



**Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board**  
**18<sup>th</sup> October 2019**  
**Minutes**

<b>In attendance:</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Mark Brace (MB)	Assistant Commissioner	South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner
Alun Morgan (AMg)	Chief Superintendent	South Wales Police
Cllr Neil Moore (NM)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas (RT)	Managing Director	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Nadia De Longhi (ND)	Operations Manager	Natural Resources Wales
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Emil Evans (EE)	Vice Principal	Cardiff and Vale College
Len Richards (LR)	Chief Executive	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Fiona Kinghorn (FK)	Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Sian Griffiths	Consultant in Public Health Medicine/Training Programme Director	Cardiff and Vale UHB/ Public Health Wales
Cllr Mike Cuddy (MC)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Penarth Town Council
Hannah Williams (HW)	Head of South Wales One	National Probation Service
<b>Also in Attendance:</b>		
Tom Bowring (TB)	Head of Policy and Business Transformation	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Helen Moses (HM)	Strategy and Partnership Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Joanna Beynon (JB)	Policy Officer	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Dr. Joseph Grey (JG)	Clinical Director for Clinical Gerontology	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Emma Mitchell (EM)	Senior Nurse	Cardiff and Vale UHB
<b>Apologies:</b>		
Paula Ham (PH)	Director of Learning and Skills	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Abigail Harris (AH)	Executive Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Judith Cole (JC)	Deputy Director Local Government Finance and Workforce Partnerships Division	Welsh Government

Huw Jakeway (HJ)	Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
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	Actions
<p><b>1. Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>NM welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.</p> <p>NM spoke about Show Racism the Red Card outlining the fantastic work the charity does which the Council has supported for a number of years. He spoke about the importance of challenging racism and about working together to end discrimination.</p> <p>NM thanked all in attendance for agreeing to have their photo taken as part of 'Wear Red Day' to raise awareness of the work of the charity and to show their support for tackling racism.</p>	
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p> <p>See above.</p>	
<p><b>3. Minutes of the Public Services Board 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were agreed to be an accurate and true reflection.</p>	
<p><b>4. Engagement on Proposals for Improving the Care for Frail Older People in the Vale of Glamorgan</b></p> <p>LR introduced the team from the UHB who gave a presentation on the ongoing engagement work regarding the proposals for improving the care for frail older people in the Vale of Glamorgan.</p> <p>LR explained that at present they are mid-way through the engagement exercise on the proposals that affect Barry hospital. LR asked partners to focus on the care model in the presentation as he believes it is an improvement to care provided and provides care closer/in the home where possible. Only those patients who require acute care will be in hospital and where possible those who do not need acute care will be cared for in the community. As this model was aimed at avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions and reducing lengths of stay for patients who needed to be admitted, the demand for beds would be reduced with the result that there would no longer be a need for the beds in the Sam Davies ward of Barry Hospital. LR reiterated that the proposals focused on providing the appropriate level of care in the most appropriate setting.</p> <p>Following the presentation, the UHB team welcomed any questions or comments and partners were assured that their views would be fed back for inclusion into the UHB engagement process on the proposals.</p> <p>RC raised concerns over transport issues that could arise if the proposals went ahead. RC asked what provision would be put in place to make sure people aren't</p>	

isolated in hospital because their families/friends cannot park or travel to a different hospital easily.

JG and LR responded informing the group that concerns about transport have been raised at other engagement events and it is something the UHB are looking to improve including the provision of park and ride facilities. The proposals will establish an improved model of care that would reduce the number of people who need to come into hospital, and this will help reduce isolation in itself.

Partners felt it would be important for services to be in place prior to the ward closure. RC also expressed concerns with the timescale for the proposed closure of the Sam Davies ward and developing Barry Hospital as a health and well-being centre. It was felt the developments of the services in Barry should happen at the same time as the ward closure and that a quick timescale for development would help ease concerns if the Vale was seen to be prioritised instead of Cardiff.

LR agreed that lessons have been learnt from the engagement exercise and the need to bring plans together. It is intended that an initial plan for what the health and well-being centre will look like will be in place at the end of the financial year, this will be informed by work Suzanne Clifton (joint funded UHB/Council post) has started with the local stakeholders and communities. LR stressed that the UHB sees Barry Hospital as a fundamental part of health and well-being care with a big future.

RT voiced that a piece of work outlining the work that will be carried out to develop Barry Hospital in the future is fundamental and it is important that this be carried out before a conclusion on the engagement is reached. RT also felt it was important for partners to understand that individual decisions partners make can have knock on effects for others in other areas such as housing and transport. LR agreed that there is a piece of work to be done on what the future of Barry Hospital will look like, this will be carried out after the engagement ends in November.

MC questioned what the UHB are doing in terms of prevention work and linking with organisations like Care and Repair. FK said the UHB has a good relationship with Care and Repair and that work on the relationship between healthy living and prevention are definitely on their radar and that the development of the health and well-being centre and well-being hubs would help in this arena.

CH also raised concerns over activity being done to promote prevention work in homes if the model aims to have more people staying at home and offered support around completing household assessments. AM informed partners that there has been a shift in policework where police often respond to calls surrounding health and mental health. There has been an increase in calls for welfare checks and alarm calls to the police now there is a lack of community support engagement mechanisms there. This raises concerns over what will be put in place if a service is removed.

It was queried by NM why the UHB described the hospital as operating in 'isolation' within the engagement document as the hospital has services there currently that are not working in isolation. Residents consider the closure of the

<p>Sam Davies ward as a reduction in services because beds will be lost. If something else is to be put in its place NM urged the UHB to be clear about what it would be and to put the alternatives in place first as residents see this as the demise of Barry Hospital.</p> <p>JG responded by saying isolation is a problem for patients and also for staff at Barry Hospital e.g. fewer therapists on site. JG reinforced that the engagement was not about proposing to close the Sam Davies ward to save money, it is to do what is best for the patient. LR added that because Barry Hospital is not staffed by doctors 24/7, decisions to discharge patients etc. are postponed but patients' conditions could have got worse by then, it is because of this reason the support services required to provide the new model of care can't be provided in Barry Hospital.</p> <p>RC urged partners to think and work as a PSB to help people future-proof their homes and do so earlier in life before falls etc. are likely to occur through services like Care and Repair. The PSB could undertake a promotional campaign to future proof people's homes. The partners agreed and CH added it should be a multi-agency approach.</p> <p>NM brought the discussion to a close and LR thanked all partners for their comments, assuring that they would all be fed back into the engagement process.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>All</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LR</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5. Health Inequalities in the Vale of Glamorgan</b></p> <p>FK guided the partners through the paper for this agenda item that highlights a lot of the key public health issues, the majority of which are included within the Healthy Weight, Healthy Wales strategy launched on the 17<sup>th</sup> October. FK informed the Board that although the paper suggests a number of actions that could be taken forward, they do not all have to be done at once and partners can work on progressing certain actions together. FK presented the key highlights from the health inequality report noting areas where prevalence was particularly different and the potential reason behind these differences, which are often socio-economic. Areas of focus for the discussion were smoking, immunisation, screening and physical activity.</p> <p><b>Smoking</b> The prevalence of smoking in Central Vale (24% smokers in 2010-15) compared to Western Vale (13% smokers in 2010-15) is very different. FK suggested this shows there may be socio-economic patterns behind smoking. There is a lot of work being done already to encourage people to quit and there are opportunities for collaboration on actions particularly actions that have an environmental focus.</p> <p><b>Immunisation</b> FK informed partners that immunisation was one of the best health care interventions we have and that take up is strong within the Vale however the uptake in Central Vale (86.2%) is slightly lower than in the Western (92.94%) and Eastern Vale (93.8%). FK also noted the issues around age inequality with immunisation as there have been recent outbreaks of mumps in students likely from when there was less confidence in the MMR vaccine. Additional</p>	

<p>opportunities to better work in this area could be to work with education, police and occupation health colleagues and FK would welcome any future discussions.</p> <p><b>Screening</b> The report contains the screen and coverage figures for a number of screening services, however bowel screening continues to have the lowest take up in the Vale. The screening figures show that take up/coverage is lower in BAME communities. It was proposed and agreed that partners would help to encourage staff to undertake bowel screening. FK agreed to send partners some information on screening to be passed on through partner organisations.</p> <p><b>Physical Activity</b> FK highlighted that there was a socio-economic disadvantage visible in the figures on physical activity and that the Vale of Glamorgan had a big role to play in implementing the Move More, Eat Well plan which FK will bring to the PSB in Spring to sign off.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>FK</b></p> <p><b>FK</b></p>
<p><b>6. Draft Community Safety Strategy</b></p> <p>DG introduced the strategy and its related papers. DG informed the group that the strategy had been developed following an in-depth analysis of crime and disorder data that is held by multiple agencies. This analysis work helped develop the strategic priorities and a simple shorter public document that clearly outlines the strategy. The draft strategy was presented to partners to gather their views and comments so they could be reflected in the final strategy and sign off the draft to go to consultation. DG encouraged partners to look through the strategy and submit any comments back to her by the 1<sup>st</sup> November.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>7. Delivering the PSB Well-being Plan</b></p> <p>HM and TB gave a presentation on proposals for how to take the PSB Well-being Plan forward. A workshop for partners had been held in September and this has informed the proposals being put forward to the PSB.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed that the PSB would focus on the following to deliver their well-being objectives.</p> <p><b>Key Projects</b> Tackling climate change – Rob Thomas and Nadia De Longhi Move More, Eat Well Plan – Fiona Kinghorn</p> <p><b>Organisational Learning</b> Engagement – Chris Hadfield</p> <p><b>Pathfinder Project</b> Time banking - Mike Ingram</p> <p>This approach reflects a more integrated way of working whilst enabling the PSB to focus on specific priority areas. The above actions will bring together work on the healthy travel charter, inequalities, asset management, volunteering, food Vale and procurement. The other actions within the Well-being Plan will continue</p>	

<p>to be delivered and together with the priority areas will ensure the PSB continues to deliver its Well-being objectives.</p> <p>In delivering the above priorities, partners will be mindful of the need to consider rural issues, poverty, embedding the rights of the child and links to the work of Safer Vale and the Regional Partnership Board.</p> <p>The Council's Strategy and Partnership Team will work with the leads to develop an approach to ensure progress can be regularly reported to the PSB and delivery of the full plan can be monitored. This will include annual updates from Safer Vale and the Regional Partnership Board.</p> <p>The proposed way forward was agreed.</p>	<p><b>HM</b></p>
<p><b>8. PSB Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December – Involving Young People</b></p> <p>HM advised that the meeting in December has been organised to involve young people. The main purpose is to explore how the PSB can involve young people in their work and what interest there is from young people in the PSB. This builds on the work undertaken earlier in the year with the Children's Commissioner.</p> <p>It was suggested that to assist in the discussions it would be useful to have a topic to explore with young people and it was agreed that it would be timely to discuss climate change as this would provide an opportunity to find out more about the concerns and ideas that young people have about climate change and inform the activity to progress this issue as one of the strategic priorities of the PSB.</p> <p>It was agreed that HM would liaise with the Youth Forum and partners to plan the meeting.</p>	<p><b>HM</b></p>
<p><b>9. Challenges and Opportunities</b></p> <p>At the last meeting it was agreed that there would be a standing item at all meetings to enable partners to bring up any challenges and opportunities that they want to share with the rest of the PSB. This will be included in agendas for 2020.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>10. Forward Work Programme and Calendar of Meetings for 2020</b></p> <p>Meetings for 2020 have been arranged and dates will be sent out to all partners. A new forward work programme will be developed and partners were asked to contact HM with future agenda items.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>11. Any Other Business</b></p> <p>There were no additional items of business</p>	
<p><b>12. Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 5-7pm.</p>	

<p><b>13. Vale PSB Staff Healthy Travel Charter Launch</b></p> <p>At the end of the meeting the PSB Healthy Travel Charter was launched. All partners signed the Charter following a brief speech from Cllr Moore giving his support to the Charter and thanking Dr Tom Porter for all his work. TP then gave a brief presentation on the Charter and showed a video that the Future Generations Commissioner, Sophie Howe had made about the Charter and the potential for change.</p>	