

Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Collaborative Committee

Wednesday 4th March 2020, 09:30, Orbit Centre

Item No	Item	
1	Welcome & Declarations of Interest	Cllr Lewis welcomed those present and thanked PW for his attendance to update the group on HSG. RL made a declaration in relation to item 5&6 on the agenda (Public Health Wales)
2	Minutes of the last meeting & Matters Arising	In relation to item 5 in the last meeting, CE updated that although the initial submission for additional resources for people with complex needs, mental health, substance misuse and mental health experiencing homelessness was unsuccessful, Ceri Ford and Lyndsey Richardson are in talks with WG to progress something for the region in relation to this potential funding stream.
3	Welsh Government Update – Housing Support Grant & Regional Working	<p>PW advised officers that job titles and branding all need to be changed by the end of the month. It is important to WG that we start using the language of the Housing Support Grant, incorporating statutory and non-statutory functions as soon as possible.</p> <p>The new guidance has been jointly produced and it is hoped that this new Housing Support programme facilitates a new relationship between grant recipient LA's and WG which is a more Adult to Adult transaction than it has previously been. WG will still provide strategic direction, but will encourage innovation and provide the freedom for LA's to develop services and strategies which meet the unique requirements of their service users. New strategic planning requirements based around a four-yearly cycle aim to solve problems in the old system.</p> <p>Moving from RCC to RHSCG's will take away the accountability of LA's to regional bodies. The RHSCG's are intended to be the forum for collaboration and co-production, not a layer of bureaucracy that LA's must report to. LA's will however be expected to demonstrate effective consultation and transparency (including their participation in regional working) before publishing their final strategic documents.</p>

		<p>Under the previous guidance, too often, services were commissioned to conform to procurement guidelines. Under the new guidance, this should be rectified. WG are also committed to the fair work principles, ensuring that support workers receive fair pay, terms and conditions for quality work. This should be a priority in the commissioning process and quantity of support provided should not be prioritised over the pay, terms and conditions of staff who deliver services.</p> <p>An implementation plan to help embed the new guidance is being drafted. WG will facilitate the sharing of best practice between LA's and regions. The precise design of WG contact with programmes has not been established – it is likely support visits will be at least annual, with additional support if required.</p> <p>The RDC posts will be funded for at least the duration of 20/21 financial year to facilitate the transition from RCC to RHSCG. This will be reviewed depending on links made with RPB's and there being a good executive function of the RPB for them to sit within. The RDC role may develop into a 'Housing Business Development Manager'. Structures may differ between regions according to arrangements.</p> <p>An announcement will be made regarding a WG decision resulting from the reviews of Housing Related support for people with Learning Disabilities, and the formula used to allocate HSG to LA's on the 18th March 2020. Whatever the decisions on those two work streams, there will be no significant alterations to allocations for some time.</p> <p>PW will be moving from the HSG to CCG. Sarah Rhodes will take over from Paul and be the central point of contact for HSG, however, Paul will continue work on the joint outcomes framework.</p>
4	Local Authority Commissioning Plans for 20-21	SS, CE and RJ gave a brief overview of the Local Commissioning Plans for their respective LA's for 20/21.
5	Health Needs – Cwm Taf Morgannwg	<p>Public Health Wales have received additional funding from Welsh Gov to be spent on Early Intervention, Prevention and Early Years focussed projects. There is £7 million in total to be spent between the 7 x health boards. The projects must demonstrate they impact on multiple targets set by Public Health. It has been agreed that £64k of this funding will be spent on housing related projects within Cwm Taf Morgannwg. The current proposal is that the money be focused on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. An analysis of the health needs of people who are homeless. 2. Addressing health inequalities (Immunisations and vaccinations) 3. Reducing the amount of children living in inadequate housing and suffering from respiratory problems.

		<p>A discussion took place regarding the ways in which families could be identified. FRESH mapping tool may be helpful.</p> <p>Consultants have been commissioned to undertake a gap analysis of the health needs of homeless people – this should be complete by the end of quarter1.</p>
6	Additional Resources - Health	<p>CE – There has been great progress in our collaboration with health over the last 12 months. The Taf Ely cluster and RCTCBC pilot project to provide a nurse specialist for the homeless population is underway, with podiatry joining the pilot shortly. Findings will be shared and there is potential for wider roll-out of the service. There is also a need for some joint training between health and housing to increase joint understanding of roles, services and referral pathways.</p>
7	Cwm Taf RHSGC – membership and Priorities for 20-21	<p>A discussion took place regarding draft priorities for the new RHSCG. These were provisionally agreed as the following bullet points from the HSG guidance:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of specialist services for which there is not a critical mass locally • Development of regional services where justified by economies of scale • Delivery of improvements to be achieved by collaboration • Collaboration with other public services. <p>Plus an agreement to...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise consultation and needs assessment on a regional basis to reduce duplication for LA's and stakeholders. <p>Action: - HM to begin planning for a joint consultation event.</p> <p>A discussion regarding membership took place. RJ suggested a potential probation service rep</p> <p>Action – HM to contact Stacey John regarding representing the service on the RHSCG</p>
8	Annual Review feedback from WG	<p>Feedback from SPNAB was very brief, but positive. All RCC's showed progress to varying degrees. No specific feedback was given in relation to the report we submitted – members were only asked to make comments if they had specific concerns – no concerns were raised re our review.</p>
9	Landlord and provider Reps	No issues raised.
10	Housing First Updates	<p>RJ - The 2 x Bridgend Housing First projects are delivering positive outcomes with service users maintaining tenancies for the first time in many years after repeat cycles of homelessness. There is a still a shortage of RSL accommodation (suitable 1 bedroomed properties) offered to the projects, which is holding back further progress.</p> <p>CE - The RCT schemes are continuing to make good progress with some extremely high risk offenders maintaining tenancies, undertaking training, re-establishing links with family and gaining</p>

		<p>employment. There is still some difficulty in housing some very entrenched rough sleepers – we must acknowledge that Housing First is not the answer for every rough sleeper.</p> <p>SS & SOK There have been some staffing issues with the adult Housing First scheme but these are now resolved. The Housing First for Youth scheme has been delayed, but Llamau are due to begin delivery at the end of April.</p>
11	Regional Hostel Update	Hostel provision in Garth Villas, Chaplins, The Grange and Mill Street will be delivered by Pobl as on the 1 st April.
12	Service User Engagement and Case Studies 2019/20	<p>Our annual service user consultation session is planned for Monday 23rd here at the Orbit centre, in the large room downstairs. This will be our first to include service users from Bridgend so we hope it will be even better attended than in previous years. I will circulate the feedback through the regional provider forum, RCC and to LA housing colleagues.</p> <p>Case studies have started coming in from providers. A booklet will be created to showcase the valuable support delivered under HSG.</p>
13	Any Other Business	<p>A discussion took place regarding the potential regional commissioning of a domestic violence service. This will not be possible in the next financial year. Will be considered for 21/22.</p> <p>Action: - RJ to feedback to the CTM VAWDASV steering group.</p> <p>CE requested that the regional PATH in Action training scheduled for March be delayed until April due to the transfer of hostel provision provider.</p> <p>Action:-HM to investigate the possibility to do this and re-arrange if possible.</p>

Present

Cllr Rhys Lewis (Chair)
 Cllr Geraint Thomas
 Suzanne Stephens
 Cheryl Emery
 Lowri Morgan
 Claire Beynon
 Ryan Jones
 Sarah O'Keefe
 Paul Webb

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Apologies

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