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Neath Port Talbot Council

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Social Care, Health & Well-being Cabinet Board**

5th September 2019

Report of the Head of Adult Services – Ms A. Thomas

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All wards

Western Bay Carers Partnership Board Annual Report 2018-19

Purpose of the Report:

To provide Members with an update on the progress on the implementation of Western Bay Carers Partnership Board Action Plan for 2018-19.

To provide Members with a copy of the Western Bay Carers Partnership Annual Report 2018-19. The submission of an annual report to Welsh Government is a requirement under the conditions of the Welsh Government carers funding.

To advise Members that the Western Bay Carers Partnership Annual Report 2018-19 has been submitted to the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership for approval prior to submission to Welsh Government.

To advise Members that Supporting Carers is also a priority in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. One of the key features of the Act is that it aims to provide equal rights for carers, putting them on a similar legal footing as those they care for.

To advise Members that the Western Bay Carers Action Plan 2018-19 reflects Welsh Government's three priorities for carers, namely:

- Supporting life alongside caring – All carers must have reasonable breaks from their caring role to enable them to maintain their capacity to care, and to have a life beyond caring
- Identifying and recognising carers – Carers deserve to be recognised and supported so that they can continue to care. It is vital that carers identify themselves as carers
- Providing information, advice and assistance – It is important that carers receive the right information and advice when they need it and in an appropriate format.

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to highlight the activities undertaken in the last 12 months to meet the Outcomes of the Western Bay Carers Partnership Board Action Plan 2018-19. The Outcomes of the Action Plan were shaped by the themes arising from the carers chapter of the Western Bay Population Assessment, the recommendations from the regional Carers Service Mapping report, the three Welsh Government National Priorities for Carers and the specific requirements of Welsh Government for the carers funding.

Highlights this year include:

Developments identifying and supporting carers in hospital and primary care settings. Work undertaken in identifying, providing information and assessing carers in hospital settings, including general hospitals, paediatric services and mental health units has resulted in many instances of support being in place for the carer before the person they care for is discharged from hospital. Over the year, 1,454 carers were identified and provided with information, advice, assistance or signposting.

Proactive work with Primary Care continues to progress, with all practices in the area having contact with their local Carers Centre or Service GP lead worker. In addition to providing information, offering awareness training sessions and supporting surgery Carers Champions, Carers Centre/Service leads have also attended flu clinics.

To further advance the work at Primary Care level, an accreditation scheme for General Practices / Primary Care was launched in March 2019. A set of criteria has been produced which determines the standard for practices to be recognised as 'Carer Friendly'.

This year has also seen advancement with raising awareness, identifying and supporting young carers in schools and colleges across the region. Across Western Bay 35 junior schools, 21 comprehensive schools and four colleges have engaged with the Young Carers in Schools project. Over 4,000 pupils have participated and 349 pupils have identified or self-identified as young carers.

Information for Young Carers in the form of a refreshed regional young carers booklet has been produced and the Carers Hospital Information Pack has been updated and translated into six local community languages.

Background:

Western Bay Carers Partnership Board includes representatives from Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board, Swansea, Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot local authorities, Third Sector organisations including the Carers Service / Centre Managers. The Western Bay Partnership Carers Representative and Alternative Representative are also members. The Board meets as a minimum once a quarter to oversee the implementation of the current Action Plan.

The Board continues to be committed to working across organisational and area boundaries to share best practice and deliver services to carers and young carers.

The Western Bay Carers Partnership Plan for 2018-19 was shaped by the themes arising from the Western Bay Population Assessment – Carers Chapter, recommendations from a service mapping report commissioned by the Board in 2017, the three Welsh Government National Priorities for Carers and the specific requirements of Welsh Government for the carers funding made available for 2018-19.

Moving forward into 2019, the structure of the Carer Partnership Board changed as Bridgend representatives move to Cwm Taff Morgannwg. Work will be undertaken in the coming year to develop a longer term regional carers strategy co-productively with local carers.

Financial Impacts:

This year Welsh Government made funding available to 'local health boards to work collaboratively with all partners to enhance the lives of Carers in line with National priorities'. The allocation for Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board in 2018/19 was £179,000. The Western Bay Carers Partnership Board tasked their Performance & Finance Subgroup with overseeing the allocation of this funding. A formal tendering exercise was followed to ensure an open, fair and transparent process. A panel from the Performance & Finance subgroup reviewed all bids before escalation to the Carers Partnership Board for consideration and agreement.

£125,000 from the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) 2018-19 large grant scheme has been allocated this year for projects which support carers and young carers in the Western Bay area. £56,000 has been allocated via the ICF Third Sector small grants scheme for carers 2018-19. Bids to the ICF and ICF Third Sector small grants scheme

followed the process layout by the Western Bay Health and Social Care Regional Partnership.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for monitoring / information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No implications.

Workforce Impacts:

No implications.

Legal Impacts:

The Annual Report has been developed in line with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

Risk Management Impacts:

No implications.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Members note the content of the report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

For information only – no decision required.

Implementation of Decision:

For information only – no decision required.

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Western Bay Carers Partnership Board Annual Report 2018-19.

List of Background Papers:

No background papers associated with this report.

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