

Gwent Supporting People Regional Plan 2017 – 2020 EASY READ Annual Update 2018-2019



Working Together for People with Support

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Introduction



This is our plan for Supporting People services in Gwent



We wrote this plan after listening to lots of people and looking at lots of information about people's needs

We have also been looking at all the services that already provide housing related support in Gwent



We want to know what you think about this plan

Please read through the plan and answer the questions on the feedback form

What is Supporting People?



Supporting People funds services to help prevent people in Gwent from losing their homes and to help people in Gwent live independently



Supporting People pays for housing related support services and it is paid to the organisation that gives you support



Housing related support includes:

Help to contact other people like: housing, social services, health, doctors and the job centre

Help to make sure your home is safe and secure

Help with paperwork and budgeting

Working Together

Welsh Government has made some new laws:



The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014

The Social Services & Well-being (Wales) Act 2014

The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015



These laws say that services such as housing, social services, health, probation and the police must work together with the people who receive services to make sure that services are developed that people need



In 2012 a committee was formed called the Gwent Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC) – they are responsible for making sure that housing related support projects are delivering the right results for people using them in Gwent

Services



There are 83 support providers across Gwent who receive £20,629,231 of Supporting People money. They are working hard to make Gwent a better place to live. During 2016/2017 services in Gwent supported 22,826 people



Support will help you to find a home

Support can help you to live in a home that is safe and warm

Support can help you learn the skills you need to live on your own or look after your home



If you have been in trouble with the police, support can help you stay out of trouble

If you use drugs or alcohol, support can help you to live independently and stop using drugs or drinking

Challenges



There are lots more people that need to receive support



It is harder for people to find the housing that they need

With the benefit changes, people are finding it harder to manage their money



There are not enough support services available to help all the people that need support

Services need to work better together



Money is not always spent in the best way

We are not getting any more money to pay for the services that are needed

Current ways you can tell the Supporting People teams and Regional Collaborative Committee what you think



www.gwentsupportingpeople.co.uk

What have we done?



We have developed services that work across Gwent

We are funding more services that help people in their homes



We have looked at the following services:

- Services for Older People
- Services for people with Learning Disabilities

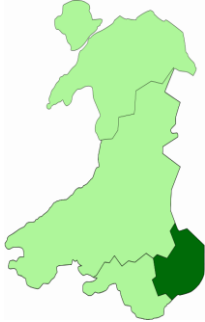


We held our first regional service user engagement event and launched the website



We developed a case study booklet which helps people understand the types of services that we fund

What are we going to do?



We are going to develop more services that work across Gwent



We are going to look at the following services:

- Services for People with Mental Health Issues
- Services for Young People and Young People who are Care Leavers
- Services for people who are rough sleeping



We are going to hold another regional service user event



We are going to review the Service User Involvement Plan

Who Can I Contact?

You can contact us by phone or email or by writing to us.



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Or write to:

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