

Isle of Anglesey County Council	
Report to:	Executive Committee
Date:	9th March 2022
Subject:	North Wales Population Needs Assessment Draft Report 2022
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Local Members:	

A –Recommendation/s and reason/s

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.

Purpose of report:

1. To seek Full Council support for the approval of the North Wales Population Needs Assessment.
2. The assessment must be produced and published in the form of a report by April 2022.

Recommendation

That Full Council approve the North Wales Population Needs Assessment 2022.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?

C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

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Ch – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Yes – and in line with Section 14 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014) , which requires local authorities and health boards to produce an assessment report.

D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?

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.

Dd – Assessing the potential impact (if relevant):

1	How does this decision impact on our long term needs as an Island?	Yes, the report asses: 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
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Dd – Assessing the potential impact (if relevant):		
2	Is this a decision which it is envisaged will prevent future costs / dependencies on the Authority? If so, how?	This will be followed up by the Market Stability Report, produced later in the year.
3	Have we been working collaboratively with other organisations to come to this decision? If so, please advise whom.	Yes – regionally across North Wales with other LAs and Health colleagues.
4	Have Anglesey citizens played a part in drafting this way forward, including those directly affected by the decision? Please explain how.	<p>Yes. 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
5	Note any potential impact that this decision would have on the groups protected under the Equality Act 2010.	<p>That 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
6	If this is a strategic decision, note any potential impact that the decision would have on those	

Dd – Assessing the potential impact (if relevant):





	experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.	
7	Note any potential impact that this decision would have on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.	The actions required to provide the range and level of services through the medium of Welsh.

E – Who did you consult?

What did they say?

1	Chief Executive / Senior Leadership Team (SLT) (mandatory)	Agreed
2	Finance / Section 151 (mandatory)	As above
3	Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	As above
4	Human Resources (HR)	N/A
5	Property	N/A
6	Information Communication Technology (ICT)	N/A
7	Procurement	N/A
8	Scrutiny	
9	Local Members	

F - Appendices:

 3c. PNA Consultation Report	 3a. Population Needs Assessment F	 North Wales Population Assessm
 PNA Ynys Mon Final.docx		

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

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.

Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014: Code of Practice:

<http://www.ccwales.org.uk/codes-of-practice-and-statutory-guidance/>