

10. Inquiry into Local Approaches to poverty reduction: The Well-Being of Future Generations Act and public service boards

Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board - Response

1. Examine how public service boards (PSBs) are targeting improvements to public services in Wales's most deprived communities

At this stage of development, the Well-being Plan is targeting improvements at a county level. More detailed work is taking place as part of the development of the plan.

2. a. Assess the quality of evidence used by PSBs in the development of their local Well-Being Plans in relation to the needs and experiences of people living in poverty

Partners on the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board have worked together on developing a Well-being Assessment for the area, which is available to view online [here](#). We have taken this joint approach to ensure that the assessment is shaped using the expertise, knowledge and insight of all the Public Services Board partners.

The assessment seeks to capture the strengths and positives of its people and communities. It also seeks to describe the challenges and opportunities faced both now and in the future. The Well-being Assessment has been informed by data, national and local research and engagement feedback.

There is a chapter within the well-being assessment which specifically looks at tackling poverty and deprivation - <http://conwyanddenbighshirelsb.org.uk/en/home/english-wellbeing-assessment/english-poverty-and-deprivation/>

b. how PSBs are approaching the impending demise of Communities First

Community First leads for both Conwy and Denbighshire attended a PSB meeting in July 2017 to provide the Board with an update on the transition from Communities First to the new Welsh Government Employability programme. Initial discussions also took place on the proposed Communities First Legacy projects for April 2018 onwards.

The Board have requested that they are kept informed of future transitional arrangements.

3. Consider how PSBs are specifically addressing rural poverty as part of the development of their Well-Being plans

As previously stated, at this stage of development, the Well-being Plan is targeting improvements at county level.

However the Well-being Assessment highlighted the types of poverty and challenges that rural community's face (e.g. fuel poverty, access to services, depopulation, etc.).

4. **Explore and understand the experiences of organisations (public, private and third-sector) and individuals in the development of well-being plans and the potential impact of greater regional working in the future**

During the development of the well-being plan, the Conwy & Denbighshire PSB took into consideration the work of other regional and local partnerships. Please see appendix 1.

The board also took into consideration the corporate priorities of partner organisations to identify areas of greatest collaboration. Please see appendix 2.