

Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Planning Group meeting

Thursday December 1 2022, 10am-12pm

Notes

Attendees

- Gemma Lelliot, CTA UK
- Chris Williams, Age Alliance Cymru
- Jas Bains, Hafod
- Debbie Shaffer, Fair Treatment for Women in Wales
- Tracy Jones, Ty Hafan
- Dan Roberts, Cwmpas
- Claire Williams, VAMT
- Stephen Thomas, Care and Repair
- Simon Jones, Mind Cymru
- Natasha Wynne, Marie Curie
- Rebecca Cicero, Social Care Wales
- Catrin Edwards, Carers Trust
- Deborah Paramore, Welsh Government
- Dafydd Evans, Welsh Government
- Judith Stone, WCVA
- Johanna Davies, WCVA
- Fiona Liddell, WCVA
- David Cook, WCVA

Presentation – the Compassionate Leadership Programme.

Rebecca Cicero, Social Care Wales, gave a presentation on the Programme. The Programme supports senior leaders to share good practice; develop a shared understanding of compassionate leadership; nurture relationships across senior leader roles and use peer support for collective benefits.

The Programme's first cohort will be free. Afterwards it will cost an affordable fee. There are around 15 places for the first cohort. The aim is for the first cohort to involve a blend of managers in the public and third sectors.

Action: Share Rebecca's presentation with the group and CVC Health and Social Care facilitators.

Discussion – Procurement of healthcare services in Wales

Dafydd Evans, Welsh Government, introduced the discussion. He said that Welsh Government is reviewing how it procures health services given that this process looks likely to change in England. Wales will join the Procurement Reform Bill, but UK Government's Department of Health and Social Care want health services to be exempt from this Bill. Instead, a collaborative process called the Provider Selection

Regime will be introduced. NHS Wales is concerned this could alter a level playing field, and that providers may think Wales looks less attractive if they have to jump through more hoops than in England. Dafydd's team is considering the need for Welsh Minister to have powers to do something similar to the Provider Selection Regime if they wanted to.

Debbie said that reduced processes and costs would open up space to more and new providers, but there were risks around transparency. Fiona suggested the sector should be involved in helping decide who the right healthcare providers are. Jo noted the push towards collaboration within the Regional Integrated Framework. Simon said this was a chance to discuss what the voluntary sector should be doing instead of the public sector, with a streamlined commissioning process and longer-term contracts. Judith noted WCVA's work in gathering data on the sector's presence in health and social care.

Action: Group members to send further comments on this subject to Dafydd: Dafydd.evans001@gov.wales.

Papers on the value of 1) volunteering and 2) the voluntary sector.

Fiona noted that the Value and values of volunteering paper is the one that has been published. The other paper is still being worked on.

Fiona gave a presentation on how volunteering is becoming more embedded in health and social care, with a published framework. She identified development priorities such as growing the evidence base, embedding and supporting volunteer, and developing organisational cultures that support volunteering. Changes are needed around planning models recognising social value achieved by involving volunteers, new ways of working, proportionate governance and evaluation and maximised partnership working.

Regarding the other paper – this will include the role of the voluntary sector within the health and social care infrastructure and more on what the future could look like. A draft will be ready by the end of March.

Debbie noted concerns around volunteers being described as part of the workforce, and that this has occurred in Welsh Government documents too. Fiona said this is a recognition that health and care are not only delivered by public sector professionals, but also the voluntary sector, volunteers, citizens and carers. She gave the example of the Powys Workforce Strategy, which includes paid staff and volunteers within an integrated workforce planning framework.

The National Framework for Care and Support. Johanna Davies, WCVA Head of Health and Social Care Infrastructure Project

Jo noted that the recommendations of the sub-groups feeding into the framework are not yet available. There will be a further announcement from Welsh Government sometime over the New Year.

Discussion – the National Care Service Report

The Expert Group on National Care and Support Service has published its report. The NCS is part of Welsh Government's Cooperation Agreement with Plaid Cymru. Two recommendations are particularly relevant to the sector: 66, about all partners recognising the relationship between the paid care workforce, carers and volunteers; and 72, about the sector being enabled to codesign future services and support functions. A phased delivery plan across ten years is recommended.

Judith suggested we need a SWOT analysis for the sector on the recommendations. Natasha said she will share any insight from Scottish Marie Curie colleagues.

Previous minutes

Action: Chase Matt Jenkins at Welsh Government re Investment Plans for RPBs.

Recap of previous Ministerial Meeting and next steps

To be returned to at next meeting.

Next group meeting: Wednesday 8 March 2023, 9.30am-11.30am