

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template	
Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	8 th March 2022
Subject:	North Wales Population Needs Assessment (PNA) Draft Report 2022
Purpose of Report:	To receive comments and suggestions for any improvements on the final draft of the PNA
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1 - Recommendation/s

Recommendations

- a) That the Committee supports the North Wales Population Needs Assessment 2022.

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

The work undertaken by Social Services links to each of the three objectives stated within the Isle of Anglesey Plan 2017/2022, and will assist in shaping the next replacement Plan which is currently being developed.

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen].

The Report has considered both individual and community, as its foundation for the future provision of our services across the Health and Social Care Sector ensuring that our peoples needs are met sufficiently. The report includes a separate appendix outlining the extensive consultation carried out across the region to support the content of the final report.

3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]

The final report will feed into the next stage – the Market Stability Report, which will be drafted over the next few months.

3.3 A look at any risks **[focus on risk]****3.4** Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role **[focus on performance & quality]****3.5** Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[focus on wellbeing]

The report has been compiled as a collaborative document across the North Wales Region, and will assist in developing the future pathway for our services across the region.

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

It is recommended that members consider:

4.1 Does the Report adequately reflect the population needs across north Wales?

4.2 What is the purpose of the Population Needs Assessment and what plans are in place to use the Assessment in planning future services?

4.3 To what extent is the information gathered a fair reflection of the care and support needs assessment of the population on Ynys Môn?

4.4 What is the relationship between the Population Needs Assessment and the Well-being Assessment by the Public Services Board?

5 – Background / Context

Purpose:

To provide an overview of the North Wales Population Needs Assessment 2022 which has been produced as a requirement of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Background:

Section 14 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014) requires local authorities and health boards to jointly assess:

- a) The extent to which there are people in a local authority's area who need care and support
- b) The extent to which there are carers in the local authority's area who need support
- c) The extent to which there are people in a local authority's area whose needs for care and support are not being met
- d) The range and level of services required to meet the care and support needs of people in the local authority's area
- e) The range and level of services required to achieve the purposes in Section 15(2) (preventative services) in the local authority area
- f) The actions required to provide the range and level of services identified in accordance with paragraphs (d) and (e) through the medium of Welsh

The report must cover as a minimum the following themes / groups:

- Children and young people
- Older People
- Health, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment
- Learning Disabilities (Children and Adults)
- Autism
- Mental Health
- Carers

Within the assessment regard has also been given for secure estate, homelessness and veterans. The assessment has been guided by the requirements set out in the code of practice for population needs assessment and has given due regard to other duties and policies that have a significant impact on the groups listed. Each chapter contains an assessment of;

- The Welsh language (the 'active offer')
- Equalities and Human Rights
- Socio-economic considerations
- Impact of COVID-19 pandemic
- Safeguarding considerations
- Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence
- Social Value

The population assessment report was engagement led. The key issues and themes identified are based on feedback from staff, partner organisations, service users and the general public to identify strategic needs for care and support. This included information from existing commissioning strategies and needs assessments. The project team collected evidence to challenge these hypotheses through data analysis, background literature reviews, service reviews and additional focussed local engagement work.

The requirement to produce an accessible, regional report in a short timescale has limited what can be included. The report provides an evidence base to support organisations and services across the region, specifically it is to be used for strategic planning cycles underpinning the integration of services and support partnership arrangements.

The report takes a regional focus but will be a useful tool for planners and commissioners in local authorities and health. There is still a need for a local vision and plan for services in each area. Going forward the partnership would seek to continue the work of the needs assessment to ensure that assessing the needs of our populations is an ongoing process.

A single regional report must be produced for the North Wales Region and be approved by Full Council for each of the local authority areas (Gwynedd, Ynys Mon, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire and Wrexham) and the Board of the Local Health Board.

The report must be published no later than April 2022. The report will be published on all local authority websites, the health board website and the regional partnership website in both English and Welsh. Summary reports, children and young people and other accessible formats will also be made available. A copy of the report will be submitted to Welsh Ministers.

What consultations have been carried out?

The North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services Improvement Collaborative set up a regional steering group to lead the work for the technical, engagement, data and other theme-based groups to lead on specific tasks. Membership of the groups is from each North Wales local authority, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB), Public Health Wales and other parties with an interest in the needs assessment such as officers for the PSBs. A governance structure is attached in appendix 1.

Engagement for the population assessment included: a questionnaire for organisations that asks for their views and evidence; a facilitator's guide for partners to use to run discussion groups with service users; workshops with staff and councillors organised by each local authority. A total of 350 questionnaire responses were received during the consultation, the feedback received is included within the needs assessment. A full consultation report is also available and is appended to the main report.

A stakeholder map has been produced and reviewed listing all the population groups who may need care and support services to ensure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to have their say. This includes engagement with hard to reach groups.

A copy of the Consolation Report can be found in the Appendix.

How does the decision contribute to the corporate priorities?

The population needs assessment contributes to regional and local level strategic planning cycles, consequently this will support the local authorities corporate priorities that are linked to the health and social care needs of its resident population.

In addition to the requirement to assess the care and support needs of the population there is a further requirement for local authorities and health boards to assess the sufficiency of the care and support provide to meet the needs of the population in the form of a Market Stability Report. This includes an assessment of the stability of the market for regulated care and support services. Following the publication of the population needs assessment a market stability report will be prepared and published in 2022.

A Well-being Assessment must be produced as a requirement of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 by each Public Service Board in a similar timescale to the Population Assessment. The population assessment considered the care and support needs of the population while the Well-being Assessment covers prosperity, health, resilience, equality, vibrant culture, global responsibility and cohesive communities. There is overlap between the two so the project team for the population needs assessment are liaising with officers for the PSBs about the progress of the needs assessment and Well-being assessments and sharing information where necessary.

The next phase of the project will involve using the population assessment to develop an area plan for the region. Future work on the area plan may involve further research and consultation to explore priority areas in more depth before agreeing which areas to prioritise for regional work. The area plan is to be developed and published in 2023.

Resource implications / Chief Finance Officer Statement

The North Wales Social Care and Wellbeing Services Improvement Collaborative has funded the regional project which has included 2 x regional project managers to support the development of the population needs assessment. Associated costs, such as translation and for specialist engagement was also funded by the partnership.

There has been a cost to the local authorities, BCUHB and Public Health Wales in staff time and resource to support the project. This includes staff to carry out engagement work with the public, service users, staff and elected members and staff to support the analysis and writing of the report. The majority of this work took place between April 2021 and December 2021 for the population needs assessment.

Going forward the population needs assessment will identify regional and local priorities, it may be the case that these priorities require some level of investment at either regional or local level.

Risks and Impact Assessment

It will not be possible gain approval from all six councils and the Board of BCUHB in time to publish by April 2022. To mitigate the project team, aim consult as widely as possible before the approval process.

Anglesey Timetable

It is proposed that the report is shared with the following committees:

Senior Leadership Team - 28/2/22

Corporate Scrutiny Committee - 8/3/22

Executive Committee – 9/3/22

Full Council - 11/3/22

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

Not Applicable.

Welsh Government have removed the requirement for an EQIA on the needs assessment as a report in itself. The needs assessment is inclusive of equalities, human rights and socio-economic analysis and research pertaining to each of the groups included within the needs assessment.

6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

Yes, one of the aims of the report.

6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

Yes, one of the aims of the report.

6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

Considered within the report.

7 – Financial Implications

As stated above (5 - Resource implications / Chief Finance Officer Statement).

8 – Appendices:

Copy of Draft Report



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9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014: Code of Practice
<http://www.ccwales.org.uk/codes-of-practice-and-statutory-guidance/>