

Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Planning Group meeting

8 February 2022, 10am-11.30am

Notes

Attendees

- Helene Hayes, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Amy Dutton, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Gwennan Hardy, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Rebecca Woolley, Citizens Advice Cymru
- Donna Coyle, Wales Coop Centre
- Dan Roberts, Wales Coop Centre
- Catrin Edwards, Carers Trust
- Christopher Williams, Age Cymru
- Helen Smith, St Johns Wales
- Claire Morgan, Carers Wales
- Kate Griffiths, Red Cross
- Kate Young, All Wales Forum
- Sarah Roche, RVS
- Lewis Clark, Ty Hafan
- Wynne Roberts, Interfaith Council
- Ross Evans, Kidney Wales
- Roxanne Treacy, Coproduction Network
- Thomas Davies, Macmillan
- Tracey Jones, Age Connects Torfaen
- Sean O'Neill, Children in Wales
- David Dawkins, CTA UK
- Vivienne Laing, NSPCC Wales
- Shelley Davies, Welsh Government
- Dave Cook, WCVA
- Judith Stone, WCVA
- Suzanne Mollison, WCVA

Relationships between health and advice

Rebecca and Gwennan gave Citizen Advice's presentation on the impact of advice issues on health and care services.

Group noted the importance of CAB to work with the public sector, and having services available at point of need – e.g. surgeries.

Kate suggested this presentation should be seen by the Disability Equality Taskforce, the National Framework for Health and Social Care Technical Group, the new citizen voice group, and the new group for the proposed National Care Service.

Actions

- *Kate to email Rebecca with contacts and further details for the above groups.*
- *WCVA to circulate CAB's presentation to group.*

Updates from strategic groups

The Foundational Economy Ministerial Advisory Group is no more.

Adrian Roper is founder of a new organisation, the Foundational Economy Alliance Wales. It is chaired by Professor Karel Williams.

Rebecca spoke about the Building A Healthier Wales group. The sector is involved in this group through an advisory group, chaired by Rebecca. The group focuses on free school meals and the childcare offer. She is keen to hear suggestions on doing this work better.

Kate noted the National Partnership Board for Social Services has been disbanded and replaced with the Planning and Recovery Group, chaired by Albert Heaney. This group is focused on the impact of care provision and the vaccination programme. It will soon be superseded by the National Framework for Health and Social Care. There will be a consultation, then a technical group on shaping the National Framework. The Plaid/Labour agreement on the National Care Service may impact this work. There will be technical groups around the framework covering engagement and voice; governance and scrutiny; integrated service delivery; planning and performance; and rebalancing the social care market.

Andy Glyde is happy to continue as sector representative on the Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales implementation board, if the group is happy with this arrangement.

Actions

- *Anyone wishing to be involved in one of the technical groups should contact Kate or Judith.*
- *Anyone sitting on a national group in the field of health or social care, please email Dave with details.*
- *Anyone interested in replacing Andy on the Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales board should email Dave.*

Recap and actions from recent Ministerial Meeting

An action remains for Clair to put together a paper for Welsh Government mapping local and regional voluntary sector health and social care infrastructure, and the role of CVCs.

The action to share case studies is complete.

Group discussed the action around the Minister's proposal. She had noted views that infrastructure around RPBs/PSBs/the ICF is clunky and takes too long to get decisions. How can the sector make it better? Kate asked group to think about any examples or experiences, particularly during the pandemic, that could be used to permanently speed things up, or if anything has been removed or introduced that made a difference. The Group were also asked to highlight things that were working well or where substantial progress has been made.

Action

- *Group to email Judith and Dave examples of things that are working well and ideas of how to speed up RPB processes by end of March 2022.*

National safeguarding standards

Suzanne spoke about the National Safeguarding Training Framework, which outlines what people need to know about safeguarding from basic to high levels. Training modules are available for Level 1 training through the NHS Wales Portal.

She spoke about Group E level, which has wide oversight of services and is able to guide organisations in safeguarding matters. No-one of this level has been tasked to speak with the voluntary sector. She asked if anyone in the group is of this level.

Actions

- *WCVA to circulate description and brief of Group E to group. Wynne to pass these papers to faith groups.*
- *Anyone who feels they have the relevant experience should contact Suzanne directly: smollisson@wcva.cymru*

Update on National Third Sector Health and Social Care Manager post

Judith noted this post has been advertised and encouraged members to share the vacancy widely.

Items for May 22 group meeting

Speakers suggested included Sarah Lusty of the Rebalancing Care Technical Group; Rhian Davies of the Disability Equality Taskforce; Chris Johnes of the Citizens Voice Body; Matt Jenkins of Welsh Government on funding related to winter pressures; Adrian Roper on the Foundational Economy Alliance Wales.

Actions

- *WCVA to source speakers for future meetings. Disability Equality Taskforce highlighted as priority for the May meeting.*

Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund guidance

Shelley Davies commented that RPBs have had guidance for a while, but it will be published this week. Where there is a match funding requirement, that sits with statutory bodies. It will not be a prerequisite for voluntary sector organisations, but those that are able to access resources will be supported to bring match funding where they can. The aim of the fund is that by Year 5 there will be six models of care fully embedded. After this, there is hopefully a 50-50 legacy fund, giving 50% of cost of service as a recurrent fund. Community assets and other non-cash assets count towards

match funding. She emphasised that the sector are equal partners in RPBs, and where this feels as if this isn't the case, the sector should question RPB leads and their sector representatives.

Action

- *WCVA to liaise with Shelley about a meeting/workshop between the group and RPB leads.*