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Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDDUHB) is a statutory member of Public Services Boards (PSBs) in Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire and the West Wales Regional Partnership Board.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Board in respect of the recent work of the three Public Services Boards and Regional Partnership Board.

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PSBs were established under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (the Act) and their purpose is to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being in its area by strengthening joint working across all public services in Wales.

The effective working of Public Services Boards is subject to overview and scrutiny by the Well-being of Future Generations Commissioner, Wales Audit Office as well as designated local authority overview and scrutiny committees.

Regional Partnership Boards, based on LHB footprints, became a legislative requirement under Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBWA). Their core remit is to promote and drive the transformation and integration of health and social care within their areas.

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Carmarthenshire Public Services Board (PSB)
The PSB will meet on a virtual basis on 14th May 2020 and a verbal update on key business and discussions will be provided at the Board meeting. A link to the Carmarthenshire PSB website is provided below, where copies of agenda and meeting papers are available to review. [http://www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales/meetings/](http://www.thecarmarthenshirewewant.wales/meetings/)
**Ceredigion Public Services Board (PSB)**
The planned meeting on 20th April 2020 was postponed, in recognition of the need of partners to focus on operational responses to COVID-19. Ceredigion PSB will hold a virtual meeting on 15th June 2020. A link to the agenda and papers of Ceredigion PSB is provided below:  
https://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/your-council/partnerships/ceredigion-public-services-board/public-services-board-meetings/

**Pembrokeshire Public Services Board (PSB)**
The PSB held a successful virtual meeting on 27th April 2020 and provided an opportunity for each partner to share an update on operational responses and information about how services have adapted to respond to COVID-19. PSB members acknowledged the significant and effective partnership working which has enabled a rapid mobilisation of staff and services, working with minimal governance arrangements. Members agreed that there was a need to capture learning to ensure that new ways of working that have facilitated action are continued in the longer term. Individual organisation recovery plans are being developed and members agreed to work jointly to develop a co-ordinated response that supports recovery in each sector.

It was noted that all partners have received significant support from individuals and communities and often more offers of help than requests for help and support. Pembrokeshire Association of Voluntary Services highlighted that they now have 60 community groups registered with the Pembrokeshire Community Support Network. This provides a firm foundation on which future community engagement can be built.

A link to the agenda and papers of Pembrokeshire PSB is provided below:  
https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/public-services-board/psb-agendas-and-minutes

**PSB Funding from Welsh Government**
The Minister for Housing and Local Government, Julie James, wrote to all PSBs to say that due to the need to review funding priorities that Welsh Government were unable to continue to fund PSBs going forward. This has yet to be discussed at the local PSBs but will have an impact on the resourcing of the running of the PSBs and local and regional co-ordination and activity.

**Regional Partnership Board (RPB) update**
In the light of the COVID-19 outbreak, on 20th March 2020 Welsh Government advised Regional Partnership Boards of a series of relaxations in relation to reporting and monitoring of Transformation Fund (TF) and Integrated Care Fund (ICF) programmes. It also signalled flexibility in relation to deployment of existing funding to support the response to the pandemic. Highlights include:

1. Permission to divert TF and ICF revenue funding to support the COVID-19 response so long as spend remains in line with grant guidance, terms and conditions
2. Amendment of 2020-21 ICF revenue plans to support COVID-19 response
3. Routine grant monitoring and reporting suspended
4. Option to invest ICF Capital in measures to reduce pressure on the system
5. RPB Annual Report deadline deferred from June to September 2020

Subsequently, Welsh Government has also confirmed the suspension of external evaluation of Transformation Fund programmes and advised of a requirement to capture innovation/new ways of working in response to COVID-19 and share with Welsh Government as appropriate.
The additional allocation to West Wales of £1.4m from the Transformation Fund has been withdrawn and the £11m residual funding across Wales absorbed into the central COVID-19 response pot within Welsh Government. However, alongside the increased flexibilities in use of existing funds, an additional £10m has been made available across Wales to support local arrangements to implement Welsh Government’s COVID-19 Hospital Discharge Requirements. This funding will be distributed via RPBs and will bring £1.4m into West Wales to develop enhanced, integrated discharge arrangements that enable safe and accelerated discharge of patients from acute to community settings (including their home), thereby preserving surge capacity within the acute sector to respond to future waves of the pandemic. Proposals for deployment of this funding are currently being developed through the Bronze Community Group.

This funding sits alongside:

- £40m that is being made available from the local government hardship fund to support local authorities in meeting the additional costs experienced by adult social care providers resulting from COVID-19, for example increased staffing costs due to delivery of enhanced care, extra overtime payments and additional use of agency staff; increased infection control costs; additional food costs; additional ICT requirements; and loss of income due to COVID-19 deaths.
- £24m across Wales available to the third sector to help organisations in their COVID-19 response through addressing cash-flow issues; supporting more people to volunteer; and strengthening essential infrastructure including the Volunteering Wales platform.

In response to the above, in West Wales:

1. Temporary regional governance arrangements have been put in place from 23rd March 2020 to ensure timely decision-making during the pandemic whilst retaining openness and transparency. These were ratified by the RPB on 11th May 2020 and include:
   - Weekly meetings of Health and Social Care Leaders. This comprises of the Chief Executives of the partner organisations, Chair of the Health Board and Leaders of each Council.
   - The formation of a Health and Social Care COVID-19 Planning Group (HSCCPG), which temporarily supersedes the Integrated Executive Group. Meeting on a weekly basis, this comprises all members of the UHB Executive Team, Directors of Social Services and the Chief Executive of Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations for the third sector. Its purpose is to coordinate a joined-up approach to the crisis, facilitate a whole system approach and take decisions on deployment of new funding and redirection of existing resources to support the COVID-19 response.
   - Virtual meetings of the RPB to receive updates from partners and to ratify decisions taken by the HSCCPG).

2. Several schemes within the ICF Capital programme have been paused and funds totalling £8m diverted to meet design, build and restoration costs of the 8 field hospital sites across the region; discussions are ongoing with Welsh Government regarding potential release of alternative capital funding to recompense for the diversion of existing resources and allow reinstatement of the paused programmes at a future date.

3. ICF revenue programmes for 2020-21 are being reviewed to optimise impact of existing programmes on the COVID-19 response and identify opportunities for diverting funding to specific COVID-19 related schemes where necessary.
4. Healthier West Wales (Transformation Fund) programmes are being reviewed and refocused as appropriate to support the COVID-19 response. Examples include:

- Extending the proactive calls that are being made through Delta Wellbeing as part of Programme 1 (Technology-enabled Care/Connect) to cover shielded groups and other vulnerable residents including those with dementia and those at risk of domestic abuse. These calls also provide an opportunity to promote the programme and encourage take-up beyond the pandemic.
- Expanding the Connect2you (‘Vincles’) element of the Connect Programme to enable a greater number of isolated and vulnerable participants to link virtually with peer groups, family and friends.
- Adjusting crisis response capacity funded through Programme 3 (Fast-tracked, Consistent Integration) to optimise alternative pathways of care and help keep people safe within their homes and enhancing the approach through technology to enable virtual consultations.
- Diverting a portion of the set-up grants earmarked within Programme 7 (Connecting People, Kind Communities) for the development of local action hubs to fund local groups providing COVID-19 specific support and use of the ‘Connect2’ time-banking platform to help match volunteer offers with requests for support within the community.

5. Evaluation of the Healthier West Wales programme has currently been suspended, although local monitoring of delivery and outcomes will continue with a view to evidencing impact and highlighting the potential contribution of the new models to the post-COVID-19 recovery and new pathways of care/clinical models that are likely to be in place following the pandemic.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Board is asked to:
- Note the progress updates for each PSB, and the key areas of discussion highlighted in the report.
- Note the links to the PSB and RPB websites where the agenda and minutes of recent meetings can be accessed.
- Note that Welsh Government have written to PSBs to inform them that there will be no future funding of PSBs going forward.
- Note the significant progress update on the work of the RPB highlighted in the report in response to COVID-19.
- Note the diversion of funding from ICF (Revenue and Capital) and Transformation Fund to COVID-19 specific schemes.
- Agree the continuation of the Health and Social Care Leadership group, in line with previously agreed governance arrangements.

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Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 |
| Rhestr Termau: Glossary of Terms: | Contained within the body of the report. |
| Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgyrnhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Cyfarfod Bwrdd lechyd Prifysgol: Parties / Committees consulted prior to University Health Board: | Not applicable |
| Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed) | |
| Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service: | HDdUHB staff time to support progression of PSB project and delivery group meetings being established to drive forward implementation of the Well-being Plans. The Regional Partnership Board is working collaboratively to deliver “A Healthier West Wales: Transformation proposal by the West Wales Regional Partnership Board”. |
| Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care: | Improving the well-being of the population is at the forefront of the two key pieces of legislation that provide a focus for PSBs and RPBs. “A Healthier West Wales: Transformation proposal by the West Wales Regional Partnership Board” embraces a “through-age” model which will support people in Starting and Developing Well; Living and Working Well; and Growing Older Well. |
| Gweithlu: Workforce: | Implementing the five ways of working required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 should lead to increased collaboration and integration between services, professionals and communities. “A Healthier West Wales: Transformation proposal by the West Wales Regional Partnership Board” includes a key programme of work focused on “an asset-based workforce”. |
### Risg: Risk:

Whilst each PSB Well-being Plan is different, there are consistent themes of activity. There is a risk that whilst addressing local need, there may be some inconsistency in approach between counties for our wider population. We have a duty as PSB members to encourage consistency of approach where appropriate in order to minimise inequity. Resourcing the project and delivery groups of PSBs could be considered an “add on” responsibility by staff and the synergy with achieving HDdUHB’s goals need to be understood.

### Cyfreithiol: Legal:

It is a statutory duty for each PSB to produce a Well-being Plan and Area Plan and for the UHB as named statutory partners to work with the PSBs and RPB to support the development and delivery of the actions within the Plan.

### Enw Da: Reputational:

There is a statutory requirement for HDdUHB to contribute to the work of the PSBs and RPB. There is a statutory duty for the UHB to work in partnership with its three partner local authorities to transform health and social care delivery. The RPB Governance arrangements for an essential framework to support operational action.

### Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:

Not applicable

### Cydraddoldeb: Equality:

The focus of equality runs throughout the work of the PSBs aligns to a number of the Well-being goals: A More Equal Wales, A Healthier Wales, A More Prosperous Wales, A Wales of Cohesive Communities. This is an update paper therefore no EqIA screening has been undertaken.