



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNCIL SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET BOARD

20 January 2022

Report of the Head of Adult Services – A. Thomas

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All wards

WEST GLAMORGAN CARERS PARTNERSHIP BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21

Purpose of the Report

To provide Members with an update on the progress on the implementation of West Glamorgan Carers Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-21.

To provide Members with a copy of the West Glamorgan Carers Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-21. 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 West Glamorgan Carers Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-21 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.

Executive Summary

Since April 2020 the Carers Partnership Board has completed the following large pieces of work:

- **Carers Emergency Planning Guidelines.** - The Guidelines were co-produced last year in response to feedback from carers on their experiences during the early stages of the pandemic. They are intended to support partners to learn from the lessons during that time and to inform their own planning, policies and procedures to consider the needs of carers more effectively.
- **West Glamorgan Regional Carers Strategy** – The COVID-19 pandemic meant that the events planned in spring last year could not go ahead. The Board reevaluated the situation and convened a strategy development group to take this work forward. The strategy development group included NPT Council, Swansea Council, Swansea Bay UHB, Swansea Carers Centre, NPT Carers Service and a Carer Representative. The Strategy was formally approved by the West Glamorgan Region Partnership board in January and was commended as an excellent piece of work by senior partners in the statutory services.
- **West Glamorgan Carers Liaison Forum** – The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the need for more regular and consistent engagement with carers. The Carers Partnership Board approved the establishment of a Forum to strengthen ongoing co-production activities to implement the Carers Strategy. A planning group was established and led by Carers who organised a series of workshops to establish the Values, Vision and Aims of the Forum. The workshops were delivered by Dynamix with illustrations by Laura Sorvala and were commended for their inclusive approach. The Forum will continue its development in 2021/22.

Background

The West Glamorgan Carers Partnership has representation from Carers, Swansea Council, Neath Port Talbot Council, Swansea Bay University Health Board, Swansea Carers Centre, Neath Port Talbot Carers Service (NPT Carers Service), West Glamorgan Regional Partnership and the County Voluntary Councils, represented by Neath Port Talbot CVS. Gaynor Richards Director of Neath Port Talbot CVS Chairs the West Glamorgan Carers Partnership Board.

The Carers Partnership Board continued to meet during the pandemic so it could listen to the issues for carers and feed this information to the emergency governance arrangements for the region.

Financial Impacts

No implications.

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 – West Glamorgan Carers Partnership Board Annual Report 2020-21

List of Background Papers

No background papers associated with this report.

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