

Appendix 1 : Blaenau Gwent Projects funded by Gwent RPB RIF

To provide context to the financial liabilities, this appendix provides an overview of the projects/services reliant on partnership funding. Data is included to identify the impact of the project should the activity need to cease.

| Children's Social Care | | |
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| Project | Overview | Implication of Cessation |
| Enhanced Edge of Care (EOC) - £124,847 | The programme consists of a series of projects listed here with a shared objective of <i>“Supporting Children & Families known to Social Services to mitigate, where possible, Children entering care and to support Family reunification.”</i> All projects within this programme aim to reduce the number of children entering the care system, reduce the number of those becoming “Children Looked After”, and help families stay together where possible. | Between April 2021- March 2022, 144 children and young people accessed EOC service. Of these 23 (16%) were supported to return or re-engage in education, 76 (53%) individuals were supported to engage in community activities and 126 (88%) were diverted from a Public Law Outline. With 133 (92%) supported to remain living within their family network and 4 (3%) supported to return to their family networks. If the project was to cease, this would inevitably increase the number of children becoming looked after, therefore increasing the number of ACES and life prospects for the child and YP. Further, this would also result in additional pressure on the Statutory system. |
| Family Group Conferences (FGC) - £77,694 | | Between April 2021- March 2022, the project received 89 referrals, and of these, 51 families accessed the FGC service. Of the 89; 10% were referred due to child protection and safeguarding concerns. 56 (63%) due to the risk of becoming looked after, and 4 (5%) for rehabilitation from Looked After. Cessation of this project would increase the prospect of families progressing to case conference. |
| Mediation Support (MS) - £34,847 | | A total of 120 individuals have accessed this project between April 2021- March 2022 Of these, 102 were supported to remain within their family home (85%). With 11% supported into independent living, 1% supported to return to their families and 3% were supported to become looked after. Closure of this service would result in more individuals entering statutory services and impact the opportunity to prevent escalation for issues such as parental conflict. |

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| Special Guardianship Order Support (SGO) - £135,521 | | <p>Between April 2021- March 2022, a total of 43 individuals have accessed the project for training, peer, and psychological support.</p> <p>The project has managed to divert 1% of individuals from becoming 'Looked After'. If the project were to cease its delivery, the impact on statutory services would increase and more children & young people would become looked after entering the care of statutory services.</p> |
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| Adult Social Care | | |
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| Project | Overview | Implication of Cessation |
| Early Intervention Dementia Reablement Services - £136,317 | The service focuses on supporting people living with dementia with bespoke support. The service supports people with a diagnosis or, or displaying symptoms of, dementia to remain active and connected with their community. | Between April 2021- March 2022, the project in Blaenau Gwent has supported 152 individuals through the programme. 67 of those individuals with memory problems or dementia continue to remain independent of services following completion of a reablement programme. In absence of these services, it is anticipated that service users would look to access support from Social Services. Further, this could lead to an increase in hospital admission, decrease in hospital discharges, increased GP attendance, a rise in referrals to Social Services and therefore an increase in requests for packages of Care across all 5 Local Authorities. |
| (Previously Step Up/Down Beds & Cariad Intermediate Care Beds 0 Phase 2 | CARIAD is the <i>Collaborative Assessment Reducing Interventions, Admissions and Delayed transfers of care</i> , an acronym to describe the Step Up/Step Down provision. The project provides Step up/Step down beds from a mixture of settings with dedicated beds available in a Care | Between April 2021- March 2022 40 individuals were referred and admitted to the step up/down beds within the team and 27 of these were able to be discharged from the step up/down beds. Of these twenty-seven, 19 were discharged to either back to their home or usual place of residence, with only 8 discharged to long |

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| <p>[Additional 4 Units]) - £347,536</p> | <p>Home, Sheltered Housing complexes and through Extra Care facilities.</p> | <p>term care, and 10 discharged with a Package of Care (POC). As of April 2022, bed occupancy levels were at 45%, with total bed days at 388. 13 admissions were avoided, and 21 discharges enabled, 7 of these were able to be discharged after becoming independent from services. 34 individuals were supported into the graduated care services. The average length of stay (LOS) for everyone admitted was 102 days.</p> |
| <p>Transition - Development of Integrated Working Across Adult And Childrens Services in Gwent - £70,500</p> | <p><i>The Transition Programme</i> is made up of four projects which are delivered in Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly, Monmouthshire – through the third sector organisation (Building Bridges), and Newport. The transition from Children's Services to Adult Services can be a very challenging experience for adults with learning disabilities and their families/carers. Similarly, the transition to more independent living can be problematic for adults with learning disabilities. The provision of specialist knowledge helps to address these needs and will help ensure compliance to the Social Services and Well Being Act 2014. It is clearly identified that transition outcomes improve when there is a lead coordinator who facilitates the involvement of the right people at the right time.</p> | <p>Between April 2021 to March 2022, The Blaenau Gwent Team had a total caseload of 208 individuals who were receiving ongoing transition support. The Transition Project continues to have significant positive impact on how young people are supported through transition into adulthood. The Transition Project continues to support young people and their parents/carers with aspects of transition, including navigating health referral pathways to ensure they continue to have their health needs met and supporting them to gain voluntary and paid work and accessing leisure and social opportunities in line with their individual desired outcomes.</p> <p>If the transition project were to cease to exist, there would be no alternative organisation for them to find the support and guidance they need and therefore result in a decline in future prospects.</p> |
| <p>Carers Support - Blaenau Gwent - £102,272</p> | <p>The main objective of this project is to improve identification of unpaid carers, provide easy access to Carers Assessments, raise awareness of what support is available to carers within their community, assist with signposting, and refer on to other agencies where</p> | <p>Between April 2021- March 2022, the merged projects of carers coordinator and carers support in Blaenau Gwent engaged with 333 carers and supported 238 carers with information, assistance and advice (IAA). The project provided 128 drop-in sessions, with 132 individuals attending activities/events. If the services were not</p> |

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| | <p>appropriate. The project also aims to ensure that children and young people will be protected from inappropriate caring and have the support they need to learn, develop and thrive, to enjoy positive childhoods and to optimise their abilities.</p> | <p>available, it is anticipated there would be a system-level impact on Social Care. Potential impacts could include an increase in packages of care, and an increase in adult referrals to Social Care. It is worth noting that this project aligns with the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (2014).</p> |
| <p>GMS alignment & IAA Prevention Workstream - £142,471</p> | <p>Continuing the alignment of our referral processes and systems to embed a single point of access across Blaenau Gwent as an integral part of ensuring that Information, Advice and assistance is accessible and available for all our residents, avoiding the frustration of individually accessing a number of social care and health-based services and being signposted or re-directed from one service to another. IAA is the starting point to access and be supported in directing people and professionals towards community-based services.</p> | <p>This preventative system is able to identify people at risk at the earliest opportunity to provide health and wellbeing support ,underpinned by strength-based assessments and co-production principles, Building resilience through connections, increasing social prescribing and community development through the integrated wellbeing network and the collaborative working nature of the Compassionate Communities MDTs to maximise individual and collective skills, capacity and efficiency. The role of the link workers is to support our GP surgeries through this work stream to provide them with a more effective transition between the different services within the Borough. During 2021-22 4828 enquiries were received at the front door, with 2596 referrals then resolved by the IAA team, providing an outcome of 52% of enquiries being resolved by IAA during the reporting period.</p> |
| <p>Implementation of Better Care Project - £46,031</p> | <p>The Implementation of the Better Care Project commenced with winter funding during 2019-20, with the acquisition of specialist equipment. This equipment provided the opportunity to reduce the workforce requirements in supporting individuals with complex needs, where possible, reducing what is referred to as 'double handled calls' to 'single handed call'. To maximise regional opportunities, it was agreed to deliver this project</p> | <p>If the service ended, it is anticipated that service users would access support through Social Services, so therefore increasing referrals, and package of care requests. In addition, there would be an impact on patient flow through services resulting in an increase in hospital admissions and a decrease in hospital discharges.</p> |

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| | in two phases. The first phase being the acquisition of equipment from winter funding, and more recently, the dedicated support to train staff in the use of the new equipment. | |
| Advocacy Access - £115,000 | The project means giving a person support to have their voice heard. It is a service aimed at helping people understand their rights and express their views, enabling people to have more choice and control when decisions are made that affect them. A pilot helpline was recently designed to be an independent single point of access for adults across the partner authorities. This service assesses individuals need for advocacy and refers to appropriate generic and specialist advocacy services along with signposting to other community based preventative services where appropriate. | A snapshot of the Data provided between April 2021- March 2022, shows that 495 individuals have been engaged with the Access to Advocacy, and 192 individuals progressed to advocacy cases requiring either independent professional advocacy (IPA) or significant information signposting/ guidance. The number of Website hits in 2021-2022 was 2045. Calls to the GATA helpline have been noted as returning to return to pre pandemic levels. The project is fully aligned to the regional advocacy strategy 2019/2024 to meet statutory obligations under the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. This is a Gwent wide scheme and not a Blaenau Gwent scheme, identifying a risk of Gwent wide impact for both Health and Social Care. If the project ceased, it is anticipated that individuals would seek advice and support from Social Services. |

| Regional Schemes | | |
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| Project | Overview | Implication of Cessation |
| Home First - £1,799,418 | The service has been established for approximately 3 years, and commenced based on the learning of a pilot initiative within the Integrated Care Fund. The principle of this service is a trusted assessor model to enable turn around at the front door where appropriate. During the COVID-19 pandemic support was extended to the Grange University Hospital as well as the District General Hospitals. This | This project has become an essential front door service across all the acute hospital sites that ensures people who do not need admission are given the right advice, information and assistance to return home with a follow up reablement intervention as required. The regional project is critical for moving people in a safe and timely manner secondary care to community support. It is |

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| | <p>initiative has been independently evaluated very positively, and consensus reached within the Gwent Adult Strategic Partnership on the need to sustain the service post March 2022.</p> | <p>considered a top priority to change conversations with the public and prevent unnecessary admissions to hospital.</p> <p>If this project closed, there would be an impact across Social Care and Health. For Health, these impacts include an increase in hospital admissions, increase in GP attendances, decrease in hospital discharges and an impact on patient flow through the system. Potential impacts on Social Care include an increase in adult referrals and increase in packages of care.</p> |
| <p>Shared Lives - £81,040</p> | <p>The project model supports people whose level of need means it is harder for them to live on their own, by matching them with a carer to share their family and lives giving care and support in the community.</p> <p>People using the scheme may be older, have mental health problems, dementia or learning disabilities or other needs which require short and long-term support. The Shared Lives Health Initiative project provides them with the opportunity to live with their matched carer or visit them regularly for day support or respite for their families.</p> | <p>Between April 2021 and March 2022, the project received 59 referrals and made 29 arrangements. The project has provided 520 hours of day support, 650 hours nights of respite and 2456 nights of long term provided. There have been 3 Shared Lives carers recruited and approved during this period and achieved 400% individual outcomes and an increase of 400% for family carer wellbeing.</p> <p>The model only receives funding from the RIF to support with the continuation of the project. Removal of the funding would mean the project would have to cease. The project has two employees, these employees would then have to begin the necessary redundancy procedures. Currently, there are twenty-seven active Shared Lives Health Initiative arrangements. All arrangements would cease and individuals and their families would need to secure the support lost through other care arrangements, such as nursing or residential homes, and step up or step down facilities. All this has the potential to add further strain to the individuals, their families and the system in place to support them.</p> |

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| <p>MYST Leadership Costs - £295,890</p> | <p>The service provides responsive, flexible outreach support to carers, including families and carers, to keep children and young people at home or in their placement. Providing support to children, young people and their care providers through a presenting crisis or event, making sure ongoing support post crisis is available. Providing a core daytime service and enhanced out of hours service, with a structured, high quality, fit for purpose educational provision supported by therapeutic and risk management models, delivered in a holistic, multi-disciplinary assessment/formulation – either community based or through residential provision, offering emergency/crisis residential placements when necessary.</p> | <p>Between April 2021 to March 2022 56 young people were referred to the service. There were 233 consultations held with 26 training sessions delivered, and 14 non-intensive cases open. 106 young people who are looked after, were supported to ‘step down’ from residential to family-based care.</p> <p>If the MyST service was to cease its delivery, the impact would be seen across health and social care sectors, increasing pressure on other service areas, increasing waiting times and possibly an increase in children becoming looked after, increasing financial implications on statutory services.</p> |
| <p>My Mates - £160,960</p> | <p>The project supports individuals with a learning disability across Gwent are able to access a variety of social events as a means of forming friendships and, if requested, can be supported to develop a relationship by finding a date and being offered advice and information. My Mates support individuals with learning disabilities to live independently with access to early intervention services in the community, and greater public awareness and understanding of people with learning disabilities needs.</p> | <p>Between April 2021 and March 2022, 1132 people engaged with the project and in addition, received 190 virtual engagements. There were 7088 meetings with families/individuals held, and 3695 people attended events. The project also facilitated 50 training/workshops during this period.</p> <p>If the funding of the project was to cease, the project has identified that it is not sufficiently embedded to consider an exit stage.</p> |