

**North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee
Minutes of Meeting held on July 12th 2019**

<p>Present: Enid Roberts, CCG (Chair) Lynne Evans (LE), NW Housing (Vice Chair)</p> <p>Cllr Alun Mummery, Anglesey CC Eliw Llyr, Anglesey CC Arwel Jones, Anglesey CC Abbe Harvey, Denbighshire CC Cllr Charlie McCoubrey, Conwy CBC Martin Cooil, Conwy CBC Cllr Dave Hughes, Flintshire CC Neal Cockerton, Flintshire CC</p>	<p>Shirley Jones, Wrexham CBC Shelley Greenwood, Wrexham CBC Susan Griffith, Gwynedd Jono Clarke, Probation Gwenan Ellis, Grwp Cynefin Wendy Hughes, Digartref Ynys Mon Andy Roberts, Clwyd Alyn Emma Wood, Hafan Cymru Rachel Pierce-Jones, Regional Development Coordinator</p>
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1.	Introduction and Welcome	
	<p>No Declaration of Interest were raised.</p> <p>Introductions were done, new faces round the table, Housing leads were welcomed to the Committee after it was confirmed to invite them at the March RCC.</p> <p>Thanks and best wishes were given to Sheila Phillips from Gwynedd with her retirement and thanks for her commitment to the RCC and Sub Group.</p> <p>Apologies Cllr Craig ab Iago, Gwynedd CC Arwel Wyn Owen (AO), Gwynedd CC Sam Parry, Conwy CBC Debbie Lambe, Conwy CBC Cllr. Bobby Feeley, Denbighshire CC Lisa Pearson, Flintshire Cllr Joan Lowe, Wrexham CBC Phil Forbes, Health (MH) Gwynne Jones, Cartrefi Conwy Gareth Evans, Health Glynne Roberts, Public Health Wales Julie Francis, Wrexham</p>	
2	Previous Minutes and Table of Actions	
	<p>Minutes were agreed as an accurate record</p> <p>Outstanding actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirley Jones confirmed Paul Webb did respond and yes Rent Smart Wales (RSW) funding could be spent on promoting RSW <p>All other actions have been completed.</p>	
3	Housing Support Grant (HSG) Update	
	<p>Enid Roberts introduced the following papers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. HSG Strategic Planning Process – draft proposal 2. HSG Commissioning and Procurement – draft proposal 3. HSG Grant allocation, reporting and monitoring – draft proposal 4. Core Purpose of the HSG – draft proposal 5. Regional Working / Structure – draft proposal 	

	<p>The above mentioned papers which were sent with the agenda were presented at the HSG Engagement Event on June 19th in Cardiff, Enid Roberts, Rachel Pierce-Jones, Martin Coolil, Debbie Lambe, Shirley Jones, Arwel Jones, Arwel Wyn Owen, Lisa Pearson and Abbe Harvey were in attendance from North Wales.</p> <p>The event was structured into workshops to give feedback on each proposal. Enid gave a summary of the workshop feedback which were summarised by the facilitators on the day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core Purpose of the HSG paper – everyone agreed with this papers contents. • HSG Grant allocation, reporting and monitoring paper – majority happy with the contents, some felt there was more reporting back to WG than current arrangements. Disappointed no movement in timings of when grant received as currently this is very tight to plan. Outcomes briefly mentioned and was focused last week at the All Wales SPIN meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Outcomes – <p>July 2nd All Wales SPIN had a workshop for the proposed Outcomes Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do we have the right national indicators, flexible funding goals and flexible funding outcomes? • Do we also wish to stipulate programme outputs and programme activities at a national or local level? • Do we need to make any changes to them (and if so, do we have the data to support the changes), remove or add any in? • Is there anything that no longer needs to be collected? <p>The draft framework utilises the goals in the Well-being of Future Generations Act. Draft framework to be late Autumn, implementation April 2020.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioning and Procurement paper – Welsh Government want a light touch and if something worked well didn't want to retender. Some issues raised with this, in particular the need to comply with LA contract standing orders. Also definition between grants and agreements to be clear in the guidance. • Strategic Planning paper – The Strategy, this is encompassing the 3 programmes and will be one strategy. This wasn't clear before the event that Supporting People will be part of this strategy. There will also be a progress report required every six months. The strategy will bring more co-working and collaborating. <p>No clarification has been received on the Section 180 money (Homeless Prevention), at the All Wales SPIN and Rachel confirmed was mentioned at the RDC Network and SPNAB, possibility that the Disability Funding Grant and Adaptation Grants could come into the Housing Support Grant. Chair requested that when the guidance is out for consultation that we feed into this.</p>	<p>All to feed into WG Consultation</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Regional Working – WG draft proposal – RCC response to consultation</p>	
	<p>The proposal is for the RCC to become the Housing Support Grant sub group of the Regional Partnership Board (RPB). The Housing Support Grant sub group will inform the two housing reps on the RPB, they are Sian Lloyd Williams and Clare Budden, both previous RCC members. The proposal was presented to the RCC and the comments at the RCC were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We did not have enough information of the role of the RPB and how it 	

	<p>worked to be able to grasp how the new arrangements might work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was concern that decisions about priorities would be too far from people who understand the changing needs. • How would the section 180 grant be managed? • What current funding streams are included in the Aids and Adaptations funding and who would have access to this funding. • There was recognition that new regional structures had been created after the RCC had been created and that it would be sensible to join with these if appropriate. Some Elected Members attend both RCC and RPB. • What consultation has taken part with the RPBs about this proposal? <p>Enid Roberts asked that when this is out for consultation, all members respond to Rachel's information requests to the consultation so we can form a North Wales response.</p>	<p>All to feed into WG Consultation</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Redistribution Update</p>	
	<p>Rachel updated that at her last meeting in June with Welsh Government, the Redistribution update from Paul Webb was very brief and he stated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 messages coming from this, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs to happen as can't meet the need as haven't got the cash ○ Spending on the need • Briefed the ministers that it is based on this, where do you come down on fairness? And politics will be played in this. • Not heard what will go into the formula, no news on that yet, formula to reflect need <p>Enid Roberts updated the RCC that Karl Thomas delivered a brief presentation at last weeks All Wales SPIN. Two further Redistribution events taking place on 15th (North Wales) 16th (South Wales) July to discuss redistribution. For SP leads officer, homelessness leads and key finance contact from each LA. This should be a person from finance who understands how the SP budget is put together and how it has changed and developed over recent years and how it is spent locally. Regional Development Coordinators (RDC's) have not been invited to this.</p> <p>Chair requested that we get the right people to the meeting on the 15th / 16th July was also discussed that we need to ensure that Assembly Members understand the issue and how much of an impact this will have on North Wales, all on the RCC to raise this issue to AM's.</p> <p>It was also suggested whether there was any work on unmet need data we could use to feed into this? Prior to Rachel being in post there was a piece of work done on Redistribution for North Wales which included the figures and how much we would lose, Rachel to find and update</p> <p>Rachel has asked Karl if the SUI analysis can be an appendix to our letter to the Minister.</p>	<p>All to brief relevant AMs</p> <p>RPJ</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>SPNAB Update</p>	
	<p>For all new members SPNAB is the Supporting People National Advisory Board that recommends the Minister on the delivery of the grant.</p> <p>Rachel does not attend the SPNAB meeting, however Sam Parry from Conwy has been invited on to the SPNAB, the below update was shared from another RDC:</p>	

	<p>Julie James AM attended and discussed some of the following points;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern about the number of crossover boards and governance arrangements • Different regional structures/ arrangements for local government currently being considered with proposals likely to come out in the Autumn • Wants SPNAB to feedback why things aren't working on the ground e.g. why policy isn't translating into practice • RPB & Housing Rep – how would this position represent housing and wide range of issues including support • Overlap between PSBs and RPBs – works better in some places in Wales than others • Wants SPNAB to discuss and grapple with these issues and advise her how we get the national policies to deliver • Discussed RPB needing an additional homelessness/support rep to work alongside the capital housing rep • WLGA to review strategic arrangements • PW advised that it is likely that other homelessness monies will be brought into HSG grant – being considered at the moment. Included your disability funding grants and adaptation grants. <p>Next meeting will be held in October so that new guidance can be considered.</p>	
7	<p>Work Plan Update</p>	
	<p>Rachel updated on each priority area within the 2017-20 Regional Strategic Plan:</p> <p>Prison Leavers: Next RCC Sub Group – September 18th joint meeting with each PRO, Jono Clarke CRC and Karl Williams NPS, to look at the other recommendations from the research report.</p> <p>Domestic Abuse: Have worked with VAWDASV Board to jointly commission the Regional IDVA Service, final specification was presented at the last VAWDASV Board in May, set for autumn to commence.</p> <p>Learning Disability: Rachel explained the remit for LD under the Regional Strategic Plan has been completed, Local authorities are now working with WG on the consultation for LD as to whether the money remains with Supporting People / Housing Support Grant or is taken out of the grant and given directly to Social Services. Rachel gave the most recent update she has received from Paul Webb at the last RDC Network meeting which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lots of emphasis where LD services are not being jointly commissioned with social services – needs to be consideration for these projects. ○ A lot of people saying yes to money going to Social Services ○ Definition needed – for which side of the fence it fits ○ Long way from conclusion yet – no facts and figures to present – yet. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have updated the LD work we presented in 2017 to Liz Cook in WG 	

	<p>AJ raised concerns of the potential detrimental impact on funding in North Wales as the North Wales RCC had already undertaken work to reduce spend on LD where this spend might not now be subject to redistribution.</p> <p>Rough Sleepers: Rachel explained now we have Homelessness leads around the table is this an opportunity for the RCC to set the RCC Sub Group with a work plan for Rough Sleepers? Eiliw updated there is a work programme alongside this, need local authorities on board. Need to bring it to the RCC and discuss how it all comes together.</p> <p>Rachel to lead on this.</p>	RPJ
8	Conwy and Denbighshire Housing First Pilot Update	
	<p>Abbe Harvey updated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruited Manager – Susan Stephenson • Recruited four housing officers • Have had first intake panel, 13 presented, 8 accepted and 3 already being engaged with • Moved one person from hospital to temporary accommodation until we find accommodation • WG have not issued guidance on how to measure the success / impact, Conwy and Denbighshire are using the Wellbeing Stars. Impact data will look at where they have been previously, hospitals, doctors, fire service, police, probation etc and see where they have been since Housing First and look at the cost benefit analysis. • Have an outreach drop in one day a week – would like to be similar to Wrexham’s GP set up • Networks have been useful to bring people together • Trailblazers, Conwy and Denbighshire, Swansea, and Cardiff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Same messages coming from these areas, all frustrated how slow, but don’t want to rush this want to get it right • Discussions with DWP – been really positive, have alternative arrangements with sanctions, have a different regime in place for Housing First. • WG said they are going to be heavily monitoring and they haven’t, Conwy and Denbighshire focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tenancy Sustainability ○ Harm Reduction ○ Intervention into community • Tenancy will be a normal tenancy • Housing First is not the complete answer to homelessness, it compliments all the other projects and initiatives we have. <p>Abbe and Martin agreed for a presentation to be given at a future RCC meeting.</p>	RPJ
9	Case Study – Cartrefi Conwy	

	<p>Unfortunately due to the internet signal the video could not be played at the RCC, apologies were made for this and the link to the video is:</p> <p>https://www.dropbox.com/sh/4dz8v3luocvyu5d/AABPWux41dxe53k22a6MasC7a?dl=0</p> <p>Cartrefi Conwy have won an award for this project.</p>	
10	Any Other Business	
	<p>None raised</p> <p>Date of next meeting: October 11th 2019 10:00am – 12:00pm at Porth Eirias, Promenade, Colwyn Bay, LL29 8HH</p>	

Table of actions

Action	Who	Status
Regional Homelessness Strategy – RCC to make links with this strategy	Rachel Pierce-Jones	
All members to feed into the HSG guidance consultation	ALL	
Councillors on the RCC to inform Local AM's on the impact redistribution could have on North Wales	ALL	
Rachel to find previous work done for redistribution and update	Rachel Pierce-Jones	
Denbighshire and Conwy Housing First to be agenda for future RCC for a presentation	Rachel Pierce-Jones	