

Health, Physical Disabilities and Sensory Impairment

Regional Priority / Outcome as identified in the Population Needs Assessment:

- To support disabled people, including sensory impairment, through an all-age approach to live independently in appropriate accommodation and access community-based services, including transport.
- Ensure people are supported through access to accurate information, assistance and 'rehabilitation' where required
- Improve transition across all age groups and support services.

HOW WILL WE MEASURE SUCCESS? Our Population level indicators.

		
Increase the number of frontline workers who receive up to date training and awareness raising in relation to the various information portals and sites that provide useful advice to the public	Increase recruitment across health and social care, including specific roles such as Rehabilitation Officers for Visual Impairment.	Increase accessible information, advice, and assistance to include British Sign Language (BSL) and Braille where needed.

The regional **Gwent Regional Partnership Board and aligned Strategic Partnerships** will develop, co-ordinate and monitor delivery of this plan on behalf of the Regional Partnership Board. A market position summary was undertaken as part of the Population Needs Assessment and actions below have been agreed.

Policy Areas:

- Welsh Government's Disability Equality Forum Impact of Covid-19 on disabled people in Wales and 'Action on Disability' framework.
- Wales Council of the Blind: Rehabilitation Officers for Visual Impairment, Addressing a workforce crisis in Wales.
- All Wales Deaf Mental Health and Wellbeing Group - Deaf People Wales: Hidden Inequality.

(WHAT we are doing) Action	(WHO) Partner Agencies	(HOW) will we deliver	(WHEN) Timescales/ Milestones	Progress Measures <i>How much and how well have we delivered? What is the difference made?</i>
Promote equality and inclusion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RPB • Strategic Partnerships under the RPB. • Local Authorities • ABUHB • Gwent PSB • Independent/Third Sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to promote advocacy services Golden Thread Advocacy Provision, Snap Cymru and NYAS for children and young people. • Developing consistent, integrated regional services, that are accessible and respond to the population needs assessment. 	6 monthly reviews starting from April 2023.	Number of people accessing advocacy support.
Further development of accessible coproduced services to support people and promote inclusion, independence, and support people to become more resilient to manage their own conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen Panel • Strategic Partnerships under the RPB. • Local Authorities • ABUHB • Gwent PSB • Independent/Third Sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizen panel working across Strategic Partnerships to continue to strengthen coproduction and implement Citizen Charter. • Continue with coproduction with children and young people through regional youth forum, to design mental health support. • Continue to support the Gwent Regional Autism Group in coproduction 	Quarterly meeting	Number of engagement events/meetings Number of services reviewed which demonstrate coproduction

		<p>with parents and neurodiverse individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue with regional parent group to engage and coproduce support with parents in relation to neurodevelopment services. 		
<p>Increase use of assistive technology, such as telecare to transform domiciliary care and supported living services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Partnerships under the RPB. • Local Authorities • ABUHB • Gwent PSB • Independent/Third Sector • RSLs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Projects and pilots supported throughout Dementia Board, Gwent Adult Strategic Partnership and Carers Board, via their own strategic plans to support independent living and living well. • Links to the Age Well agenda and key partnerships through Dementia Friendly Communities. 	<p>Reviewed quarterly from April 2023.</p>	<p>Individual measures linked to provision resources e.g., Dementia Hug dolls, magic tables etc.</p>
<p>Promote healthier lifestyles and reducing health inequalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Partnerships under the RPB • Public Health Wales • Local Authorities • ABUHB • Gwent PSB • Independent/Third Sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work ongoing linked to strategic partnerships and work plans to promote healthier lifestyles and reduce inequalities. (Links to wellbeing plans to avoid duplication) • Maximise health and social care staff to promote strength based and what matters discussions. 	<p>6 monthly reviews from April 2023.</p>	

<p>Continue to strengthen Transition arrangements between children and young people's and adult services.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Partnerships under the RPB. • Local Authorities • ABUHB • Independent/Third Sector • ISCAN Board 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work currently ongoing linked to the Children and Families Strategic Partnership and Mental Health and Learning Disability Strategic Partnership, to scope current Transition models and how to develop and improve. • Support ISCAN Board and ensure good practice identified 	<p>Quarterly meeting.</p>	<p>Improved positive life outcomes for children, young people, and adults.</p> <p>Decrease duplication of services for children with complex health needs and disabilities, through integrated services for children with additional needs (ISCAN).</p>
<p>Continue to improve accessible information, advice, and assistance including support for people with sensory needs including rehabilitation.</p>	<p>RPB ABUHB LAs RSLs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with WG and partners to continue to develop and promote on progress already made, with a range of Information, Advice and Assistance provision, such as Dewis Cymru and Info engine. • Ensure information is accessible and in various formats, especially for people with sensory needs. • Link to Dementia Board with the implementation and delivery of The All Wales Dementia Pathway of Standards, for people living with dementia and sensory needs. 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to increase and promote Rehabilitation Officers for Visually Impaired (ROVI) To build confidence; provide emotional support; regain lost skills and teach new skills. Also to support, maintain and promote independence and choice. 		
<p>Review other local, regional and national plans to identify areas of collaboration and alignment of resources.</p>	<p>ISPB NCN LAS ABUHB PSB</p>	<p>Review and identify areas of collaboration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABUHB IMTP • ISPB, NCN • Local Authority Corporate Improvement Plans • PSB regional Wellbeing Plan and delivery Marmot principles • Identify how work contributes and deliver National Outcome Framework 	<p>Quarterly</p>	<p>Maximise resources Single work programmes</p> <p>Identify opportunities for joint commissioning</p>
<p>Integrated Wellbeing Network Development to support older people including those living with dementia and their carers</p>	<p>Integrated Service Partnership Boards</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess and identify good practice in Community connector roles. • Ensure accurate information and advice available through 	<p>Quarterly update from April 2023.</p>	

		<p>effective IAA, Dewis, public awareness campaigns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support and build community resilience and grow social networks, tapping into sources of support in the community.• Review health and wellbeing hubs and identify effective hub coordination.• Explore volunteering solutions and links to schools to promote age friendly communities.• Promote and extend regional Frind I Mi volunteering scheme.		
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