

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 5TH SEPTEMBER, 2016

REFERENCE FROM HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 18TH JULY, 2016

“183 REGIONAL COLLABORATION FUND END OF PROGRAMME REPORT –
REMODELLING SOCIAL CARE AND INTEGRATION WITH HEALTH (DSS) –

The Head of Adult Services presented the report, the purpose of which was to update on the work that had been carried out over the past three years to remodel social care and integrate services with health using the Regional Collaboration Fund (RCF).

The report advised that in 2013/14, through the RCF, Welsh Government had approved funding to the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff Councils to establish collaborative and innovative projects which would assist with the development of remodelled adult community health and social care services. The programme was established on a three year basis with indicative funding for Years 2 and 3 subject to the budget being available.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council managed the overall administrative arrangements for the RCF grant for the three years of the programme. It had worked successfully with the City of Cardiff Council, the University Health Board (UHB) and third sector organisations on a number of projects that had delivered the required outcomes for the RCF.

A Programme Manager was appointed at the end of May 2014 to establish programme / project management arrangements to oversee and monitor progress. Appendix 1 detailed the Programme Governance structure.

The programme focused initially on six projects:

- Effective Community Resource Teams
- Enhanced services for people with learning disabilities
- Enhanced Occupational Therapy services
- Assistive technologies
- Streamlined integrated assessment
- Improved commissioning.

Further details on the evaluation of projects delivered in Year 1 of the programme were contained in Appendix 2. Appendix 3 contained the 2014/15 end of year summary report setting out progress made for each of the projects and highlighting

the benefits realised. Case studies were included to provide evidence of the difference these projects were making to the lives of people who used the services.

In 2015/16 the RCF funding was reduced and so the projects were realigned, building on the lessons learned from Years 1 and 2. The programme focused on two projects, Enhanced Reablement Services and Enhanced Services for People with Learning Disabilities. The RCF grant proved invaluable in enabling the region to pilot delivery models of working that brought together health, social care and housing resources.

The final progress report that was set out in Appendix 4 was produced in May 2016. The last two projects had now become business as usual, with additional support provided through the Intermediate Care Fund. The services would continue to be monitored through the new Regional Partnership Board and Appendix 5 detailed the new governance arrangements which would oversee continued integration of health and social care services.

The Chairman, in querying the regional approach, was advised that the City of Cardiff Council and the Vale would still be working together in some project areas, but on the whole, it was a mixed picture. The Committee noted that because the Health Board was now in control of the finances, it would be likely that a new integrated approach would be required.

In addition, the Head of Adult Services advised Members that the Intermediate Care Fund was now being used to progress the projects that had begun under the RCF grant. This was a fairly complicated picture, but this did include a lot of housing related projects. In terms of working with Cardiff Council, he advised that there would not be much point in working together if there were different service models in operation, but he did allude to the similarities between the day service strategies for both Councils.

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the report be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Reason for recommendations

(1&2) To provide Members with an update on how the Regional Collaborative Fund had been used to contribute to remodelling Social Care and integrating services with health across the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan regions.”

Attached as Appendix – [Report to Healthy Living and Social Care Scrutiny Committee](#): 18th July, 2016