

Cwm Taf Regional Collaborative Committee

10th December 2018, 09:30, The Orbit Centre, Merthyr Tydfil.

In Attendance

Cllr David Hughes	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Cllr Rhys Hughes	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Cllr Geraint Thomas	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Audrey Broome	Rhondda Housing Association
Dave Jones	Adref
Suzanne Lewis Abbott	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Cheryl Emery	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Paul Mee	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Julie McCarthy	Merthyr Valley Homes
Nicola Davies	Cwm Taf Health Board
Lowri Morgan	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Ryan Jones	Bridgend County Borough Council
Hannah Mills	Cwm Taf RDC

Present

Hugh Irwin	Consultant
Bruce Whitear	Consultant

Apologies

Angela Stacey	Trivallis
Angela Jones	Public Health Wales
Sarah O'Keefe	Wales & West Housing Association
Derek James	Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
Chris Hole	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Steve Peters	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council
Mark Anderton	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council

Item No	Item	Comment	Actions
1	Welcome & Declarations of Interest	Cllr Hughes welcomed members plus our new colleague Ryan Jones from Bridgend as well as Bruce Whitear and Hugh Irwin who will update us on their review of hostel provision in Cwm Taf.	

		<p>Apologies were received from: - Angela Stacey, Angela Jones, Sarah O'Keefe, Derek James, Chris Hole, Steve Peters and Mark Anderton.</p> <p>Dave Jones declared an interest in the review of hostel provision – Item 3.</p>	
2	Minutes of the last meeting & matters arising	The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record of the quarter 2 meeting.	
3	Update on regional review of hostel provision		HM to circulate slides of the presentation.
4	Housing Support Grant update	DH, AS, HM and CE attended the SPNAB development day session in Cardiff Bay to discuss arrangements for the new Housing Support Grant. Discussions took place in a workshop style regarding the formula for calculating the grant, things we needed to retain from current SP programme, the role of RCC's and how they might evolve to support the delivery of the Housing Support Grant and communication and engagement with stakeholders during the development of an HSG.	ALL: - Send additional comments on the development and delivery of the new HSG to HM by 17 th December.
5	Housing First	<p>CE – RCT have been successful in securing funding from WG's Housing First trailblazer fund to work with high risk offenders.</p> <p>SLA – MT have also secured Housing First Trailblazer funding to work with low level offenders who persistently present as homeless after short prison sentences.</p> <p>RJ – BCBC are currently tendering for a housing first scheme after a successful pilot project with the Wallich.</p>	
6	Draft Regional Strategic Plan	HM gave a brief overview of the amendments made to the RSP update for 2019. Members gave provisional approval.	HM to circulate a draft for electronic approval.

7	Service User Engagement	<p>HM met with USW to discuss 2nd year social science students assisting with SU consultation. USW happy to allow 2 students to assist during late Jan / Feb. HM also explained that there will be an opportunity for USW media students to create a short film and some still photography for the RCC website. Members agreed this could be pursued.</p>	<p>HM + RCC member to interview students on 12th Dec.</p>
8	<p>Consultation – Minimum unit pricing for alcohol and the impact on SP service users.</p>	<p>Members had a brief discussion about the impact of a minimum unit price for alcohol and how this would likely have a positive effect on SU who are harmful drinkers. Members broadly supported a price increase in line with inflation.</p> <p>Members added that it would be pleasing to see money raised invested in support for harmful drinkers.</p>	<p>ND to contact Cwm Taf UHB to clarify their response. HM to circulate draft statement for electronic approval by the 20th Dec – submission on 21st.</p>
11	<p>Update from provider / landlord Reps</p>	<p>DJ commented that providers would like to see elected provider representatives at SPPG's and that these positions be periodically reviewed.</p> <p>HM has contacted Jordan Brewer (Cymorth) regarding electing a new provider rep to replace Barry Gallagher.</p>	
12	<p>Regional Allowable Activities Document</p>	<p>Members discussed amendments that need to be made to the allowable activities document to ensure that HRS hours remain compliant with guidance and grant conditions. The main area of concern was emotional support and the interpretation of the document.</p>	<p>HM to circulate draft doc electronically for comments and approval.</p>
13	<p>Register of off the shelf provisions</p>	<p>Members discussed the following regional proposals that were received:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dedicated Cwm Taf Dementia Officer • Cwm Taf SAFE project 	<p>HM to feedback to organisations who had submitted regional</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cwm Taf MAPPA support <p>All were considers as suitable to sit on the register and be funded should appropriate financial resources become available. The dedicated Dementia Officer was seen as an exciting opportunity, however this should be looked at in tandem with the Cwm Taf Dementia partnership board to ensure a joined-up approach and no duplication.</p>	proposals.
14	Any Other Business	No Other business raised. Meeting closed.	