

Scrutiny Report



Performance Scrutiny Committee - Partnerships

Part 1

Date: 21st September 2022

Subject Regional Market Stability Report 2022-2055

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

| Invitee: | Area / Role / Subject |
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| Phil Diamond | Service Manager – Gwent Regional Partnership Board |
| Sally Jenkins | Strategic Director – Social Services |
| Mary Ryan | Head of Adult Services |

Section A – Committee Guidance and Recommendations

1 Recommendations to the Committee

The Committee is asked:

- 1.1 To consider the content of the regional Market Stability Report and provide comments in relation to its findings
- 1.2 As required under the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWBA) accept and agree the Market Stability Report for the local authority area.
- 1.3 The authority continues to engage with Regional Partnership Board (RPB) and support the development of the regional Area Plan, where actions will be identified setting out how priorities will be addressed.

2 Context

Background

- 2.1 Each Regional Partnership Board in Wales is required under Section 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 to publish a regional overview of the market stability of the commissioned services in that area.

- 2.2 This report takes an overview of the current position of the registered services in Gwent with a specific focus on the relative 'stability' of the services commissioned. This is known as a 'Market Stability Report' (MSR).
- 2.3 As set out in the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 local authorities and local Health Boards must produce one market stability report per local government every 3 years.
- 2.4 The voice of citizens, third sector partners and service providers have been key to the development of Regional MSR, as have been the close working and consultation with each of the commissioning bodies in Gwent.
- 2.4 As part of the statutory duty placed on Newport City Council, the MSR must be formally signed off by full council and the committee are asked to provide formal consideration and comments prior to sign off. The MSR must be signed off by the 5 local authorities' full councils and the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board before March 31st 2023.

Previous Consideration of this item

- 2.5 The Regional Market Stability Report has not previously been considered by the Performance Scrutiny Committee.

3 Information Submitted to the Committee

- 3.1 The following appendices are attached:

Appendix 1: Regional Market Stability Report 2022 - 2025

Role of the Committee

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

- Consider the content of the Regional Market Stability Report, comment on the findings and to consider if there are any gaps.
- Conclusions:
 - What was the overall conclusion on the information contained within the reports?
 - Is the Committee satisfied that it has had all of the relevant information to base a conclusion on the findings in the report?
 - Do the Committee wish to make any Comments / Recommendations to the Cabinet?

Section B – Supporting Information

4 Links to Council Policies and Priorities

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| 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 |
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| Corporate Plan Commitments | Thriving City | Aspirational People | Resilient Communities |
| Supporting Function | Modernised Council | | |

5 Impact Assessment:

- **Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014**
- **Equality Act 2010**
- **Socio-economic Duty**
- **Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

The council has several 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 MSR links closely to the Population Needs Assessment and Area Plan which in turn 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 stability of the social care market and highlights areas of challenge and improvement. This is particularly acute in workforce recruitment and retention. These challenges are being picked up at local, regional and national levels. They will also be further addressed in the Area Plan.

5.3 Summary of impact – Socio-economic Duty

The report addresses the danger that without action, worsening socio-economic inequalities may arise for those needing care and support. This will be further addressed in the Area Plan.

5.4 Summary of impact – Welsh language

The MSR Welsh language section picks up upon the actions identified and agreed by the Population Needs Assessment (PNA). The PNA 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

- [Gwent Population Needs Assessment \(PNA\)](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes for Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships meeting held on Thursday 20th January 2022 \(Gwent Population Needs Assessment \(PNA\)\)](#)
- [The Essentials - Wellbeing of Future Generation Act \(Wales\)](#)
- [Corporate Plan](#)
- [Socio-economic Duty Guidance](#)
- [Public Sector Equality Duty](#)
- [Welsh Language Measure 2015](#)