

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 20 January 2022

Subject **Regional Population Needs Assessment – Social Services and Wellbeing Act**

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The following people have been invited to attend for this item:

Invitee:	Area / Role / Subject
Phil Diamond	Service Manager – Gwent Regional Partnership Board
Sally Jenkins	Strategic Director – Social Services
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Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked:

- 1.1 To consider the content of the regional Population Needs Assessment and provide comments in relation to areas of need as part of the consultation period.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 As set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 local authorities and local Health Boards must produce one population assessment report per local government electoral cycle. The first regional Population Needs Assessment (PNA) was completed by the Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) in April 2016 and aligned to Wellbeing Assessment completed by Public Service Boards as required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act.
- 2.2 This PNA report will also align, integrate and cross reference the Gwent Wellbeing Assessment to avoid duplication and create a joint population wellbeing assessment for the region. As set out in Welsh Government's SSWB Act Part 2 Code of Practice, the population assessment

comprises of (1) an assessment of need the (2) range and level of services required. It will also jointly assess:

- the extent to which there are people in the area of assessment who need care and support
- the extent to which there are carers in the area of assessment who need support
- the extent to which there are people whose needs for care and support (or, in the case of carers, support) are not being met.

2.3 The voice of citizens, third sector partners and service providers are key to developing the PNA and the guidance on effective citizen engagement, set out in '*National participation Standards, Participation Cymru's National Principles for Public Engagement in Wales*' has been considered. Citizen voices have been included in each PNA section and coordinated through the regional Citizen Panel and Chair who sits on the RPB.

2.4 As part of the statutory duty placed on NCC, the PNA will have to be formally signed off by full council and the committee are being asked to provide formal consideration and comments prior to sign off. The PNA will need to be signed off by the 5 local authority full council and ABUHB board before March 31st 2022. The PNA has been developed in line with the regional Wellbeing Assessment under the regional Public Service Board to create synergy between the documents and avoid duplication; and this will also support joint action planning going forward between PSB and the Regional Partnership Board.

Previous Consideration of this item

2.5 The Population Needs Assessment was previously discussed at the Learning, Caring and Leisure Scrutiny Committee on 17 January 2017. The link to the Report and Minutes of the meeting is included in Section 6 of this report.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

3.1 The following appendices are attached:

Appendix 1: Gwent Regional Partnership Board Population Needs Assessment

Role of the Committee

The role of the Committee in considering the report is to:

- Consider the areas of need identified in each section and if there are any gaps.
- Consider the PNA alongside the regional Wellbeing Assessment and if there is sufficient collaboration and join up between the 2 regional assessments.

Section B – Supporting Information

4 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

Summarise how this report aligns with Council priorities – in particular the Corporate Plan and wellbeing objectives:

Well-being Objectives	Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment	Improve skills, educational outcomes & employment opportunities	Enable people to be healthy, independent & resilient	Build cohesive & sustainable communities
Corporate Plan Commitments	Thriving City	Aspirational People		Resilient Communities
Supporting Function	Modernised Council			

5 Impact Assessment:

- **Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act**
- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Socio-economic Duty**
- **Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

The council has a number of legislative responsibilities to assess the impact of any strategic decision, proposal or policy on people that may experience disadvantage or inequality.

5.1 Summary of impact – Wellbeing of Future Generation (Wales) Act

The PNA includes links to other supporting information such as the local Well-being Assessments required under the Well-being of Future Generations Act. This avoids duplication and creates a joint population wellbeing assessment for the region.

5.2 Summary of impact – Equality Act 2010

The report advises of the urgent need to improve the data collected on disability, to further improve equality for disabled people and increase emotional wellbeing within health and social care. Section 3 of the report covers Health/Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment, which also includes the key themes and policy areas involved.

5.3 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

The report addresses the danger that without action, worsening socio-economic inequalities will further concentrate the trend of declining health among the most disadvantaged.

5.4 Summary of impact – Welsh language

The report states the need to improve information available to the public, create more understanding of mental health and encourage people to talk to gain early support. It states how crucial it is to meet the needs of Welsh language and other accessible formats so mental health information is accessible to all.

6. **Background Papers**

- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)
- [Public Sector Equality Duty](#)
- [Welsh Language Measure 2015](#)
- [Minutes of Learning, Caring and Leisure Scrutiny Committee held on 17 January 2017](#)
- [Newport Well-being Profile 2021](#)

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