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This issue takes a round up across a lot of things that are moving ahead as implementation of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act gets really underway. If 2016 was about implementation then 2017 is focused on delivery.

Population Needs Assessment – out now!

The PNA report has been written in draft – a major document, running to 70+ pages but with some key ‘bite size’ pieces to it. There are some ‘urban myths’ around the PNA, so it may be useful to set out clearly what can be expected:

- It is not an exhaustive list of graphical data, but it does include appendices where further data is included, and does include links to other supporting information (such as local Wellbeing Assessments required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act)
- It is based on the views of citizens and providers, with co-production as a core design principle – both groups helped identify the emerging areas of interest under each core theme.
- it does not take a ‘blank canvas’ approach – as there are a number of previously completed, and still



relevant needs assessments and market position statements out there with useful intelligence – so the PNA brings this information together.

- The chapters covering core themes in the PNA also include a list of suggested actions to be included in the regional Area Plan which follows after publication of the PNA. We know it is not exhaustive but a starting point – so do look at this to see what is being proposed – based very much on feedback to date.



Continued:

This PNA report now starts to go through formal approval process, to each local authority and ABUHB for their scrutiny, comment and sign off – starting with Newport at the end of January.

If you want to know more about the PNA process, then do please contact Phil Diamond on:

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Regional Provider forums – talking points



The November 2016 newsletter flagged up two regional provider workshops that went ahead on 23rd November at the New Cottage Dance Centre in Ystrad Mynach, and on 8th December at the Lysaght Institute in Newport. Both of these were well received, with topics covered including:

- Role of Social Care Wales (coming into being in April 2017)
- Wellbeing Outcomes (and national outcomes framework)
- Safeguarding (new responsibilities)
- Population Needs Assessment

The workshops also covered an overview of the SSWB Act, how to become more involved in the regional provider forum, and an opportunity to find out more about the Dewis citizen portal. Time

and opportunity was given for informal discussions and networking with some organisations bringing display stands.

70 people attended over the two half day events, from a wide spectrum of providers – in residential care, domiciliary care, third sector organisations, local authority staff and housing related organisations.

There was some good feedback on the day itself and immediately after, perhaps summed up by the comment sent later in the day by someone attending one morning:

‘I just wanted to thank you for the clear information you gave us this morning at the providers forum. I found the morning really useful, especially the workshops.’

To find out more about the regional provider forum meetings, please contact Claire Selmer on

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Safeguarding – and safe delivery!

The regional transformation team said farewell to Louisa Laurent, who has been the regional lead in relation to support for the Gwent Adult Safeguarding Board (GWASB), as she went on maternity leave on 15th December.

We were delighted to hear that Louisa was safely delivered of a baby boy, Oliver, on

27th December. Mother and baby are both doing well.

GWASB responsibility now continues under the joint business unit for Adult and Children's Safeguarding, hosted by Caerphilly. The business unit is headed by Melanie Roach, on:

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Model Partnership Agreement – joint commissioning of care home placements for older people



over 65, across health and social care. It further sets out an expectation for pooled budgets to support this.

As can be appreciated, this is quite a complex piece of work, and an important first step is to develop a Model Partnership Agreement (MPA). The Gwent region was selected by Wales Government and the National Commissioning Board (NCB) to be a pilot for this work. A task group has been set up, with representation and involvement from Heads of Service, finance, commissioning and legal services.

A tight time scale is in place for working with NCB and an external expert to get a draft agreement in place by early March 2017, with the aim for this to be taken out to workshops in each region of Wales – who will then need to develop their own specific regional arrangements for joint commissioning using the MPA as a basis.

For further information on the MPA timeframe, then please contact Mark Saunders on:

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The SSWB Act sets out, in Part 9, Partnership and Collaboration, a requirement for joint commissioning of care home placements for people

Dewis – new guidance available

The Dewis national citizen portal has been mentioned in previous regional newsletters, and the website is part of the header of this document. New services are being added week to week, and some dedicated resource has been commissioned from the third sector over a period of a few weeks to raise awareness and support organisations in 'putting up' their services. The aim is to get to 700 plus services on Dewis across the Gwent

region by early March 2017, ready for a public launch event.

Nationally, a new Dewis guidance document, drawing on regional experience, has been developed to support people in adding information about their resources.

For copies of this or further information, then do please contact David Williams on:

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Note: This newsletter is prepared by the Regional Transformation Team, who are hosted by Torfaen County Borough Council, on behalf of the Greater Gwent Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Partnership.