

Committee: **Council**

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Report Subject: **Regional Population Needs Assessment (PNA)**

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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To seek approval of the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) from Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council.

1.2 To receive comments from members on the highlighted needs in the PNA and if these needs reflects the local authority area.

1.3 To demonstrate how the PNA aligns to the regional Well-being Assessment required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

2. Scope and Background

2.1 PNA Summary

- The Population Needs Assessment is a statutory document required by Welsh Government once per electoral cycle.
- Local authorities are required under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 to work in partnership with health boards to produce a regional PNA.
- The PNA will set out the extent to which there are people in the area of assessment who need care and support.

2.2 As set out in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 (SSWB Act) local authorities and local health boards must enter into a partnership to produce one PNA report per local government electoral cycle. The Act also stipulates:

- the Regional Partnership Board is required to produce the Population Needs Assessment (PNA); and
- local authorities and local health boards are required formally to approve the PNA report and make available on their websites.

- 2.3 A copy of the PNA report must be completed by April 2022 and be sent to Welsh Ministers at the time of publication. The first regional PNA was overseen by the Gwent Regional Partnership Board (RPB) in April 2016. The PNA is aligned to Well-being Assessment completed by Public Service Boards as required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.
- 2.4 The 2022 PNA report will also align, integrate and cross reference the Gwent Well-being Assessment, completed by the newly formed Regional Public Service Board, to avoid duplication and create a joint population well-being assessment for the region (this section can be read alongside the regional Well-being Assessment or as an individual document).
- 2.5 The first PNA was approved and signed off across the region on 1st April 2017 (follow link to RPB website Population Needs Assessment <http://www.gwentrpb.wales/>)
- 2.6 The identified need was used to develop the regional Area Plan. Following the publication of the regional report each local authority and health board is required 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 PNA. The plans are formally referred to as Area plans and a statutory requirement under the SSWB Act. The first regional Area Plan was published 1st April 2018 and set out the partnership working and delivery of services in response to each core theme identified in the population assessment.
- 2.7 In March 2021, Welsh Government released supplementary advice for RPBs to support development of the PNA. There were no changes to the guidance, however, some additional information and definition of core themes were included, but the statutory PNA themes have not changed and are set out below:
- children and young people
 - older people
 - health / physical disabilities
 - learning disability/autism
 - mental health
 - sensory impairment
 - carers who need support; and
 - violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence
- 2.8 The RPB adopted an approach to produce a separate Area Plan section for autism, and Welsh Government (WG) have advised that separate PNA sections should be produced within the new PNA. An additional section in relation to Housing is also appropriate and can provide a clear link to the national strategies and partnership working with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs).
- 2.9 It will be unrealistic for the PNA to include all the identified needs across health and social care but the regional report will highlight the joint priorities

to be progressed across public services, the health board and voluntary sector.

2.10 Engagement with citizens is a key requirement under the SSWB Act and the PNA has been developed with the inclusion of qualitative data from a range of citizen groups.

2.11 As required with the first PNA, the RPB will have to develop a regional Area Plan – publication 1st April 2023 – and will set out how the identified need will be met through partnership working and collaboration. The RPB will once again work alongside the Regional Public Service Board and partners to ensure alignment with Well-being Plans required under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act, as well as linking to local authority Corporate Plans and the ABUHB Integrated Medium Term Plan.

3. **Options for Recommendation**

3.1 BGCBC to consider if needs identified in the regional Population Needs Assessment are an accurate reflection of local and regional needs; and agree to endorsing the PNA.

4. **Evidence of how does this topic supports the achievement of the Corporate Plan / Statutory Responsibilities / Blaenau Gwent Well-being Plan**

4.1 As outlined in the report, the PNA is a statutory requirement of the SSWB Act and is also strategically aligned to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

5. **Implications Against Each Option**

5.1 ***Impact on Budget (short and long term impact)***

No direct implication to budget but will involve new ways of working long term and need to review how budgets are uses across local authorities

5.2 ***Risk including Mitigating Actions***

Risk that BGCBC will not be fulfilling statutory duty if sign off not agreed.

5.3 ***Legal***

See above

5.4 ***Human Resources***

No direct implication to HR but will involve new ways of working long term and may need to review staffing roles.

6. **Supporting Evidence**

6.1 Performance Information and Data, expected outcome for the public, Involvement (consultation, engagement, participation), Thinking for the Long term (forward planning), Preventative focus, Collaboration / partnership

working and Integration (across service areas) are key areas set out across the Population Needs Assessment report.

7. **Monitoring Arrangements**

- 7.1 The PNA will be monitored, reviewed and refreshed by the RPB. The RPB will also monitor delivery of outcomes following the PNA through the statutory Area Plan.

Background Documents /Electronic Links

Copy of PNA and Summary

[Population Needs Assessment - Gwentrpb](#)