

The impact of wider policy developments on the programme

Whilst the Supporting People programme currently offers a diverse service pattern which benefits the individuals receiving this, the links to both the population needs assessments and well-being assessments, under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 respectively, remains to be clearly demonstrated.

It is acknowledged however, that the PSB Well-being Plans will focus in part on the priorities identified as a result of engagement and consultation with communities, and in particular focus on actions that enable public service partners to work together to make a difference. For this reason Supporting People may not feature explicitly within PSB Well-being Plans or Objectives. However, collaborative commissioning and integrated working are key priorities for the West Wales Regional Partnership Board and the Dyfed Area Planning Board.

The extent to which the governance and management arrangements for the Programme reflect the ways of working expected under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.

The Supporting People Regional Collaborative Committee includes attendance of a wide range of stakeholders including service providers and feedback and input from service users is a priority. Input from Local Public Health Teams is also important. The broad membership is reflective of the ways of working required under the WFGA.

How best to align the work of the Regional Collaborative Committees with other collaborative governance arrangements;

This is certainly achievable as there are overlaps in membership, at least organisationally, between the Supporting People Regional Collaborative Committee, the Regional Partnership Board (RPB), Public Service Boards (PSB), Substance Misuse Area Planning Board (APB) and other collaborative committees. As the Supporting People Regional Collaborative Committees are overseeing a

specific programme of work with defined delivery expectations it is likely that it could feature as an element of other partnership business e.g. RPB to support the delivery of the Area Plan priorities, APB to support action to address housing needs of substance misuse clients.

Monitoring and evaluation

There would appear to be opportunities to improve this and expand the performance indicators to include health measures. Within the Mid and West Wales Region for the Supporting People Regional Collaborative Committee, which also includes Powys, there would appear to be a lot of continuity from historic county level practices. The regional approach offers a forum to streamline this in terms of consistency, however, there could be more robust evaluation using readily collected data, so called natural evidence. This might include some basic economic calculations allowing some level of comparison between different counties and also the different people served.

The distribution of programme funding and financial planning

The issues to be considered when developing funding formulae are wide ranging and must take account of actual need, often based on existing usage, as well as hidden or unmet need. The impact of delivering/providing services in rural areas also needs to be acknowledged.

In responding to this, it is important to state this is not about the financial processes, which are governed by separate audit processes. In some ways, this section builds on the previous section about evaluation and trying to ascertain value for money, but also being clear about service user outcomes and both short term and longer term benefits.