



AGENDA ITEM

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POPULATION HEALTH & PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE

Regional Partnership Board Update

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Report purpose	FOR NOTING

Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)

Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
		Choose an item.

ACRONYMS

CTM	Cwm Taf Morgannwg
RPB	Regional Partnership Board
RIF	Regional Integration Fund

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Part 9 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014) required local authorities and Local Health Boards (LHBs) to establish Regional Partnership Boards (RPBs) to manage and develop services to secure strategic planning and partnership working and to ensure effective services, care and support are in place to best meet the needs of their respective population.
- 1.2 There are a number of regional funding streams managed through the RPB governance structure. The Welsh Government published Guidance on the Health and Social Care Regional Integrated Fund (RIF) in December 2021. The Guidance sets out the objectives and priorities; conditions; governance requirements; and reporting arrangements for the Programme.
- 1.3 The RIF) is a 5-year revenue fund to deliver a programme of change from April 2022 to March 2027. The RIF builds on the learning and progress made under the previous Integrated Care Fund (ICF) and Transformation Fund (TF) and will seek to create sustainable system change through the integration of health and social care services.

Key features and values of the Fund include:

- A strong focus on prevention and early intervention
- Developing and embedding national models of integrated care
- Actively sharing learning across Wales through communities of practice
- Sustainable long-term resourcing to embed and mainstream new models of care
- Creation of long-term pooled fund arrangements

- Consistent investment in regional planning and partnership infrastructure
 - Tapered approach to investment, with partners expected to sustainably source match resources throughout the lifecycle of the fund, leading to ongoing investment at the end for the integrated national models of care.
- 1.4 A key focus for the RPB has been the development of the Regional Integration Fund (RIF) plan. The 2022/23 plan has been formally approved by RPB in a special meeting held on 4th March. Work is underway to further develop models for implementation.
- 1.5 The six models of care have been aligned under the RPB Governance structure against adult and children's boards, recognising some areas of crossover and an Integration Board, Chaired by the Health Board Chief Executive has been established to oversee further integration work and discussions are ongoing as to how best to take align Accelerated Cluster development and Urgent Care Improvement Board into coherent governance model.
- 1.6 All activity funded by the RIF must directly support development and delivery of the six national models of integrated care which are;
- Community based care – prevention and community coordination
 - Community based care – complex care closer to home
 - Promoting good emotional health and well-being
 - Supporting families to stay together safely, and therapeutic support for care experienced children
 - Home from hospital services
 - Accommodation based solutions

- 1.7 In addition to Revenue funding changes have been made to Partnership Capital arrangements. The current ICF capital programme ended on the 31st March 2022 with a new 4 year capital funding programme to begin from 1st April 22 as a successor to ICF 'Housing with Care' (HCF).
- 1.8 With national budget of **£60.5m** the funding will support Welsh Government's national Programme for Government's commitment to support innovative housing developments to meet care needs and commitments relating to strengthening the social services infrastructure, such as through the establishment of integrated health and care centres and community hubs.

The regional indicative capital allocation is **£8.729M**.

- 1.9 An outline of the 3 key priority objectives as capital schemes, eligible for HCF capital investment are:
- Objective 1 – Extra Care Schemes for older people and supported living accommodation for people with learning disabilities.
 - Objective 2 – residential care for children with complex needs and other intermediate short term care facilities
 - Objective 3 – small scale projects, refurbishment, equipment etc.

It is the intention to complete a Programme Plan and Objectives (PPOs) setting out the RPB's capital priorities over the next 4 years, which will be based on:

- Current housing supply, unmet needs against each priority group over next 3-5 years, demonstrating demographic pressures, changing population profile, eliminating the need for out of county placements/accommodation.
- RPB population needs assessments, area plans, Local Housing Market Assessments (LHMA) and admin data, to demonstrate need and to justify business case investment.
- PPOs are required within the draft guidance to be completed by end of March 2022, however WG have been advised this is an unrealistic timeframe, given the final guidance has not yet been issued.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION AND REBALANCING CAPITAL FUNDING (H&SC Int & Rebalance)

1.10 The funding will be focused on the development of integrated health and social care hubs and centres and to support rebalancing of the social care market.

1.11 The funding has two priority areas for investment to support 'A Healthier Wales' national objectives and the Programme for Government ambitions.

1.12 The fund will be £50M nationally in FY 22/23, increasing to £60M in FY 23/24 and £70M in FY 24/25. Based on the % allocation to Cwm Taf Morgannwg from the Housing with Care Allocation (of 14.42%), this could see the region receive a further **£7,210,000** in FY 22/23.

*Potential bidding process rather than set allocation

Priority 1 - Development of integrated health and social care hubs and centres

1.13 The Programme for Government commitment is to develop integrated health and social care community hubs and centres will provide opportunity to support the delivery of seamless services through creating local single points of access and co-location of staff and services delivering integrated care pathways.

1.14 The development of integrated hubs should be underpinned by the following principles:

- Co-location services to enable seamless delivery.
- A 'Hub and Spoke' network of integrated facilities.
- 'No wrong door' principle
- A graduated response
- Town Centre first
- Proportionate and planned investment
- Decarbonisation

1.15 Revenue resources to support the development and operation of co-located services through these integrated hubs will come from core statutory partners' resources and the new 5 year Regional Integration Fund. RPBs have already been guided to align their revenue and capital investment plans.

Priority 2 - Rebalancing the residential care market

1.16 The White Paper to rebalance care and support sets out Ministerial ambitions to rebalance the sector away from cost to quality, from outputs to outcomes, from profit towards social value and to eliminate private profit from the care of looked after children and young people which is also about rebalancing the sector.

1.17 Therefore, capital investment is needed to make this shift in the following ways:

- Investing in community settings/residential care premises to ensure they are able to meet individuals more complex needs closer to home i.e. nursing, allied health professional and intermediate care capacity.
- Support and incentivise local authorities and not for profit providers to grow in house provision – e.g. expansion of in house care homes (additional beds), upgrades to facilities to meet regulation to enable them to be re-registered as a not for profit provision.
- Support for local authorities to bring failing provision back under local government management.
- Increasing residential care capacity where there are identified gaps/shortages of provision.
- Support for smaller care homes to borrow resources for investment

2. Specific areas for consideration

2.1 Members are asked to:

2.2 Note the significant changes to historic Partnership funding programmes.

2.3 Note the opportunities to engage in new model development for both revenue and capital.

2.4 Note the RIF tapered funding model.

3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

3.1 The RIF is a tapered funding model. Partners expected to sustainably source match resources throughout the lifecycle of the fund, leading

to ongoing investment at the end for the integrated national models of care.

- 3.2 The level of match varies depending on where programmes of work are positioned between 10%, 30% and 50%.

Performance management and evaluation are key to supporting partners to make decisions on priorities and models of care. The Partnership resource should be used to realign core resources to ensure efficiencies and sustainability.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Staying Healthy
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.	
Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	Yes (Include further detail below) RIF tapered funding model partners will need to commit to sustaining successful models.
Link to Strategic Goals	Creating Health

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 The Committee are asked to **NOTE** the activities of the Regional Partnership Board.