



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT SOCIAL SERVICES, HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY CABINET BOARD

11th October 2022

Report of the Director of Social Services Health and Housing

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected All Wards

APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION OF THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL MARKET STABILITY REPORTS

Purpose of the Report

To seek approval of the Neath Port Talbot Council Market Stability Report (“Local MSR”) and the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership Market Stability Report (“Regional MSR”) and to request publication of these strategic documents.

Executive Summary

In response to the provisions of Section 144B of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 (“Act”) and the Partnership Arrangements (Amendment) and Regulated Services (Market Stability Reports) (Wales) Regulations 2021 (“Regulations”), Officers have developed a Local MSR (Appendix 1).

In addition to the Local MSR, Officers have worked with the West Glamorgan Regional Partnership to support the development of a Regional MSR (Appendix 2), as required by the Act and Regulations.

The Act stipulates that the Regional MSR must be approved by the relevant Local Authorities executive or board and that the document is published on the Local Authority website.

Alongside the request to agree and publish the Regional MSR, is a request to endorse and publish the Local MSR.

Background

Section 144B of the Act requires Local Authorities to prepare and publish MSRs. The Regulations set out the form and content of the MSR, as well as the prescribed period these documents must cover.

These Regulations also provide that MSRs are to be undertaken on a regional footprint, with the relevant Local Authorities and Local Health Boards working in partnership through the Regional Partnership Board.

Through the provision of high level assessments of the overall sufficiency of regulated services and of the stability of this market, Local Authorities and Health Boards will be better placed to plan and commission social care services for their local and regional populations.

MSRs are also helpful tools for providers of regulated social care services, as they offer essential information that can be used by providers of services to appropriately develop and invest in line with the identified needs of the population.

People that use services, their families and unpaid carers will also have an interest in the published MSRs, as they demonstrate how services are planned and offers transparency in relation to service provision.

From these MSRs, Officers will take forward the development of local and regional Market Position Statements (MPSs), which are documents that set out what types of services are required to meet population need now and in the future. Both the MSRs and MPSs will then be used to inform the creation of local and regional commissioning strategies.

The Regional MSR was approved at the Regional Partnership Board meeting on the 7th of July. Following formal approval at RPB, the report requires approval by full council and similar decision making body within the Health Board.

Although there is no legal requirement to publish the Local MSR, it is felt that publication of the Local MSR will be beneficial due to the level of local detail provided and since it sets out local issues and plans for development.

Financial Impacts

No impact as the purpose of the Regional MSR and Local MSR is for the provision of information only.

Integrated Impact Assessment

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as the purpose of the Regional MSR and Local MSR is a document that sets out information and does not present any strategic or operational changes.

These documents will be translated into Welsh before publication on the Council's website.

Valleys Communities Impacts

It is recognised that there can be challenges for people in valley communities accessing certain services in a timely way, for example domiciliary care. In response specific programmes of work, such as the domiciliary care pilot (Background Paper 1) is being prioritised.

The Regional MSR and Local MSR sets out general information across the regional and local area and does not specifically focus on the valley areas. Regional and local MPS's will be developed looking at each type of service in more detail and the Common Commissioning Unit will also be developing local and regional commissioning strategies. These documents will build upon the MSR and where there is a need to focus on valley communities this will be incorporated into the relevant strategic documents.

Workforce Impacts

No impact as the purpose of the Regional MSR and Local MSR is for the provision of information only.

Legal Impacts

The publication of the Regional MSR and Local MSR supports the Council in discharging its duties under Section 144B of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Partnership Arrangements (Amendment) and Regulated Services (Market Stability Reports) (Wales) Regulations 2021.

Risk Management Impacts

No impact as the purpose of the Regional MSR and Local MSR is for the provision of information only.

Consultation

No requirement for public consultation as the purpose of the Regional MSR and Local MSR is for the provision of information only.

Recommendations

It is recommended that there is approval for:

1. The West Glamorgan Regional Market Stability Report;
2. Publishing the West Glamorgan Regional Market Stability Report;
3. The Neath Port Talbot Market Stability Report;
4. Publishing the Neath Port Talbot Market Stability Report.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To support the planning and commissioning of services and to ensure compliance with Section 144B of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and the Partnership Arrangements (Amendment)

and Regulated Services (Market Stability Reports) (Wales) Regulations 2021.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council Market Stability Report.

Appendix 2: West Glamorgan Market Stability Report.

List of Background Papers

Background Paper 1: Arrangements for the Provision of Domiciliary Care – 27th June 2022:

<http://modgov.npt.gov.uk/documents/s80189/Arrangements%20For%20The%20Provision%20Of%20Domiciliary%20Care%20Services.pdf>

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