



Title: Building a Fairer Gwent: Improving Health Equity and the Social Determinants

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1	Purpose of Report
1.0	This paper provides an introduction to the recommendations included in Building a Fairer Gwent: Improving Health Equity and the Social Determinants. It accompanies both the report itself and a presentation to be delivered by the Institute of Health Equity (IHE) at the 20 th July PSB meeting.
2	Background
2.0	Gwent PSB has an ambition to create a fairer, more equitable and inclusive Gwent for all. To do this, PSB partners need to achieve equitable access, experiences and outcomes for all people and communities across Gwent. This requires specific action to tackle the structural causes of inequity.
2.1	In pursuit of this ambition, at its meeting on 10th March 2022, Gwent Public Services Board (PSB) formally agreed to establish a partnership between Gwent and the Institute of Health Equity to signify the establishment of Gwent as a Marmot Region – the first in Wales.
2.2	Since then, under the leadership of the Building a Fairer Gwent Leadership Group, and with the support of the Building a Fairer Gwent Marmot Region Programme Team, the IHE have been working to better understand the impact of inequity and the social determinants of health in Gwent. This report is the product of that work, containing both insights and recommendations about how partners can go further together to address the underlying causes of inequity in the region.
3	Summary points
3.0	The report highlights how levels of social, environmental, and economic inequality in society are damaging wealth, health and wellbeing in Gwent. Put simply, we can transform the life chances of everyone in Gwent through a good job, a decent home, affordable transport, digital access, green space, clean air, safe streets, and the chance to learn and develop.
3.1	The report's recommendations cover the period 2023-29. There are 119 short term recommendations for years 2023-2024, and a further 74 recommendations for years 2025

to 2029. (Many of the later recommendations are a continuation or extension of the short term recommendations). Some recommendations are specific to one of the eight Marmot principles, and some are more general sector or whole system recommendations. The report also contains Marmot indicators for each step to assess progress. There are 29 recommended actions for national policy makers.

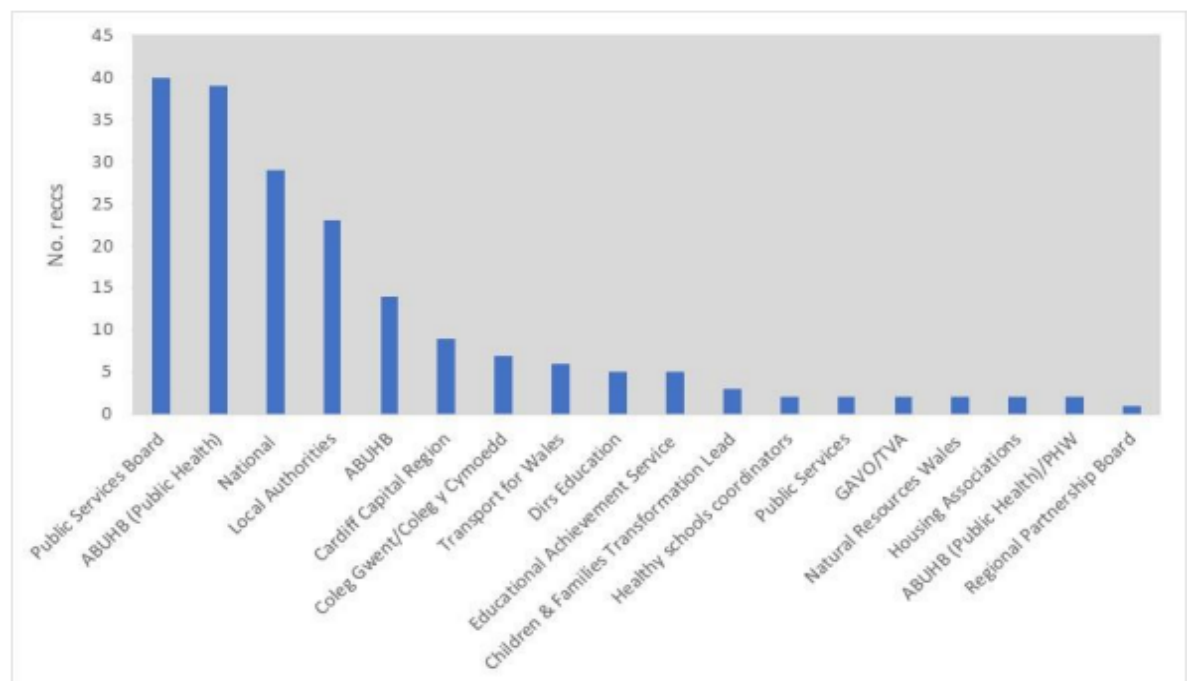
3.2 When thinking about the Gwent PSB Well-being Plan, it is clear that there is a high degree of alignment. As an illustration, all the recommendations for 2023-2024 align to the five well-being steps as shown in table 1 below.

Table 1: Number of recommendations in 2023-24 by well-being step.

Step 1	Take action to reduce the cost of living crisis in the longer term	8
Step 2	Provide and enable the supply of good quality, affordable, appropriate homes	7
Step 3	Taking action to reduce our carbon emissions, help Gwent adapt to climate change, and protect and restore our natural environment	6
Step 4	Take action to address inequities, particularly in relation to health, through the framework of the Marmot Principles	47
Step 5	Enable and support people, neighbourhoods, and communities to be resilient, connected, thriving and safe	19

3.3 There are 18 'leads' (either individuals or organisations) identified in the report for each of the recommendations. The distribution of the recommendations by lead is shown below.

Figure 1: Leads for recommendations.



3.4 At its meeting in May, the Gwent Marmot Programme Leadership Group agreed to extend its terms of reference to September 2023 to support the transition from development to implementation of the report's recommendations.

3.5 The period of formal contracted involvement of the IHE in Gwent comes to an end with the publication of the report in June.

3.6	<p>Next steps</p> <p>The report will be published on the Gwent PSB website following the 20th July meeting. The main report will be accompanied by an executive summary report. A data pack is also available for each local authority. A presentation has been developed by the Gwent Marmot Programme Team for local delivery groups, with an offer made to attend meetings to present the findings and discuss implementation of the recommendations. A wider launch event for the report is being planned for September 2023. Other approaches to implementation will be developed when Well-being Plan delivery mechanisms are clearer, and when the extent of the commitment from PSB members is set out.</p>
4	<p>Recommendation to the PSB</p>
4.0	<p>Members note the content of the report and appendices and provide any comment with regards to its findings and recommendations.</p>