

Priorities Gwent Population Needs Assessment

Children and Young People

Emerging Priorities

1. To improve outcomes for children and young people with complex needs through earlier intervention, community-based support, and placements closer to home.
2. To ensure good mental health and emotional well-being for children and young people through effective partnership working especially mitigating long term impact of Covid-19 pandemic.

Market Position Summary

- There is a need to continue strengthening services and partnerships around a single front door approach to reduce hand offs between organisations and establish a sequenced approach to multiple intervention needs.
- The RPB will continue to implement principles of NEST/NYTH and across all services to remain focused on what matters to children, young people and families as we move to a whole system approach.
- Given the new programme of government priority to eliminate profit in residential care for children looked after, the RPB will support this agenda and also the early intervention and preventative services that help reduce children becoming looked after.

Older people

Emerging Priorities

1. To improve emotional well-being for older people by reducing loneliness and social isolation with earlier intervention and community resilience.
2. To improve outcomes for people living with dementia and their carers
3. To support older people to live, or return following a period of hospitalisation, to their own homes and communities through early intervention, integrated care models and a whole system approach.
4. To mitigate the long term impact of Covid-19 pandemic through, especially reducing waiting lists and times to access support, appointments and medical procedures.

Market Position Summary:

- There is an increasing need to further support the emotional wellbeing for older people, through reducing loneliness and isolation issues and providing multi-agency early intervention and community support to boost wellbeing.
- We need to strengthen partnerships, services and coproduction models to improve the outcomes for people living with dementia and their carers.
- The RPB will need to strengthen partnerships and practices across health, social care and independent/third sector to ensure we are supporting people to remain well at home for as long as possible, and are able to return home from hospital, through an enhanced reablement approach.

People with disabilities

Emerging Priorities

1. To support disabled people, including sensory impairment, through an all-age approach to live independently in appropriate accommodation and access community-based services, including transport.
2. Ensure people are supported through access to accurate information, assistance and 'rehabilitation' where required.
3. Improve transition across all age groups and support services.

Market Position Summary:

- The RPB need to ensure all frontline workers receive up to date training and awareness raising in relation to the various information portals and sites that provide useful advice to the public, which will require training and awareness raising.
- Recruitment across health and social care needs to increase including specific roles such as Rehabilitation Officers for Visual Impairment.

People with learning disabilities

Emerging Priorities

1. To support people 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.

Market Position Summary:

- There is a need to increase the number of bespoke and individual support packages for people with a learning disability which will involve more one to one support in the community and will require the recruitment of a greater number of volunteers.

Autistic Spectrum disorder

Emerging Priorities

1. To provide more timely diagnosis of Autistic Spectrum Disorder and access to support services and information and advice.
2. To improve awareness, understanding and acceptance of autistic people.

Market Position Summary:

- There is an increasing need to deliver further autism training and awareness to health, social care and wider RPB partners as well as the wider public.

Awareness of mental health

Emerging Priorities

1. Increased understanding and awareness of mental health amongst the public to reduce stigma and help people to seek support earlier.
2. To improve emotional well-being and mental health for adults and children through early intervention and community support.

Market Position Summary:

- We need to promote the mental wellbeing of people in Gwent and ensure that the workforce is supported to be able to provide people with the support they need at the right time.

Unpaid carers & Young carers / young adult carers

Emerging Priorities

1. Support unpaid carers to care through flexible respite, access to accurate information, peer to peer support, effective care planning and through increased public understanding.
2. Improve well-being of young carers and young adult carers, and mitigate against the long-term impact of Covid-19 pandemic

Market Position Summary

- There is still a need to increase awareness of the needs of carers and for frontline staff to be able to recognise when people take on caring responsibilities and signposted to information, especially young carers.
- Peer to peer support and respite provision are continually highlighted as being a priority need for carers and there is a need to increase support through third sector and community partners to increase befriending opportunities and community groups.

Housing

Emerging Priorities

1. A multi-agency partnership approach to ensure appropriate housing and accommodation for older people and vulnerable citizens
2. To ensure effective use of Disabled Facilities Grants and appropriate partnership support and available resources.
3. Homelessness requiring a collaborative response from public services and partners, especially the non-use of B&B accommodation for young people, and through prevention and early intervention.