

**Gwent Supporting People  
Regional Collaborative Committee Meeting (Quarterly)**

9:30 am – 12:30 pm, Tuesday 14 November 2017

Anvil Court, Church Street, Abertillery, Blaenau Gwent, NP13 1DB

<b>ATTENDEES RCC Members</b>	<b>Representing</b>		<b>ATTENDEES Supporting Officers</b>	
Alyson Hoskins	Blaenau Gwent CBC		Angela Lee,	RDC (Minutes)
Ceri Meloy	Tai Pawb		Chris Robinson	Monmouthshire
Chris Edmunds	Health		Nigel Stannard	Newport
Elke Winton	Torfaen CBC		Rachael Lewis	Torfaen
Emma Hammonds	Support Providers			
Kath Deakin	Support Providers			
Nicola Needle	Monmouthshire CC			
Julia Osmond	Public Health			
Richard Sheahan	Landlords			
Sam Lewis	Support Providers			
Shelly Jones	Caerphilly CCBC			
<b>APOLOGIES</b>				
Chris Humphrey	Newport CC		Paul Cockeram	Regional Partnership Board
Beverley Davies	Health		Viv Daye	Caerphilly CBC
Darren Daniel	CRC		Michelle Allford	CRC
Dave Congreve	Tackling Poverty		Michaela Rogers	YOS
Julia Osmond	Public Health		Sue Cousins	Caerphilly CBC (deputy)
Mark Johnson	Gwent Police			
Michelle Church	Blaenau Gwent			
Neil Taylor	Office of Police Crime Commissioner			
<b>OBSERVER:</b> Chris York, Regional Research Officer				

	Item/Discussion	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b> AH welcomed everyone to the Gwent Regional Collaborative Committee meeting. Apologies were received as noted above.</p> <p><b>Declaration of Interests:</b> No interests were declared</p>	
2.	<p><b>Housekeeping</b></p> <p><b>Minutes/actions arising from previous meeting (06/07/2017)</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record</p>	
3.	<p><b>Recent updates and announcements</b></p> <p>➤ <b>Funding flexibilities meeting, RCC Chairs update: 26th October 2017</b></p> <p>NS (SPIN Chair) AH (RCC Chair) both attended the WG funding flexibilities meeting, a wide range of stakeholders were at the meeting including CHC, Cymorth, Providers; Torfaen and Newport are 2 of the 7 pilot areas across Wales. Advice was given at this meeting that the super grant wouldn't become part of RSG. A future meeting is due to be arranged and SWOT analysis undertaken; guidance also to be developed to ensure synergies. NS /AH advised that they be on the steering group</p> <p>Super grant nationally totals £252 million but this is approximately £13 million short of total of current 5 grant funding budgets.</p> <p>The recent cabinet reshuffle has led to the split of these grants across 3 different government portfolios.</p> <p>LAs expressed interest in funding flexibilities and discussions have been held with WG over previous six months. There is an opportunity to move away from geographies and age groups; further meetings are due to be set up with LAs involved as pilot areas. These LAs have been advised that there will be 100% flexibility of funding across the programmes</p> <p>It is not clear how governance structures will work for the new localised grants for Newport and Torfaen from April 2018 and whether there will be any changes in the RCCs role going forward</p> <p>There has been advice given that WG expect regional and local spend plans expected to be submitted by January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Regular updates about Funding Flexibilities to be provided to RCC and circulated by email to keep members up to date</b></p>	A

<p><b>Recirculate the funding flexibilities letter with the RCC minutes</b></p> <p>➤ <b>Regional Partnership Board scoping exercise: regionalisation of the Gwent Supporting People teams</b></p> <p>Heads of Social Services across Gwent are currently considering potential work streams where closer collaboration can be achieved. Five areas are currently prioritised, scoping exercises will be undertaken to consider regionalisation of the Supporting People teams. Damien McCann from Blaenau Gwent is leading on the scoping exercise for Supporting People. A meeting with SP leads has been held; a report will be drafted towards the end of January 2018 to provide advice of possible options. This piece of work was agreed prior to the funding flexibilities letter being sent. The exercise will be undertaken in a collaborative manor.</p> <p>Some questions from members included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What problem are we trying to solve by undertaking this piece of work</li> <li>• Should we be looking at inconsistencies e.g. where SP teams are currently based e.g. varying directorates etc.</li> <li>• There is already consistency in paperwork across Gwent invoice processes, monitoring</li> <li>• Some teams are very small and sustainability of these teams is a concern</li> <li>• Locality based structures flagged</li> <li>• Risks for providers if there is a push to commission large contracts etc</li> </ul> <p>➤ <b>Budget 2018 – 2019 Flexible Funding Letter; Full Flexibility Pathfinder Project and Extended Flexibility: 24th October 2017</b></p> <p>Covered under the above agenda item</p> <p>➤ <b>SPNAB Dev Session with RCC Chairs and Vice Chairs: 21st September 2017</b></p> <p>A development session was held with the RCC Chairs, Vice Chairs and RDCs on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017:</p> <p>Key messages from the meeting:</p> <p>The Cabinet Secretary for Communities and Children attended the meeting and the key themes which he discussed with the group were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The value of the Programme is recognized; public finances are under pressure and are expected to remain so in coming years, therefore it isn't possible to guarantee protection for any budget in the future.</li> <li>• In planning for the future we need to be creative to improve services, more integrated working with other programmes and services and the possibility of a Super Grant to cover a number of existing funding streams. The Cabinet Secretary wants the sector to engage in discussions on how this grant would develop and deliver for the people of Wales.</li> <li>• Taking forward the Well-being and Future Generations Act is a priority and should be used as a toolkit for change.</li> <li>• Planning for the long-term while coping with the short term financial pressures and looking to reduce bureaucracy is a priority.</li> </ul>	B
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	<p>The Cabinet Secretary advised he is considering the issue of a 2 year budget to help with longer term planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary told the group he was looking to them for ideas and views on how to deliver most effectively in the current constraints.</li> <li>• The Cabinet Secretary thanked everyone for their work in the sector.</li> <li>• The Finance and Research Group agreed to arrange a workshop to find innovative ways to deal with the financial pressures.</li> <li>• Presentations – The Board received two presentations first from Helen Northmore highlighting the changes to DWP work programmes and a second from Sophie Howe, Future Generations Commissioner for Wales, speaking about the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the importance of preventative services.</li> <li>• Wales Audit Office Review of the Supporting People Programme Report – the Board agreed to contribute to the development of an action plan for implementation of the recommendations, and it was agreed this would take place within the agenda for change outlined by the Cabinet Secretary.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>WG update: no representatives available to attend the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Welsh Government response to the WAO Report: The Welsh Governments Supporting People Programme</b></li> <li>➤ <b>SP Bulletin (September 2017) previously circulated 25th October 2017</b></li> </ul> <p>Public Accounts Committee: AH has been asked to attend for Gwent RCC to highlight the work undertaken by the Gwent RCC in relation to the Supporting People Programme; dates are currently being arranged with the Public Accounts Committee</p> <p>EW &amp; NS advised the Committee that they have been asked to attend to represent WLGA</p> <p>AL advised that under the cabinet reshuffle Supporting People has been placed under the Housing Portfolio.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Financial position against budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Quarter three outturn: <i>to note the next outturn is due to be submitted to Welsh Government on January 15<sup>th</sup> 2017</i></b></li> <li>➤ <b>Audit Certificate: <i>submitted to Welsh Government on September 30<sup>th</sup> 2017</i></b></li> </ul> <p>Both the above actions are to note for the minutes</p>	
6.	<p><b>RCC Development Day:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Work plan 2017 – 2019: <i>where we are, are we on track, rag rating etc.</i></li> </ul>	

	<p>The work plan was agreed</p> <p>IPC review of Care Leavers with Complex Needs work is still underway and report is nearly finalised and shortly due to be presented to the Children's &amp; Families Partnership Board</p> <p>SP Leads to review and RAG rate the RCC work plan and provide an update at the next RCC meeting</p> <p><b>Actions:</b></p> <p><b>Arrange for RCC Membership seat at the Housing Officer Group/ liaise with Chris York</b></p> <p><b>Provide update to the next RCC meeting on the IPC work to look at accommodation needs of Care Leavers with Complex Needs</b></p> <p><b>Arrange for SP Leads to review and RAG rate the RCC work plan at their next meeting</b></p> <p>➤ SWOT Analysis</p> <p>Agreed to arrange a one off meeting to review and correlate, a risk plan based on the SWOT, KD and CR volunteered to be part of group.</p> <p><b>Action: arrange review of SWOT with small group of Committee members</b></p> <p>➤ RCC Member meeting map</p> <p>Agreed that a descriptor of meeting/board or forum for members would be useful.</p> <p><b>Action: template to be circulated requesting descriptor of the meetings attended on the meetings map to be completed by RCC members</b></p>	<p>C</p> <p>D</p> <p>E</p> <p>F</p> <p>G</p>
7.	<p><b>Local Authority updates:</b></p> <p>➤ <i>Local authority quarterly reports</i></p> <p><b>Blaenau Gwent:</b> no further update to provide</p> <p><b>Caerphilly:</b> referrals have increased by 24% and this is due to implementation of welfare reform; lots of PIP and ESA appeals; one</p>	

	<p>provider providing this service is showing a huge increase in demand for their service and excellent results with 98% appeals won. Bond applications are low and decreasing could be due to difficulty in getting private landlords. LD assessments underway and due to be completed; difficulties with shared lives placements</p> <p><b>Action: SJ to meet and discuss difficulties of Shared Lives placements with AH and NN</b></p> <p><b>Monmouthshire:</b> lack of resource and capacity of team, due to staff sick leave. Positive actions have been agreed for next year. Most contracts end in March 2019, a review of what SP looks like from April 2019 to be undertaken and considered. There are currently 40+ contracts; to match current resource would be looking at only 10 contracts; some options being considered are lead contracts, North &amp; South, place based and potential for the Gateway to become referral route for a wider range of services. EH advised that MCC should consider and review lessons learnt from the development of the large Consortia Mental Health bid funded under ABUHB</p> <p><b>Newport:</b> similar figures to last years; another Financial Inclusion worker has just been recruited and they are very busy. They also have a couple of students, housing and social work student placement; who are looking at move on policy and strategy and are a useful additional resource for the team. Santander Internship scheme is currently being discussed. Rough sleeper intervention team have seen 45 people, with numbers of lone singles and couples rising. Additional funding to reconfigure day centre and extend running of night shelter is underway.</p> <p><b>Torfaen:</b> use of crisis services and referrals are high due to welfare reforms; waiting lists for generic services are rising; implementing and piloting demand led posts e.g. crisis work with people on the waiting list and immediate access arrangements</p>	H
8.	<p>Provider update: <i>verbal update</i></p> <p>The last Regional Provider Forum was held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>; a presentation and workshop on the refreshing of LD &amp; MH strategies, Karen Morgan is leading on this work; currently employed by Growing Spaces and aims to further link in with SP funded providers. Substance Misuse questionnaire that is due to be circulated in September was discussed SM questionnaire discussed. Outcomes Consultation discussed: most providers have submitted organisational responses.</p> <p>Landlord update: <i>verbal update:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Overview on LIN Cymru Symposium, which RH and JO: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Funding of supported housing: Rent restructuring and LHA arrangements</li> <li>▪ Building effective relationships within health and social care economies</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Housing with care service models and future demand</li> </ul> <p>Good news around LHA, Daryl Smith delivered presentation on new funding models for LHA, advised that future commitment to use LHA within Social Housing sector; proposal for 3 funding streams: sheltered housing and extra care, short term and transitional housing which will be devolved, with long term funding for sheltered housing to remain within the welfare system. Likely to be some differences in how this system is delivered in Wales compared to England. Implementation put back by 1 year. RO to stay on national steering group. Discussions around extra care: Ian Wilson senior researcher who put together a report on extra care for WG; report mainly advised that extra care has increased massively over the past 10 years and is providing good value for money</p> <p><b>Action: RH to circulate presentation and report from the LIN Cymru Symposium event if available</b></p> <p>The Committee were advised that the vacant position for Landlord representative meant that currently the RCC meeting is not quorate, currently being followed up with CHC</p>	I
9.	<p>Substance Misuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Area Planning Board development session</i></li> </ul> <p>NS and AL recently attended the above workshop session, facilitating questions on housing and support for the groups. Information from the event is currently being collated and will be shared with the RCC when available</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Substance Misuse questionnaire</i></li> </ul> <p>The Substance Misuse questionnaire was circulated to providers during early October and analysis of the information has been completed; this has been shared with the Substance Misuse Co-ordinator and a meeting is arranged to review the results in more detail</p> <p><b>Action: Provide update on the Substance Misuse review of questionnaire analysis to the next RCC meeting</b></p>	J
10.	<p><b>RDC progress</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <i>Quarterly update report</i></li> </ul> <p>Report provided to note in the minutes</p>	

11.	<p>Homeless Strategies Working Group</p> <p>➤ <i>Update from the group:</i></p> <p>Homelessness prevention funding focus, development of Regional Strategy for Gwent underway. National homelessness working group, Gwent Reps attending and currently has a focus on SP and concerned about future changes to the SP grant</p> <p>➤ <i>Gwent Regional Homelessness Strategy overview</i></p> <p><b>Chris York, Regional Research Officer:</b></p> <p>Gwent have agreed with WG to draft a regional strategy. Chris York is currently being hosted by Torfaen County Borough Council from Monmouthshire Housing Association on a 6 month secondment with a remit to produce a review and snapshot of 5 LAs and to use the information to produce a draft strategy and recommendations. CY is seconded to draft the regional Gwent Regional Homelessness Strategy to be completed and signed off by 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 18. Strategy will also include target hardening, rough sleeping. One Gwent wide stakeholder event to be held probably in February and will also be conversing with relevant stakeholders and partners</p> <p>CY gave an overview of the desktop review of the strategy to the committee and it was agreed that the RCC should work closely with CY and provide information as needed. It was agreed that the representation of RCC Members on the Officer Group should be arranged with Chris York.</p> <p><b>Action: Chris York to attend next RCC to provide update and Regional Provider Forum</b></p>	K
12.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>➤ <i>Overview of Older People`s Well-being and Housing Needs, for the Greater Gwent Health Social Care and Housing Forum</i></p> <p>JO updated the Committee to advise that currently two pieces of work were being undertaken:</p> <p>JO and specialist working on health and social care needs assessment for Usk and Prescoed Prisons; have spoken to workers who advise that biggest priority to success upon release is housing and feedback was received that Monmouthshire were doing an excellent job</p>	



	<p>Older peoples work: contribution that housing can make to health and well-being of OP in Gwent; driven by health, social care and housing forum; older population rising especially the very old; literature review of innovative housing options and solutions available; will be looking to work closely with colleagues through the RCC to take forward this work</p> <p><b>Action SP leads to send details to JO of contacts for housing strategy in each LA plus any other relevant documentation and reports</b></p> <p><i>Other updates:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CR undertaking review of council tax data and elderly people</li> <li>• Swansea policy report linking up with housing LIN in work. Innovative Aging report</li> <li>• Governance of SP in MCC report to be circulated to group and input requested</li> <li>• Tai Pawb asked to develop a toolkit around accessibility will be gathering information.</li> <li>• ICF funding agreed to scope crisis house models for mental health</li> </ul>	L
	<p>Date/time of forthcoming meetings: 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018, RCC 9.30am</p> <p><b>Committee Room 2/3, Civic Centre, Glantorfaen Road, Pontypool, NP4 6YB</b></p>	

### Gwent RCC: Meeting Actions

9:30 am – 13:00 pm, November 14th 2017

ACTION	AGENDA ITEM No	ACTION	COMPLETE D BY
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I	8	<b>RH to circulate presentation and report from the LIN Cymru Symposium event if available</b>	RH
J	9	<b>Provide update on the Substance Misuse review of questionnaire analysis to the next RCC meeting</b>	AL
K	11	<b>Chris York to attend next RCC to provide update and Regional Provider Forum</b>	AL
L	12	<b>SP leads to send details to JO of contacts for housing strategy in each LA plus any other relevant documentation and reports</b>	SP Leads