



**VALE OF GLAMORGAN LOCAL SERVICE BOARD**  
**MEETING**

**18 October 2012**

**Committee Room 1, Civic Offices, Barry**

**Present:**

Cllr Neil Moore - VoGC  
Sian Davies – VoGC  
Huw Isaac - VoGC  
Sonia Reynolds – Welsh  
Government  
Dr Sharon Hopkins – Cardiff & Vale  
UHB  
Phil Pinches – South Wales Fire &  
Rescue Service

John Harrison – Environment  
Agency  
Rachel Connor – Vale Centre for  
Voluntary Services  
Anne Wei – Cardiff & Vale UHB  
Mike Jones – VoGC  
Rob Thomas - VoGC  
(For agenda items 7&8)

**Apologies:**

Kay Martin - Cardiff & Vale College  
Jenny Page – ABM UHB  
Glyn Cox – Aberthaw PowerStation

Peter Thomas – Wales Probation  
Trust

	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012</u></b></p> <p>Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Minutes of Local Service Board Implementation Group Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012</u></b></p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Matters Arising</u></b></p> <p><b>Welfare Reform</b> Huw Isaac raised the issue of welfare reform. The workshop facilitated by Clive Teague at the LSB Forum had proved very popular. There had been a useful discussion which had flagged up a number of issues.</p> <p>Neil Moore highlighted the need for partners to think through how each organisation would be affected by the changes and how they could be mitigated.</p>	



<p>All agreed the importance of partners working together (e.g. the Council, police, health, voluntary sector) to try and reduce the impact of the changes. A number of voluntary sector discussions had already taken place.</p> <p>Sian Davies explained the arrangements within the Council to address the issue. An officer task group had been established to look at the immediate financial implications, and a Member Scrutiny group had also been set up to examine the wider impact. She invited partner organisations to give evidence to the Member group. It was agreed that some form of partner stakeholder group would be a way forward. Clive Teague, the Council's lead officer on welfare reform, would contact appropriate organisations, and RC would notify any appropriate organisation of these arrangements.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins stressed the need to understand how the changes would affect each organisation in order to consider whether there was a need to review partnership priorities.</p> <p>Rachel Connor highlighted discussions at the workshop held during the LSB Forum and that we are already aware who the families are which will be affected by the changes. It is crucial we share information and explore how each partner can plan how to manage the impact and the interventions required including those at crisis points.</p> <p>The CAB conference on the issue on 13<sup>th</sup> November was highlighted.</p> <p>Neil Moore highlighted the intensive support some residents will require and the problem caused by the withdrawal of funding for CAB who will be unable to provide the level of financial advice required. Sharon Hopkins requested feedback from the officers group. It was agreed that welfare reform should be an agenda item for future meetings.</p>	<p>C Teague, RC</p>
<p><b>4. South Wales Programme – UHB Consultation on the Future Shape of Hospital Services – Sharon Hopkins</b></p> <p>Sharon Hopkins explained the purpose of the current consultation which was part of an engagement phase with the community on the drivers for change and the possible way forward. This initial engagement phase will last until 19<sup>th</sup> December and will be followed by a formal consultation on the specific options that emerge from</p>	



<p>the dialogue and advice received in this first phase.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins explained that ensuring the quality and safety of services was the primary objective with the need to ensure the viability of specialist services across South Wales. The services being discussed are obstetrics, neonatal care, paediatrics, major trauma, accident and emergency. Most hospital-based services will continue to be delivered locally, but for a small number of services current patterns are unsustainable. She explained we probably need to think about basing these services at 4/5 specialist centres. Most are currently delivered at around 7 sites. She described the options being considered for the services in question. It was important to inform the public of the options and rationale behind each proposal.</p> <p>There was a discussion of the issues raised in the presentation. The matters raised included the location of a new trauma centre for S Wales, the capacity of the current UHB estate, the continuing importance of Landough, the importance of community-based provision, the potential use of hospitals in other UK areas for some specialised services, long term health workforce planning and waiting times as a result of the concentration of services.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins highlighted 3 public engagement discussion meetings in Cardiff planned for November.</p>	
<p><b><u>5. Effective Services for Vulnerable People – Co-Occurring Mental Health and Substance Misuse Project Proposal – Sharon Hopkins</u></b></p> <p>Sharon Hopkins outlined proposals for an all-Wales project exploring the deep-rooted delivery challenges associated with co-occurring mental health and substance misuse problems. The aim of the project is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the critical success factors which will challenge and bring effective challenges in joint working across the public sector and voluntary sector services working with people with co-occurring substance misuse and mental health problems;</li> <li>• Develop a new model of working which offers learning to public sector bodies across Wales and the UK.</li> </ul> <p>She said the project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map the situation across Wales to identify instances where</li> </ul>	



<p>Health Boards have worked towards implementation of the National Service Framework 'Meeting the Needs of People with a Co-occurring Substance Misuse and Mental Health Problem ~(2007)' and how they have achieved this;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the barriers to implementation and the impact on individual patients, families and communities;</li> <li>• Scope good practice in relation to co-occurring and mental health across the UK to identify area's of best practice;</li> <li>• Use a case study approach to identify a small cohort of service users representing a breadth of symptoms;</li> <li>• Develop a new model of service delivery;</li> <li>• Capture the learning so that implementation is transferable across Wales, and to other similarly vulnerable groups.</li> </ul> <p>Sharon advised that the steering group had met and work had started on the project. It was agreed the LSB would receive a report on the learning and experiences from the project and any recommendations.</p>	<p>SH</p>
<p><b>6. <u>City Region</u></b></p> <p>Rob Thomas presented the conclusions of the task and finish group on city regions as they applied to the Vale of Glamorgan. The report had been commissioned by Edwina Hart, AM and the group chaired by Dr Elizabeth Haywood.</p> <p>The main findings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The establishment of a South East Wales City Region,</li> <li>• The establishment of a second city region for the Swansea Bay Area. The group recommended North East Wales did not merit city region status.</li> </ul> <p>Rob explained the rationale for city regions. They have been tested on a global scale and are perceived drivers which improve the planning system, improve connectivity and increase the knowledge base. He said it is proposed that different parts of the region can specialise in different aspects (e.g. tourism, leisure business etc.). He raised a number of the issues which were discussed at the plenary debate at the National Assembly on Tuesday. Governance arrangements had also been debated.</p> <p>Sonia Reynolds highlighted a further piece of work had been commissioned by Welsh Government in terms of a city region for</p>	



<p>the NE Wales and ongoing work on potential governance arrangements, particularly in relation to education, health and local government. The work commissioned is to include how the law currently stands with the issue of joint committees.</p>	
<p><b><u>7. Barry Cluster Communities First</u></b></p> <p>Rob Thomas presented an update on the Communities First application for a Barry Cluster, drawing attention to a meeting with WG about 3 weeks ago which had enabled the bid to be fine tuned. A decision is expected imminently. He explained work was currently under way to look at governance arrangements, in particular the relationship between Communities First and the Barry Regeneration Board and the Regeneration Partnership. It was important to maximise synergies between programmes such as Barry Regeneration Area and Communities First while ensuring resident participation.</p> <p>Options for premises were also being explored, the current favoured option being the Enterprise Centre at Gibbonsdown. Work was also under way to prepare for staffing appointments.</p> <p>Rob confirmed key links had been made with other projects, including Families First.</p>	
<p><b><u>8. Corporate Planning – How we link to the Community Strategy Priority Outcomes</u></b></p> <p>Huw Isaac presented a report outlining the approach already adopted by the LSB regarding the link between corporate planning undertaken by constituent organisations and the ten priority outcomes in the Community Strategy. According to this approach, each partner organisation was expected to use the priority outcomes when developing their delivery or corporate plans.</p> <p>He added that a number of issues were cross cutting and provided the example of the alcohol strategy, which was initiated by the Safer Vale Partnership but then adopted by other key partnerships and the LSB.</p> <p>Sharon Hopkins said it might be useful to remind partners of obligations. She recommended periodically tabling as an agenda item to challenge how partners were implementing within their delivery or corporate plans.</p>	



<p>Huw reminded everyone of the performance management system adopted and that progress reports were now going to the key partnerships and the LSB.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Local Service Forum Feedback</u></b></p> <p>Huw Isaac presented some initial feedback on the LSB Forum event of 5 October. Neil Moore expressed disappointment that he and Sian Davies were unable to attend but said he had received positive feedback on the event. A fuller report on the event would be posted online and would come to the next LSB.</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>LSB Forward Work Programme and Meeting dates for 2013</u></b></p> <p>Huw Isaac presented the forward work programme and meeting dates for 2013. John Harrison proposed a report on energy/climate change/Severn Barrage. This was agreed.</p>	JH
<p><b>11. <u>Any other business</u></b></p> <p>Rachel Connor informed the group of an application made to Big Lottery under the Community Voices programme. Rachel to feed back if successful.</p> <p>John Harrison asked partners to make him aware of any particular issues they wished to be raised at the surgeries in Barry &amp; Penarth on the proposed Hinckley C power plant.</p>	RC  All
<p><b>12. <u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December @10am, Committee Room 1, Civic Offices</b></p>	