

Report to: Joint Conwy & Denbighshire Public Service Board (PSB)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 30th June 2023

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Title: Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board Risk Register

1. What is the report about?

1.1 An annual update on the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board's (PSB) risk register.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1 To inform the Joint Scrutiny Committee of the risks facing the Conwy and Denbighshire PSB and provide assurance that these risks are being managed and monitored.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1 That members consider the content of Conwy and Denbighshire PSB risk register (attached) and provide feedback / recommendations to the PSB as necessary.

4. Report details

4.1 The PSB Risk Register is developed and owned by PSB. It is formally reviewed once per year, as outlined in the Terms of Reference.

The last review was undertaken in November 2022.

4.2 During this latest review, there have been a small number of updates, in summary:

- The inclusion of an additional column to identify future mitigating actions to encourage long-term thinking and prevention.
- PSB 2: The risk that partner organisations are not committed to the board. Included three additional mitigating actions:
 - i. PSB members have agreed to set up informal meetings to discuss upcoming agendas, build relationships and networking.

- ii. Joint Scrutiny Committee established to evaluate effectiveness of the PSB.
 - iii. Representatives from the PSB's invited participant list are co-opted onto the Joint Scrutiny Committee as and when required, to discuss specific items / areas of work as a way of assessing the effectiveness of the PSB's plans.
- PSB 3: The risk that the PSB fails to maximise the potential impact it can achieve through a collaborative approach. Included three additional mitigating actions:
 - i. Support from the co-production network to ensure we successfully collaborate.
 - ii. Joint Scrutiny Committee established to evaluate effectiveness of the PSB.
 - iii. Representatives from the PSB's invited participant list are co-opted onto the Joint Scrutiny Committee as and when required, to discuss specific items / areas of work as a way of assessing the effectiveness of the PSB's plans.
- One new risk has been identified. PSB 6: The risk that recruitment and retention issues, leading to a loss of expertise and capacity, worsen resulting in poor or inadequate services.

No risks have been removed.

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

- 5.1 The risk register was discussed at the PSB meeting in November 2022, where the proposed changes to the risks were supported by the Board.
- 5.2 The PSB suggested an amendment to the wording of PSB 6 to be broader to highlight that recruitment and retention issues could impact the work that is able to be carried out across all partners of the PSB.

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

- 6.1 N/A

7. Power to make the decision

- 7.1 Section 35 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- 7.2 Section 3 of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference.