



Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board

2nd October 2020

Minutes

In attendance:		
Name	Title	Organisation
Cllr Neil Moore (NM)	Leader	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas (RT)	Managing Director	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Chris Hadfield (CH)	Group Manager	South Wales Fire & Rescue Service
Mike Evans (ME)	Head of Operations for South Central	Natural Resources Wales
Fiona Kinghorn (FK)	Executive Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Abigail Harris (AH)	Executive Director of Strategy and Planning	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Charles Janczewski (CJ)	UHB Chair	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Tim Morgan (TM)	Superintendent	South Wales Police
Emil Evans (EE)	Vice Principal	Cardiff and Vale College
Cllr Mike Cuddy (MC)	Nominated Town and Community Council Representative	Penarth Town Council
Rachel Connor (RC)	Executive Director	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Rebecca Zammit (RZ)	Senior Probation Officer	National Probation Service
Also in Attendance:		
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
Cath Doman (CD)	Director, Health and Social Care Integration	Llamau / Regional Partnership Board
Apologies:		
Paula Ham (PH)	Director of Learning and Skills	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Mark Cadman (MC)	Ambulance Operations Manager, Cardiff and Vale localities	Welsh Ambulance Service
Hannah Williams (HW)	Head of South Wales One	National Probation Service
Gareth O'shea (GO)	Executive Director of Operations	Natural Resources Wales
Wendy Gunney (WG)	Superintendent	South Wales Police

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

Agenda Items	Actions
<p>1. Welcome and introductions</p> <p>NM welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting of the PSB.</p>	
<p>2. Apologies</p> <p>See above.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of the Public Services Board 10th July 2020</p> <p>The minutes were agreed to be an accurate and true reflection of the meeting.</p> <p>FK informed partners that she would like to bring a paper on the summary of the early years and prevention monies spend for 2019/20 to the December meeting. The PSB were happy for this to be added to the December agenda.</p>	HM
<p>4. COVID Update</p> <p>FK updated partners on the latest COVID-19 figures for the Vale explaining that rates were gradually getting higher than those reported last month across the region but the TTP regional management approach is continuing to work well. FK informed the PSB that figures are updated throughout the day and cases are added based on the sample date, this can result in figures for previous days changing. FK highlighted 2 figures that were key, the percentage of positive tests and positive cases per 100,000. At the time of the meeting FK informed partners the current rate was 47.9 per 100,000 in the Vale with 6.7% of tests positive. The Vale is not seeing a large spread in schools although there has been some impact and whilst some cases have been seen in care homes across the region care is being taken to work in an active and preventative way. There have been multiple sparks across the region however there have been fewer clusters in the Vale compared to Cardiff, with the majority linked to social activity. FK also informed partners that Rhinovirus, another respiratory virus that often causes common colds, is circulating and causes similar symptoms.</p> <p>An overview of the local lockdown restrictions that have been in place in the Vale of Glamorgan since 6pm on Monday 28th September was provided by RT who reinforced the importance of regularly reviewing the data as Welsh Government will re-look at the restrictions in place every 2 weeks. RT noted that there is a delay between bringing in restrictions and rates dropping of 2/3 weeks as seen in Caerphilly. A key focus is communication to ensure the public get as much information as possible.</p> <p>TM provided an update on the SWP position highlighting that the month of September had been challenging as dealing with COVID breaches is on top of the forces daily demand. September saw 26 COVID breaches in Barry, 20 in Penarth and 10 across the wider Vale. Work is continuing to engage with the public, to explain and enforce restrictions.</p>	

<p>CH provided an update from SWFR that have had low levels of staff absence and good levels of PPE. Normal business is ongoing however COVID has resulted in reduced prevention and protection work although the service has now been modified to ensure the most vulnerable are still supported online. Future focus will be on reinstating prevention work. The service is also supporting WAST with driving ambulances when needed.</p> <p>AH raised concerns over the potential negative impact that could be placed on the most disadvantaged children trying to access education at home. RT assured partners a lot of work has been taken to ensure the continuity of learning for children in the Vale. Work has been carried out to strengthen digital capacity over the summer and a lot of measures are now in place to provide equipment and online resources in addition to preventative methods in schools. Children in receipt of free school meals who may be self-isolating are currently a key focus in this area of work. NM informed partners a lot of work has been done to tackle digital exclusion such as the provision of MiFi devices. Data on this work can be shared across the PSB if desired and is included in the Community Impact Assessment.</p>	
<p>5. Director of Public Health Annual Report</p> <p>FK provided an overview of the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Cardiff and the Vale 'Re-imagining Ageing into the Future' and thanked the PSB for the opportunity to discuss the report and the work of Cheryl Williams and the team. FK outlined the ageing population in Cardiff and the Vale and the evidence based chapters surrounding the purpose in life, connections for life and places for life. The report aims to focus on different aspects of ageing away from more traditional areas that keep people healthy. The detailed report is in addition to a number of infographics, films and a call to action booklet for organisations that has been produced. FK noted that although the report has been contextualised around COVID the report is largely based on life before Coronavirus.</p> <p>The report was praised by CJ and RC. RC informed partners that lots of information on volunteering and volunteering opportunities are provided by GVS and C3SC. RC also raised questions on the prevalence of accidents and falls at home for older people and noted that Care and Repair are a useful agency for undertaking home safety audits and providing advice on future proofing homes.</p> <p>MC highlighted the planning system's ability to create Place Plans and noted when engaged this has been a very fruitful activity to carry out.</p> <p>HM reminded partners that the Older People's Commissioner was due to attend the cancelled PSB April meeting. The Commissioner would be invited to attend a future meeting to help the PSB focus on work on an age Friendly Vale and to consider issues going forward.</p>	
<p>6. Future Generations Report</p> <p>TB provided partners with a brief overview of the Future Generations Commissioner report published in May that will help build on the work of the PSB looking forward and to inform future direction. The report is very detailed and contains a lot of useful advice and guidance. NRW colleagues have produced a useful summary of the report recommendations that can be taken back to partner's organisations to use to shape future plans.</p>	

<p>7. Natural Resources Wales Funding</p> <p>ME outlined the £25,000 funding that has been offered to the PSB for this financial year and the subsequent funding that will be made available over the next 3 years. This money aims to help grow activity in sectors that should have been focused on prior to lockdown.</p> <p>HM informed partners the proposals for this year must be submitted by 9th October and the projects must be delivered by the end of the financial year. Based on the PSB's current priorities 4 projects have been suggested these are; building an outdoor education centre as part of the everyone's garden in Colcot that will be led by the Vale Council's Housing Team, GVS CF61 garden project to support the work of an existing volunteer group, tree planting following the findings from the tree survey and enhancements to the FoodVale website.</p> <p>The PSB approved these projects to be proposed to Natural Resources Wales for the 2019/20 funding.</p>	<p>HM</p>
<p>8. Discussion: Vale PSB Future Focus</p> <p>TB provided an overview of the objectives and projects the PSB is working to deliver and reflections from the learning taken from COVID from the discussion at the July meeting, outlining changes, challenges and opportunities across organisations. As mentioned at the previous meeting TB provided a summary of the headlines from both the Economic and Community Impact Assessments undertaken for the Vale highlighting some of the impacts COVID has had in the Vale. TB advised that both reports were used as the evidence base for the Council's Recovery Strategy presented to Cabinet on the 21st September. Both reports are accessible as resources to partners. The data within the Economic Assessment dashboard is updated monthly.</p> <p>NM assured partners that Welsh Government are aware of the impacts COVID has had on parts of the community as shown through the changes in rules for people living alone announced by Welsh Government today. RC informed partners that many mental health services have been successful in adapting to make their services available online. FK noted it was clear from the statistics the challenges we will face and the potential for this to increase inequalities.</p> <p>HM updated partners on the progress made to date against the 4 PSB priorities;</p> <p>Tackling Climate Change: A draft PSB Tackling Climate Change Charter had been developed for consultation supported by individual organisational plans and joint action where possible. A PSB Asset Management Group has been established and the Healthy Staff Travel Charter has launched. Colleagues are keen to progress this work further and its links to a green recovery.</p> <p>Move More Eat Well: The Move More Eat Well Plan launched in July with a 2-stage focus agreed at the July meeting. FoodVale activities are continuing with regular meetings and work to progress a pilot for a food poverty project in a local area within the Vale underway.</p>	

Timebanking: A Timebanking Task and Finish Group has been established and money from the Welsh Government Prevention and Early Years Fund has been awarded for 2020/21. The job description and person specification previously drafted are being relooked at to reflect the impacts of COVID. It has been proposed to widen the scope of this priority to have a greater focus on volunteering overall.

Engagement: The Task and Finish group established good links between partners and whilst it has not met for a while has now developed into a virtual network. Next year considerable engagement work will be needed as part of the Well-being Assessment and further discussion will be needed on how that work will be resourced including links with the Population Needs Assessment.

CD from the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) provided an overview of the work the RPB has undertaken to reshape the work of the Board and how this work can be more closely aligned with that of the PSB. The RPB has moved away from a focus on outcomes shaped by short term funding, to outcomes shaped by people and the population health groups.

This is an opportunity for the RPB and PSB to better align work and have greater impacts. NM highlighted that there is great diversity across the region and that it was important to maintain a local focus.

AH thanked CD for the helpful overview and recognised that it would encourage organisations to take a leap forward to be ambitious in ensuring the system is seamless across health and social care services.

TM voiced that this provides an opportunity to bring together analytics to work towards a more efficient joint understanding of risk and then use this to avoid duplication of effort but also make sure the right interventions are made at the right time. This will help us to identify vulnerability early and intervene to avoid complex issues developing that eventually impact on policing service, criminal justice and education partners. The PPU services would be very keen to link in with this and help.

MC queried how the plans would be communicated to the community. NM suggested the Community Liaison Committee could take this forward. MC agreed to raise it at the next Committee meeting. CJ voiced that he would be happy to attend future Committee meetings.

RT informed the group that there have been lots of discussions across Wales on the relationships between PSBs and RPBs. RT reflected on earlier discussions, on the headline impacts of COVID and the 4 PSB priorities and suggested the PSB work should continue on these and the work of the RPB goes along side this. The PSB needs to reflect on this information and the recommendations from the Future Generation Commissioners report and consider where there are gaps that can be filled by the PSB, or if others are better placed to take forward different aspects of the work. For example, in the case of volunteering a lot of work has been carried out by GVS and local volunteering groups through Vale Heroes and it would be disappointing to lose this momentum. RC informed partners that volunteering has been very fluid in response to COVID and whilst numbers are high these are now starting to fall as children return to school and people return to work. It is important to keep hold of the support and their interest. NM reinforced the importance of working together whilst recognising the difference in communities across areas.

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<p>CD thanked the PSB for their encouragement and suggested her and TB meet to discuss how to take this work forward.</p>	<p>TB</p>
<p>9. Forward Work Programme</p> <p>TB highlighted the list of potential agenda items and reiterated the December PSB meeting agenda would include FK's paper on the prevention monies spend for 2020/21. TB welcomed partners to contact himself or HM if they have any items they would like to bring to the PSB at a future meeting.</p>	
<p>10. Any Other Business</p> <p>AH informed partners of the important work currently being undertaken by the RPB to produce winter protection plans as required by Welsh Government. AH highlighted the potential for overlap between the Health Boards quarter 3/4 plans and the RPB winter protection plans and would like to bring the Plans to a future PSB meeting.</p>	
<p>11. Date of next meeting – 4th December 2020, 10:30am – 12:30pm</p>	