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1] Transformation Grant – High expectations!

The last regional newsletter set out how the Gwent region was responding to the Welsh Government in relation to a regional offer to take up Transformation Grant that was being made available as response to the document called 'A Healthier Wales: our Plan for Health and Social Care'.

The region was successful in application for all five proposed areas of work:

- A new model of prevention and wellbeing services, focusing on integrated wellbeing hubs at a GP cluster or neighbourhood care network (NCN).




Vaughan Gething AM and Huw Irranca Davies AM, Welsh Government at Serennau Children's Centre



- The development of primary and community care at the GP practice level.
- The development of a pan-Gwent 'Home First'; discharge (and admission prevention) service.
- The development of a Gwent wide integrated system of emotional and mental wellbeing for children and young people.
- A programme to support a Gwent 'wellbeing workforce', across health and social care.

To take this forward the region was awarded £13.4 million over 2 years, with a Ministerial announcement at the Serennau Centre in Newport on 8th November.

Work is now going ahead to start recruitment into some new roles to take forward this work, and to confirm reporting arrangements. It is clear that expectations are high to really make a difference – so there will be close scrutiny to see progress!

For further details, the lead officer is Emily Warren - Head of Planning (Partnerships) at ABUHB -  e-mail: Emily.Warren2@wales.nhs.uk

2] Home First - A part of the regional transformation approach

As mentioned above, one of the five transformation areas of work is the Home First service, to reduce hospital admissions and also make sure people don't stay in hospital any longer than they need.


The service started at Nevill Hall Hospital in October and in the Royal Gwent Hospital in November. It runs seven days a week, currently from 8.30am to 5.00pm (although this may be extended based on evidence of need to 8.00pm).

The aim is that the 'what matters to you' approach is taken, with assessors based at the hospital working across organisational boundaries, being

readily identifiable through wearing canary yellow polo shirts. Assessors look to assess someone within 1 hour of referral and discharge within 4 hours.

For the period from start on 5th October (at Nevill Hall) to week of 18th November, there were 123 referrals of which 83 were fit for discharge and 60 were actually discharged.

Carer and citizen feedback has been positive and more work is being done to raise the profile of this new service.

For more information, contact Mel Laidler of ABUHB at:  e-mail: Melanie.Laidler@wales.nhs.uk

3] Billy the Super Hero

- Inspiring children to work in care

Recruiting the care and support workers of the future has been recognised as a regional priority for the Regional Partnership Board, and a great initiative has been taken forward in the region.

Pupils from a Torfaen primary school have helped produce a book aimed at inspiring children to become the health and social care workers of the future. Blenheim Road Community Primary School pupils have worked with the Gwent Regional Partnership, Aneurin Bevan Health Board and Petra Publishing to produce the book, Billy the Superhero. The story was developed by Year 6 pupils with support from storyteller, Mike Church from Petra publishing company.

Billy is a young boy who loves superheroes and is inspired to become a doctor after seeing the way health and social care professionals cared for his Nan.



As part of the project, professionals from the health and social care sector (nurse, occupational therapists and a home carer) visited the pupils to talk about their roles and help inspire the children and the story.



Tanya Strange, Associate Director of Nursing at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board, said: "In 2017, an inquiry into loneliness and isolation recognised the benefits of intergenerational contact. Over the past year, the Health Board and its partners in Gwent have worked together to increase intergenerational activity through an agreed strategy, which was launched in December 2018."

"Children exposed to experiential learning are now expressing a wish to work in the caring sector. This book hopes to introduce the topic of health and social care to children, encourage them to reach their potential and spark their interest in pursuing careers in the NHS."

Through Billy's story, the book introduces the topic of health and social care to children with the aim of sparking an interest in it as a rewarding career. The book will be made available to every primary school, library and GP practice in Gwent.

If you can help through any links with schools or GP practices then please do get in touch – through Chris Hooper

 e-mail: chris.hooper@torfaen.gov.uk

4] Regional Carers Event

Informal carers play a vital role in caring for their relatives and friends, but often may be unaware of what help or information may be out there to support them in roles that they may not even recognise as being 'carers'.

To help raise awareness, and to recognise the great work that carers do, a regional carers event was held at the Riverfront Theatre on 22nd November. This was timed to coincide with the National 'Carers Rights' week and saw a steady flow of people – of all ages – visit a range of stands from support organisations as well as the chance for some massage and manicure sessions kindly provided by students from Coleg Gwent. Some sixty plus came along, from ages 25 to 80.

Organisations in attendance included:

Carers Wales, ABUHB Carers Partnership, Care & Repair, Citizen's Advice Bureau, My Mates, Gwent Drug & Alcohol Service – overall some 14 groups and organisations. There were also 'drop in' sessions covering Advocacy support, applying for Disabled Facilities Grants, becoming a Dementia Friend, and Mindfulness.

The event was very well received and was perhaps summed up by the feedback from one carer:

"I have learnt more today than I ever have about caring. Great event and look forward to future events."




Information stands and pampering session at Riverfront Theatre, 22nd November 2018.

5] Regional recruitment and retention events

A programme of regional recruitment events is continuing, following on from the Expo in July 2018, and an event at Caerphilly Library on Wednesday 24th October.

The next event is in Blaenau Gwent on 29th January, and as before there will be stands from a variety of care providers who are actively recruiting.

If you know of organisations that are looking to recruit staff in health and social care then do let us know, as we can look to put the word out across the region.

If you are interested in hosting a recruitment event, then we would like to hear from you. More details from:  e-mail: Chris Hooper: chris.hooper@torfaen.gov.uk



Become a part of our well-being work force!

Come along to our **live vacancy event**
Guaranteed job vacancies in health and social care

10:00am to 1:00pm, Tuesday 29th of January 2019
Blaenau Gwent Learning Zone,
Coleg Gwent Ebbw Vale, Lime Avenue NP23 6GL

Logos for: Newport Council, Monmouthshire Council, Blaenau Gwent Council, Torfaen Council, Caerphilly Council, Dewis Cymru, GIG NHS, and Gwent Health Board.

To find vacancies near you visit local authority websites. You can also look up local care providers on the DEWIS Cymru website: www.dewis.wales

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6] Keeping in touch - opportunities in Health and Social Care



Just a reminder of the regional Facebook page to highlight information as to job opportunities in health and social care.

The link is: <https://bit.ly/2kQlct7>

Please take the opportunity to follow and like the page and if you wish for us to signpost vacancies or share positive news and stories about work you have completed then please either message through Facebook or  e-mail: Chris Hooper – chris.hooper@torfaen.gov.uk directly.

7] Integrated Care Fund

- More money to Gwent

Previous regional newsletters have mentioned the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) and some of the projects have been highlighted. In this newsletter it may be helpful to highlight how ICF has developed, how it breaks down, and importantly – the time frames to submit new proposals or suggestions.

During 2018-19 the Integrated Care Fund has significantly grown to become 3 substantive and defined funding streams; ICF Revenue, ICF Dementia Revenue and ICF Capital.

Welsh Government then announced new elements of funding in late 2018, with a new allocation of £15m across Wales targeted to early intervention and support to children and their families, plus additional £10million towards older people and £5million (both Wales wide) to those with learning disabilities, children with complex needs and carers.

Correspondence from them in mid-December 2018 confirmed revenue funding allocations for 2019-20 for the Gwent region as:

Defined area of support	Allocation (£m)
Older people with complex needs, including dementia	7.162
People with learning disabilities, children with complex needs and carers	3.826
Early intervention and support to children & their families	2.870
Integrated Autism Service	0.458
Dementia funding (held centrally by WG)	1.722
Total	16.038

Regions are required to take forward a thorough evaluation of projects to ensure that key lessons can be learned and shared, and that successful models can be enhanced, accelerated and/or maintained.

Evaluation will be required to look at four key areas:

- **Impact** – What difference has a project made?
- **Process** – How has integration, co-production and social value been met?
- **Economic** – What are the cost benefits/costs avoided?
- **Qualitative** – What are the experiences of users, staff and communities?

There is also ICF capital allocation to the region, on a three year basis. This is divided into 'Main Capital Schemes' (over £100,000 and potentially over more than one year) and 'Discretionary Capital Programme' (under £100,000 and to be just in one year).

The Gwent allocations are as follows:			
YEAR	Main capital (75% or greater)	Discretionary capital (up to 25%)	Total
2018-19	£4,168,500	£1,389,500	£5,558,000
2019-20	£4,863,000	£1,621,000	£6,484,000
2020-21	£5,557,500	£1,852,500	£7,410,000

There is a clear process in the region, for proposals and suggestions to go to one or other of the five integrated strategic partnerships to gain approval, confirming fit to strategic priorities. These are then considered and prioritised by the RPB, for final approval. The revised planning cycle is set out below:

DRAFT Revised Business Cycle 2018-19	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR
2018-19 slippage schemes confirmed	30th RLG				
2019-20 Indicative Budget Plans	30th RLG				
Development of ICF Capital strategic needs					
2019-20 ICF Funding confirmed by WG					
Development of proposals against strategic priorities					
Consideration and Prioritisation of proposals by Strategic Partnerships					
RPB consider supported schemes and investment plans, including reserve schemes					7th RPB
Submission of confirmed investment plans to Welsh Government					

The aim therefore is that organisations know if funding has been approved before the start of the financial year, so as to be able to take forward planning and any recruitment needed.

For further information on the ICF funding streams or process, then contact the ICF Programme Manager, Roxanne Green, at Roxanne.Green@wales.nhs.uk

8] Dementia Friends – going from strength to strength!



Pupils from St Joseph's, Griffithstown and Idris Davis with residents at Woffington House.

Awareness training for people across Gwent to become Dementia Friends is now rolling out to schools in the region – and is a great opportunity for inter-generational links to be made.

Pupils from Blaenau Gwent took this forward with residents at Woffington House – and it was a positive experience all round.

9] Getting Your Views!

Has this regional newsletter been useful for you? We need your views going forward – so please take the opportunity to tell us what you think.

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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 Gwent Regional Partnership Board.