



POWYS PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

BRIEFING PAPER: *BUILDING A HEALTHIER WALES* FOR INFORMATION 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019

1. SUMMARY	
1.1	This paper has been written to provide Powys Public Service Board members with a briefing in relation to emerging national work under the title <i>Building a Healthier Wales</i> (BaHW). It is important to know about this because there is a stated aim to use regional partnership arrangements – both PSBs and RPBs, to support implementation of a number of collective priorities under this workstream.
1.2	BaHW is an attempt to orchestrate coordinated action on five collective priorities for population wellbeing in Wales. The five priorities are: wider determinants, early years, healthy behaviours, clinical risk factors, and transformational change. Work is being led by a national BaHW Coordination Group which met for the first time in July 2019.
2. DETAILED BACKGROUND AND ASSESSMENT	
2.1	BaHW is described as a “proposal to galvanise action across public, private and voluntary sectors, based on evidence-based priorities to create a managed shift to prevention and transform health outcomes in Wales”. Its origins lie in policy work started by Public Health Wales which was subsequently shaped through discussion with Welsh Government during 2018/19. It is being seen as the prevention element of <i>A Healthier Wales - our plan for Health and Social Care</i> (available at: https://gweddiill.gov.wales/docs/dhss/publications/180608healthier-wales-mainen.pdf).
2.2	<p>BaHW contains five key priority areas for prevention that are claimed to have the greatest potential to transform health and well-being in Wales. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tackling the wider determinants (good quality housing and good work); 2. Ensuring the best start in life (parenting programmes, schools as a setting for mental wellbeing and resilience, school readiness, smoking in pregnancy, maternal obesity); 3. Enabling healthy behaviours (smoking, healthy weight, physical activity); 4. Minimising the impact of clinical risk factors (high blood pressure, high blood sugar, overweight/obesity, high cholesterol); 5. Enabling transformational change (changing attitudes to wellbeing, guidance, measurement and tracking). <p>More detail about some of the five priority areas is given in a BaHW Executive Summary shown in Appendix 1.</p>
2.3	<p>Governance</p> <p>A national BaHW Coordination Group has been established under the chairmanship of Huw David, Leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Health and Social Care</p>



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	Spokesperson, WLGA. A key purpose of this group is to develop a model to support regional partnerships across Wales to think about and engage with the five collective priorities, whilst also aligning all Wales mechanisms to support implementation. The BaHW Coordination Group proposes to do this largely through an engagement process with PSBs and RPBs to understand what support is required, what skills and support are available and how these will need to align. Much of this is currently being worked-up; the BaHW met for the first time in July and is currently developing its approach to engagement so there is no concrete detail available currently.
2.4	Funding Alongside providing advice and leadership on managing the shift towards prevention, it is anticipated that there will be additional funding of circa £10m to support partnerships to deliver against the collective priorities. At the time of writing, how this fund will operate and how funding will be made available is unclear.
2.5	Next steps Other than reporting what the five collective priorities are, there is very little practical detail that is available at this stage. The BaHW Coordination Group states that it intends to make initial presentations at forthcoming RPB chairs and PSB coordinators meetings, so this should provide an opportunity to find out more about what the expectations are and how any additional funding will be made available. The timing of when this will happen is unknown, although the BaHW Coordination Group is planning an internal strategy workshop in September so further detail should be available shortly. Further updates will be provided as and when information becomes available.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1	At this stage, PSB members are asked to NOTE the contents of this paper and to engage with whatever processes are put in place as BaHW develops.
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