

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	10th February 2022
Lead Member / Officer	Cllr Bobby Feeley / Cllr Huw Hilditch-Roberts / Ann Lloyd / Rhian Morrle
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Title	Regional Population Needs Assessment 2022

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. The North Wales Regional Population Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022, is required by the Social Services and Well-Being (Wales) 2014 Act and the Care and Support (Area Planning) (Wales) Regulations.
- 1.2. The first Population Needs Assessment was published in 2017 and has been used as the basis for this latest document.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. A recommendation is required on approval of the North Wales Regional Population Needs Assessment.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. To discuss, comment and recommend the publishing of the North Wales Regional Population Needs Assessment.

4. Report details

- 4.1. The North Wales PNA (Appendix 1) has been undertaken as a joint exercise by the six Local Authorities, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and Public Health Wales. The PNA aims to improve our understanding of the population across North Wales and how their needs will evolve and change over the coming years.

- 4.2. The PNA will:- identify the care and support needs across North Wales; identify the services that are available to meet those needs; and identify any gaps / unmet needs and actions required.
- 4.3. Some of the data that has been used to inform the PNA is out of date, e.g. Census data has been used from the 2011 Census as the 2021 data will not be released to meet the timescales in which Welsh Government require the Regional PNA to be published. The PNA will be updated with the relevant data as it becomes available over this 5-year cycle of the PNA.
- 4.4. The assessment is the basis on which the Regional Partnership Board should make decisions for future planning and commissioning of care and support needs. It is also intended to influence local level decision making including corporate improvement plans and in the development of strategies and plans.
- 4.5. The Regional PNA has been split into thematic chapters which include:- Children and Young People; Older People; Health, Physical Disability and Sensory Impairment; Learning Disability; Autistic Spectrum Disorder; Mental Health; and Unpaid Carers. In addition, there is also the inclusion of other groups such as refugees, armed forces veterans and those experiencing homelessness.
- 4.6. Attached in Appendix 2 are the Denbighshire priorities, which will be included in the final version of the PNA, along with a similar document for each of the Local Authorities and BCUHB.
- 4.7. What happens next? The PNA will be used to inform the Market Stability Report which is due for publication in June 2022. The Market Stability Report will assess the stability and sufficiency of the social care market in light of the findings and needs identified within this assessment.
- 4.8. Running in parallel to the Regional PNA is the development of a North Wales Well-Being Assessment, which the North Wales Public Services Board (PSB) is due to publish in May 2022. Links have been made with the PSB where commonalities in priorities and themes have been identified across the Region.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

5.1. The PNA supports the following Corporate Priorities:-

- Everyone is supported to live in homes that meet their needs;
- The Council works with people and communities to build independence and resilience;
- A place where younger people will want to live and work and have the skills to do so.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

6.1. The North Wales Social Care and Well-Being Improvement Collaborative funds a Regional Project Manager to support the project and associated costs including translation and specialist engagement.

6.2. Future commissioning of gaps / unmet needs in the social care market will need to be funded either through appropriate grant funding or from existing social care budgets.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

7.1. A well-Being Impact Assessment is not required for the Regional PNA.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1. The development of the Regional PNA has been engagement led, with a large scale regional consultation and engagement exercise being undertaken. The results of the consultation and engagement exercise are summarised in each of the main chapters.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 It is important that Council decisions are based on the best information and evidence available. The North Wales Regional Population Needs Assessment helps provide this information. There are no direct financial consequences as

there are regional funds available to produce the assessment, however the services covered will continue to be areas of financial pressure and the assessment will help with planning for allocating resources over the coming years.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1. There are no identified risks in publishing the Regional Population Needs Assessment

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

11.2. Section 7.4.1 of the Council's Constitution.