



## BACKGROUND

The integrated Board is chaired by a Local Authority Director of Social Services, and reports to the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

The Board meets every two months and has responsibility for strategic commissioning issues that require a regional approach

**The broad aim** is to add value to local commissioning arrangements that seek to ensure that care and support provision in North Wales is sustainable, delivers 'what matters' to individuals with good standards of quality and safety.

**The work plan for 2018/9** includes the following outcomes:

- Commissioning Partnership arrangements are formalised across the region
- North Wales residential and nursing home provision is sustainable and offers good quality and safe care & support
- Domiciliary care services are sustainable, offer quality of life outcomes for the people supported to live at home and Providers are supported to develop their provision
- A range of value for money support options are available for looked after children and young people with increased capacity in preferred models of support, able to meet existing and projected unmet need
- Contract and Quality Management is efficient and effective and is joined up as far as possible across Health & Social Care across North Wales
- The North Wales Commissioning Board maintains an oversight of and contributes to other (relevant) local, regional & national commissioning work

**In 2017/8 we were successful** in delivering:

- ✓ A collaborative tender (on behalf of the 7 partner organisations) for an outcome based North Wales Domiciliary Care Agreement
- ✓ Indicative care home fees much earlier in the year, enabling better Provider engagement
- ✓ A draft quality monitoring framework for care & support services (we are testing this in 2018/9)

## THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES

**The Board currently has 4 main projects underway across North Wales:**

- Ensuring a sustainable care home market**
- Developing outcome based approaches to commissioning of domiciliary care & support for individuals**
- Developing care & support options for looked after children & young people**
- Care fees working group (in partnership with Care Forum Wales)**

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

We have:

- ✓ Published our Market Shaping Statement for Care Homes for Older People in North Wales
- ✓ Co-produced procedures for contracted care and support services for children, young people & adults:
  - Ensuring quality services
  - Responding to increasing and escalating risks or concerns (including 'embargo policy')We will build these into future contract documents. We call these our 'Quality Services: Delivering What Matters' procedures

Our members have contributed to a range of regional & national projects including:

- ✓ A CIW/HIW review of the health care of older people in care homes in North Wales
- ✓ Developing national guidance on commissioning services for children and young people with complex needs and guidance on fee frameworks for domiciliary care

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