

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

**SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND HOUSING
CABINET BOARD**

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**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMISSIONING AND SUPPORT
SERVICES – A. Thomas**

SECTION B – FOR INFORMATION

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

**WESTERN BAY AREA PLANNING BOARD – COMMISSIONING
STRATEGY**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with information about the substance misuse commissioning intentions of the Western Bay Area Planning Board.

BACKGROUND

There are seven Area Planning Boards in Wales, reflecting each of the seven Health Board areas.

They were established by Welsh Government to:-

- Help to deliver the substance misuse strategy – “Working Together to Reduce Harm”.
- Strengthen partnership working and strategic leadership for substance misuse issues.
- Enhance and improve key functions of planning, commissioning and performance management.

The Western Bay Area Planning Board has a wide membership that includes the Local Authorities for Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board, Police, Probation and a number of other key partners. It is chaired by the Director of Public Health Wales.

COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

One of the key functions of Area Planning Board's is to undertake commissioning of substance misuse services, and the aim of this is to ensure that the best and most appropriate services for individuals are provided, which offer the best value, whilst also reducing or eliminating any inequities that exist.

Currently Area Planning Boards have no statutory status and therefore its members will agree and take forward commissioning activity. Neath Port Talbot Council is the host Authority for receipt of pooled Substance Misuse Action Funding (SMAF) from Welsh Government and it also receives and administers joint contributions from partners to fund the cost of substance misuse services across the Western Bay Area.

The total budget available to the Western Bay Area Planning Board is £4.3m, of which £3.6m is provided via SMAF and £721k is provided via partner contributions (Neath Port Talbot CBC, Bridgend CBC, City and County of Swansea Council and Abertawe Bro Morgannwg Health Board).

When the Area Planning Board has determined its commissioning intentions, the funding partners (3 Local Authorities and the Health Board) will each seek approval from the respective boards prior to any commissioning activity commencing.

The Western Bay Area Planning Board has produced a Commissioning Strategy (Click on the document under the heading Appendices) and this has examined:-

- The key priorities for substance misuse services
- Current service
- Current levels of activity and finances
- Needs
- User and provider consultation
- Principles of service design
- Service provision required.

Further consultation will also be undertaken as part of the Commissioning process.

APPENDICES



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Commissioning Strate

Full document available from Steve Adie on request

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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