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NORTH WALES SOCIAL CARE AND WELL-BEING
SERVICES IMPROVEMENT COLLABORATIVE

Notes of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board Meeting

11 June 2020

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Via Skype

Present:	Add Teresa Owen (chair), Bethan Jones Edwards, Alwyn Jones, Morwena Edwards, Catherine Elaine Jones, Clare Budden, Cllr Bobby Feeley, Cllr Christine Jones, Cllr Joan Lowe (JLo), Cllr Louise Emery, Cllr Dafydd Meurig, Estelle Hitchon, Ffion Johnstone, Helen Corcoran, Jennie Lewis (JLe), Jenny Williams, John Gladston, Judith Greenhalgh, Kevin Roberts, Lynda Colwell, Mark Wilkinson (MWil), Mary Wimbury (MWim), Nicola Stubbins, Peter Williams, Rob Smith, Shan Lloyd Williams, Cllr Ieuan Williams (in attendance for Cllr Llinos Medi Huws)
Apologies:	A Chris Stockport, Cllr Llinos Medi Huws, Neil Ayling, Roma Hooper, Cllr Christine Jones, Lucy Reid, Cllr Llinos Medi, Bethan E Jones, Lesley Singleton, Marian Wyn Jones

1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

The chair extended a warm welcome to everyone and apologies were noted as above.

The absence of virtual simultaneous translation was noted and is currently being explored.

2 Notes and actions of the last two meetings

March 2020

Completed actions:

- Letter from RPB chair to the VSC's – no response received
- Circulated CST briefing note

Outstanding actions:

- BJE/NS to brief CEO's on remuneration – CEO meeting was cancelled due to Covid-19 – BJE/NS to secure a slot at next available CEO meeting
- RPB governance process for grant funding streams to be created - TO/BJE to discuss draft created by BJE
- North Wales Medical School – Future agenda
- Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 – updated Codes and Guidance: Part 9 Statutory Guidance (Partnership Arrangements) and Focus and Priorities draft paper – Future agenda
- National Autism Service and NW Integrated Autism Service (IAS) update – Future agenda
- CHC/funding support to care homes – Future agenda

May 2020

Completed actions:

- Chair to write to WG to raise the matter of nursing care funding to match funding available for social care placements.
- Forward details of the domestic violence services in IACC to HC
- If anyone is interested in receiving further information on PPE, to contact SLW who will refer to Cartrefi Cymunedol Cymru, who are leading on the tendering process on behalf of Grwp Cynefin.

No outstanding actions.

3 Health & Social Care Recovery Group (H & SC Recovery Group) – Judith Greenhalgh

The board received an update from JG on the requirement to establish a H & SC Recovery Group.

JG informed the purpose of the group will be to maintain a regional strategic oversight of the recovery programmes for health and care, reporting to the Regional Co-ordination Group (RCG) and to the Regional Partnership Board.

The RCG will have the central co-ordination role for the recovery phase and incorporates the following themes:

1. Economy - lead by Alwen Williams NWEAB
2. Health and Social Care - lead by Judith Greenhalgh CEO DCC

3. Community Resilience - lead by Ian Bancroft CEO WCBC

4. Public Health - lead by Teresa Owen Exec Dir BCUHB

JG informed work on the H & SC Terms of Reference has been completed by BJE, which includes the suggested membership, responsibilities and functions, and proposed governance and delivery structure.

The RPB role will be to harness partnership perspective within a regional approach to recovery across public, private and third sector partners.

JG is requesting feedback from RPB members on the H & SC Recovery Group ToR and for NWRPB members engagement in a future workshop to discuss the priorities (short and long term) across the region for the H & SC Recovery Group.

CB noted that the ToR membership focused heavily on public sector senior officers and questioned how the private sector's perspective will be included in feedback and input.

JG replied noting that the membership will evolve and the path taken has been to utilise existing structures and forums. All senior officer members also have close links with the independent and private sectors.

MWim noted taking on board the comments above and would welcome being involved in the workshop and the setting of parameters. However noted the importance of input from relevant external partners.

JG thanked MWim for the comments and noted the solutions will need to work for everyone, and that the RPB will have a key oversight of the work.

BJE also confirmed that the H & SC Recovery Group could also establish sub groups or task and finish groups to carry out specific areas of work where a regional solution is required, and the operational delivery of recovery plans will be via the three Area Integrated Services Boards.

Several NWRPB members noted the importance of regional representation and being in agreement to be involved in the future workshop to scope priorities and setting of parameters.

It was also confirmed that this agenda item would be a standing agenda item on the NWRPB agenda to provide regular update.

Actions

- Date of workshop to be circulated - BJE
- H&CRG to be a NWRPB standing agenda item - RW

4 WG Carers Year End 2019/2020 Report

The board received a report from FJ on the WG Carer Year End 2019-20 report.

FJ acknowledged the significant amount of work completed on the report by Kim Mason from the regional team.

The report detailed the utilisation of the grant funding for 2019/20, allocated to BCUHB to work collaboratively with all partners to enhance the lives of carers in line with the national priorities:

1. Supporting life alongside caring
2. Identifying and recognising Carers
3. Providing information, advice and assistance

The 2019-2020 allocation has been utilised to :

- Supporting GP practices to develop Carer Awareness and ways of working to support care
- Support for carers in relation to the discharge planning from hospital of their cared for person/s
- Short-term / one-off projects; Action for Children, Together in Dementia Everyday (TIDE) and NEWCIS

Case Studies have been included in the report to highlight the activity taken place and the slippage has been utilised to support Covid work.

FJ confirmed that the report has been endorsed at the recent Leadership Group meeting and noted by BCUHB Exec Team.

NWRPB members acknowledged the work completed and were in agreement to endorse the Carers end of year report 2019-2020.

WG Carers Funding 2020/2021

FJ confirmed the 2020 – 2021 Carers funding will be discussed at the next meeting of the Leadership Group at the end of June.

FJ also noted that it would also be pertinent to re-start the North Wales Carers Operational Group (NWCOG) to discuss 2020/21 funding, and BJE and FJ will meet up with communication colleagues in relation to the case studies within the report.

EH informed WAST are focussed on supporting carers with a forthcoming survey to understand Carers experience over the last few months and also have a separate wider public survey underway. WAST welcomed feedback, and encouraged those involved to take part.

Actions

- Carers Year End 2019-20 report to be forwarded to WG – FJ
- Arrange NWCOG meeting in July - FJ

5 Deputy Minister’s Written Statement on Carers – Jennie Lewis

JLe highlighted the role of unpaid family carers has significantly increased recently with over 200,000 family carers in Wales taken on a caring role for the first time during Covid-19:

The report highlights the role of unpaid family carers who have “helped key services in Wales to cope with the increased pressure caused by coronavirus,” and underlines the expectation that local authorities will maintain the rights of carers under the 2014 Act.

“Decisions made by individuals and their families in response to the pandemic do not provide a basis for determining whether or how to meet needs for the future. The abilities of people to cope during a period of crisis is not an indication of their ability to provide care and support for prolonged periods.”

JLe requested the NWRPB to note the Deputy Ministers statement and enquired what will be in place in the current and recovery phase to support Carers.

It was proposed that Carers could be discussed at the RPB workshop, and this could also be on the agenda for the NWCOG meeting in July and feed outcomes to the recovery work.

PW advised of the Carers Wales report, and members asked for this report to be re-circulated.

Actions

- Re-circulate Carers Wales report - RW

6 Mencap’s response – Jennie Lewis

JLe requested the Board to note Mencap’s response to data from NHS England on COVID-19 deaths of people with a learning disability, which states that the rate of deaths due to COVID-19 among people with learning difficulties is higher than that among older people in care homes.

JLe also asked if data was available on COVID-19 deaths of people with a learning disability in North Wales, and if partners could advise the Board what measures they have in place to ensure that people with learning difficulties are fully protected and supported during the coronavirus crisis, particularly those in supported living and residential care.

NA also shares the anxiety and informed that the LD Transformation Team are also mindful of this issue, and NA undertook to follow this up with WG colleagues.

JLe raised concern with the cancellation of annual health checks, screening which provides early intervention and prevention.

NA informed of a new website being developed as part of the Learning Disability Transformation programme - www.getcheckedoutnorthwales.org

NA agreed to follow this up with JLe outside of the meeting.

Actions

- NA to contact JLe to discuss the issue raised outside of the board.

7 Any other business – nothing to report

8 For information:

Right Sizing Community Services to Support Discharges from Hospital - national report

9 Date of next meeting:

Friday 10th July 2020 – skype meeting invitation to be circulated

9.00 am – 11.30 am (approx.)