

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 30TH APRIL, 2018

REFERENCE FROM HEALTHY LIVING AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 12TH MARCH, 2018

“764 CARDIFF AND VALE OF GLAMORGAN AREA PLAN FOR CARE AND
SUPPORT NEEDS 2018-2023 (REF) –

The Director of Social Services, in referring to the report, stated that on 5th March, 2018, Cabinet had approved the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Area Plan and Area Action Plan for Care and Support Needs 2018-2023. Cabinet had further resolved for the report to be referred to the Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.

As a background summary, the report advised that the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 inserted Section 14A into the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 which required Local Authorities and Local Health Boards to prepare and publish a Plan setting out the range and level of services they proposed to provide, or arrange to be provided, in response to the Population Needs Assessment (PNA).

The Area Plan and the supporting Action Plan provided the response of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Partnership Board (CVGRP) to the findings of the PNA that was published on 31st March, 2017.

A review was undertaken by the CVGRP in relation to all suggested areas for action to come out of the PNA. This had been done against existing or planned activity and in current partnerships or organisational delivery mechanisms across the region to identify where the work was already being progressed. In addition, mapping work undertaken also reviewed where accountability lay (e.g. Public Service Board, Community Safety Partnership, Youth Progression Board, Safeguarding Board, etc.) as it had been recognised that no everything identified within the PNA fell under the auspices of the CVGRP.

The mapping also identified the existing strategies and plans in place to respond to the priorities; resources and pooled / aligned budgets; and current performance management / reporting arrangements.

As a result, two documents had been produced. The first was the Area Plan that was attached at Appendix 1 to the Cabinet report which set out the key needs identified within the PNA, along with the priority areas for action in response to the findings. In addition, an Area Action Plan, attached at Appendix 2 to the Cabinet report, had also been developed. This provided the details of how the priorities

would be achieved. Both documents also set out the contributions to the Vale of Glamorgan and Cardiff's Well-being Objectives and the National Social Services Outcomes Framework.

A Committee Member stated that in comparison to Cardiff, the Vale had a higher proportion of older people and the Member stated that she was surprised that the Area Plan was more focused on younger people. The Member added that one other observation she had made was in relation to mental health services. The Member stated that for many years, mental health came under the umbrella of learning disabilities, with many people lobbying for mental health to be its own separate entity. For the new Area Plan, the Member stated that mental health had been placed within the area of Dementia and she raised concern that mental health could become the "poorer relation" with two key areas being grouped together. In reply, the Director agreed with the Member's comments and stated that one of the challenges around this was how the Council worked on a regional basis. The Director added that the way mental health operated was quite separate from Older People Services and that the planning arrangements had come on the back of the Dementia Strategy that had been brought to the Committee last year.

In referring to War Veterans, a Committee Member stated that statistically the Vale had one of the highest rates in Wales. The Member added that presumably Cardiff had one of the lowest rates and so as there would be work on a collaborative basis, he queried how the differing needs between the two areas would be met. In reply, the Director advised that this was something which the Cardiff and Vale Health Board would lead on, and so it would be appropriate for a response to come from them. Further to this query, another Member commented that he attended 617 Squadron Group, which although being an RAF group, was open to other veterans including former Fire and Police officers. The Member stated that the number of veterans going to this group was high and so this was a key priority area for the Vale.

Having considered the reference from Cabinet and the report, it was

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Area Plan and Area Action Plan as set out in the Appendices attached to the reference and report be noted.
- (2) T H A T Cabinet consider the Committee's request that Adult Mental Health and People with Dementia should be separated out, with both these coming under their own regional priority areas.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Following consideration of the developing regional plans for Health and Social Care.

(2) Based on the Scrutiny Committee's point of view that the areas of Adult Mental Health and People with Dementia are too large to be grouped together which may result in one becoming the "poorer relation".