings.</p> <p>LC stated the third sector had gained an award through collective working with housing and hospital discharge – this also links in with homelessness.</p>	

	<p>ME was unaware if the 'Living Healthier, Staying Well' report fed into the PSB Wellbeing plans, as both reports were similar. This is an opportunity to have one document and one set of priorities.</p> <p>TO notes that all the strategies/plans underway at present will be based on the wellbeing assessments and population assessments. This is an important aspect to reflect on given the synergies.</p> <p>JT stated it was a requirement for the HB to have a strategy. There will be commonalities between the HB strategy and PSB strategy and both are as important as each other.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><u>Ministerial Statement 10<sup>th</sup> October 2017 – Integration of Health and Social Care</u></p> <p>NS reported following the transcript from the Minister Rebecca Evans 10.10.17, NS, ME, RW and RN (UHB) attended a WG meeting, representing RPB to help inform the Ministers statement. Following discussion and debate it was clear that not one partner would achieve regional Care Homes pooled budgets by April 2018, even though the summary at the end was that everyone was on track to meet the deadline.</p> <p>The Ministers speech acknowledge regions have made progress but recognises there remain issues with some regions' ability to fully implement this requirement by April 2018 and if the Minister is not satisfied with the way this has been delivered, will consider options for more direct intervention.</p> <p>Subsequent to further discussion a further letter has been received from Matthew Hall outlining the level of support the Minister will provide to establish pooled budgets. It is important to note the letter also notes the direct intervention will start, if there is no progress, by April 2019.</p> <p>A further meeting with WG has been arranged 20.11.17 to discuss joint commissioning processes to support pooled funds. BJE will attend and nominations for another representative from North Wales is required.</p>	<p>Forward name if able to attend to BJE asap.</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p><u>Funding of the Third Sector</u>  DW presented 'Review of the funding for the third sector in North Wales' paper. The paper considers how the third sector could gain more strategic view to support the commissioning process.</p> <p>DW appreciated a recent meeting with BJE and NS where pooled budgets and the third sector was clarified.</p> <p><u>The document highlights concerns on how services are commissioned in the sector:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proactis system seen as detrimental to small organisations with inconsistency to the grant system and tender process.</li> <li>• level of growth in relation to procurement processes with missed opportunities for co-production with no ability to influence</li> <li>• Concern in relation to the short timescales to Expressions of Interest's which does not allow sufficient time for the sector to submit bids.</li> </ul> <p>DW believed 'Leading Integrated and Collaborative Commissioning' would be a useful document for the Board which explores the role of regional partnership board and commissioning.</p> <p>The Third sector aspire to work collaboratively using the best way of funding the sector on a regional basis.</p> <p>JW questioned before progressing these concerns to the Leadership Group how could the third sector move forward in terms of the offer? DW stated the third sector needed to do work with CVC's and highlight work done by the sector.</p> <p>ME welcomed the paper, but also indicated an element of confusion as in Gwynedd there are active representatives from the third sector i.e. Mantell Gwynedd, Age Cymru and liaison groups to discuss how co-production happens with the third sector. It is disappointing to hear the third sector do not feel they have a voice.</p> <p>DW agreed there are effective areas of engagements both local and county based.</p> <p>BF stated UK Government are now realising how important it is to involve the third sector and the benefits would be realised by all with appropriate networking across the region.</p>	<p>DW to forward doc to BJE.</p> <p>To be discussed in NW Leadership Group Meeting – DW to be invited.</p>
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8.	<p><u>North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB)</u> Iwan Trefor Jones attended on behalf of the NWEAB.</p> <p>The NWEAB is a collaborative group of private sector, public sector, FEI's and HEI representatives from North Wales who are committed to promoting economic growth across the region. The NWEAB was established due to economic performance in North Wales trailing behind other areas, changes in the economy of North Wales and the need to change current way of working.</p> <p>The NWEAB work closely with Welsh Government and include the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encouraging business investment into North Wales,</li> <li>• Helping local firms tap into the supply chain opportunities</li> <li>• Encouraging work-related skills in the region.</li> </ul> <p>The work of the NWEAB :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To give the private sector an essential role to work closely within partnership and respond to business sector and private sector needs by fostering a culture of trust and planning.</li> <li>• To demonstrate and add value to national policy but also give regional view responding to North Wales business sector taking message to Cardiff, UK and Brussels.</li> <li>• Develop 'Team North Wales' to build close economic relationships with neighbouring areas and getting the best out of national resources.</li> <li>• Tap into and make the most of opportunities that exist for North Wales i.e. Wylfa Newydd.</li> </ul> <p>The NWEAB have been invited by UK Government to submit a growth bid for North Wales. There are currently 12 projects being developed for the bid including infrastructure, sites, business parks and transport links. These projects also respond to the need of the labour market. This is an ambitious programme that will impact on the region's economic performance and benefit the social agenda across North Wales.</p> <p>The Northern Powerhouse will directly benefit the whole of the region i.e. energy sector and working with SME's. An energy corridor is being develop to highlight opportunities in this sector.</p> <p>ITJ illustrated Manchester as an example where delegated powers and budgets devolved from UK Government has empowered Manchester to make its' own decision. North Wales would have to ensure the governance is right before having this responsibility.</p>	
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9.	<p><u>Update from meeting with Chris Stevens</u> Lynda Colwell, Chief Office Gofal a Thrwsio Conwy and Denbighshire informed the Board of a recent meeting she attended in Cardiff with Chris Stevens, Head of Partnership and Integration WG, and voluntary representatives from across Wales.</p> <p>The meeting was an opportunity to discuss third sector involvement with Boards across Wales. The meeting was very positive and highlighted the benefits of third sector involvement which was welcomed by all.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Agree 5 key messages for Communication update</u> Due to time constraints this item was not discussed.</p>	
11.	<p><u>Any other business</u> (2 concerns raised by MW before her departure at 11.45 am) JW confirmed, in relation to MW request to have sight of documents at an earlier stage, the Population Assessment report has been presented to the NWRPB for providers' feedback.</p> <p>MW raised a concern in relation to funding of the Third Sector and social value and providers perspective discussed nationally, it is assumed if providers are in public sector they cannot discuss social value. MW wanted to ensure this doesn't get lost as there may be some funding opportunities/local care home may be able to offer a service.</p> <p>The chair extended best wishes to Dawn Docx (NWFRS) and acknowledged her contribution to the NWRPB. Dawn will be leaving her post in North Wales to a new challenge as the Deputy County Fire Officer for Greater Manchester.</p> <p>BJE confirmed the NWRPB Terms of Reference will be on the agenda for the next meeting and discussion around the vision has been arranged for the January NWRPB meeting.</p>	<p>DD to forward details of her successor Gary Brandwick to RW</p>

	<b>Date of next meeting</b> Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2017, 9:30 – 12:30, Optic St. Asaph Business Park	
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