

**Please read the accompanying guidance before completing the form.**

This **Impact Assessment (IA)** toolkit, incorporates a range of legislative requirements that support effective decision making and ensure compliance with all relevant legislation. **Draft versions of the assessment should be watermarked as "Draft" and retained for completeness. However, only the final version will be made publicly available. Draft versions may be provided to regulators if appropriate. In line with Council policy IAs should be retained for 7 years.**

Service Area	Adult Services	Head of Service	Michael Gray	Director	Alison Bulman	Portfolio Holder	Myfanwy Alexander
Proposal		IBP Proposal 2- Direct payments					
Outline Summary / Description of Proposal							
Increase the take up of Direct Payments for eligible service users is proposed to deliver more freedoms and flexibilities to service users and their carers and generate efficiencies.							

1. Version Control (services should consider the impact assessment early in the development process and continually evaluate)

Version	Author	Job Title	Date
1	Michael Gray	Head of Adult Services	02/09/19
2	Michael Gray	Head of Adult Services	30/12/20

2. Profile of savings delivery (if applicable)

2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	TOTAL
£	£200,000	£300,000	£300,000	£	£

3. Consultation requirements

Consultation Requirement	Consultation deadline/or justification for no consultation
No consultation required (please provide justification)	The proposal will not result in a change to staff terms and conditions.

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### 4. Impact on Other Service Areas

Does the proposal have potential to impact on another service area? (Have you considered the implications on Health & Safety, Corporate Parenting and Data Protection?) PLEASE ENSURE YOU INFORM / ENGAGE ANY AFFECTED SERVICE AREAS AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY
N/A

### 5. How does your proposal impact on the council's strategic vision?

Council Priority	How does the proposal impact on this priority?	<u>IMPACT</u> Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	<u>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</u> Please select from drop down box below
<b>The Economy</b> We will develop a vibrant economy	There will be a greater use of community/third sector and independent providers of care.	Good	In addition, an e-market place solution will need to be procured to ensure that service users can access solutions.	Good
<b>Health and Care</b> We will lead the way in effective, integrated rural health and care	Promoting the use of direct payments and ensuring that the offer is attractive will help contribute to a greater mixed economy of provision within the County. Direct payments will provide greater choice and flexibility for those that need care and support.	Good	Considerable change management project to be developed with all stakeholders including communication about the positive aspects of change to this model.	Good
<b>Learning and skills</b> We will strengthen learning and skills		Neutral		Neutral
<b>Residents and Communities</b> We will support our residents and communities	The approach will enable communities to access more personalised support and as a result, will have more of a role in the design and delivery of services that they need.	Neutral		Neutral

**Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements**

6. How does your proposal impact on the Welsh Government's well-being goals?

Well-being Goal	How does proposal contribute to this goal?	<b>IMPACT</b> Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	<b>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</b> Please select from drop down box below
<b>A prosperous Wales:</b> An innovative, productive and low carbon society which recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately (including acting on climate change); and which develops a skilled and well-educated population in an economy which generates wealth and provides employment opportunities, allowing people to take advantage of the wealth generated through securing decent work.		Neutral		Choose an item.
<b>A resilient Wales:</b> A nation which maintains and enhances a biodiverse natural environment with healthy functioning ecosystems that support social, economic and ecological resilience and the capacity to adapt to change (for example climate change).	This proposal should assist the Council in reducing its carbon footprint through a reduction in car fuel emissions.	Good		Choose an item.

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<b>A healthier Wales:</b> A society in which people's physical and mental well-being is maximised and in which choices and behaviours that benefit future health are understood. <b>Public Health (Wales) Act, 2017:</b> Part 6 of the Act requires for public bodies to undertake a health impact assessment to assess the likely effect of a proposed action or decision on the physical or mental health of the people of Wales.	People will be supported to regain or maintain independence and therefore become more resilient and self-reliant in terms of meeting needs	Good		Choose an item.
<b>A Wales of cohesive communities:</b> Attractive, viable, safe and well-connected Communities.	People will be able to use Direct Payments more proactively and access local resources with the support of a Strength-based approach	Neutral		Choose an item.
<b>A globally responsible Wales:</b> A nation which, when doing anything to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, takes account of whether doing such a thing may make a positive contribution to global well-being. <b>Human Rights - is about being proactive (see guidance)</b> <b>UN Convention on the Rights of the Child:</b> The Convention gives rights to everyone under the age of 18, which include the right to be treated fairly and to be protected from discrimination; that organisations act for the best interest of the child; the right to life, survival and development; and the right to be heard.		Neutral		Choose an item.
<b>A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language:</b> A society that promotes and protects culture, heritage and the Welsh language, and which encourages people to participate in the arts, and sports and recreation.				
<b>Opportunities for persons to use the Welsh language, and treating the Welsh language no less favourable than the English language</b>		Neutral		Choose an item.

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<i>Opportunities to promote the Welsh language</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Welsh Language impact on staff</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>People are encouraged to do sport, art and recreation.</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<b>A more equal Wales:</b> A society that enables people to fulfil their potential no matter what their background or circumstances (including their socio economic background and circumstances).				
<i>Age</i>	People will be enabled to remain in their own homes supported to regain or maintain independence	Good	Access to local resources via the e-marketplace will help achieve this goal. This needs to be supported with appropriate stakeholder engagement to ensure that as many people as possible can utilise this online service.	Good
<i>Disability</i>	People will be enabled to remain in their own homes supported to regain or maintain independence	Good	Access to local resources via the e-marketplace will help achieve this goal. This needs to be supported with appropriate stakeholder engagement to ensure that as many people as possible can utilise this online service.	Good
<i>Gender reassignment</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Marriage or civil partnership</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Race</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Religion or belief</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Sex</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Sexual Orientation</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.
<i>Pregnancy and Maternity</i>		Neutral		Choose an item.

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### Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements

7. How does your proposal impact on the council's other key guiding principles?

Principle	How does the proposal impact on this principle?	<b>IMPACT</b> Please select from drop down box below	What will be done to better contribute to positive or mitigate any negative impacts?	<b>IMPACT AFTER MITIGATION</b> Please select from drop down box below
<b>Sustainable Development Principle (5 ways of working)</b>				
<b>Long Term:</b> Looking to the long term so that we do not compromise the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.	This objective will satisfy the direction of travel for people who prefer to stay in a setting familiar to them eg their own homes and become more resilient by being supported to regain or maintain independence through short term time limited support.	Good		Choose an item.
<b>Collaboration:</b> Working with others in a collaborative way to find shared sustainable solutions.	Collaborative working with care managers and other stakeholders including Third Sector partners will be key to the delivery of this, through integration and better working with providers and other third sector partners.	Good		Choose an item.
<b>Involvement (including Communication and Engagement):</b> Involving a diversity of the population in the decisions that affect them.	Collaborative working with care managers and other stakeholders including Third Sector partners will be key to the delivery of this, through integration and better working with providers and other third sector partners.	Good		Choose an item.
<b>Prevention:</b> Understanding the root causes of issues to prevent them from occurring.	This contributes to Early Intervention and Prevention work which seeks to enable people to remain independent for longer and minimise the need for more intensive supports.	Good		Choose an item.
<b>Integration:</b> Taking an integrated approach so that public bodies look at all the well-being goals in deciding on their well-being objectives.	The proposed new approach will be developed and delivered with the inclusion of PTHB and Third Sector partners.	Good		Choose an item.

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<b>Preventing Poverty:</b> Prevention, including helping people into work and mitigating the impact of poverty.	Socio economic opportunities may arise within communities to support people at home via third sector organisations/ private providers, utilising Direct Payments.	Good		Choose an item.
<b>Unpaid Carers:</b> Ensuring that unpaid carers views are sought and taken into account		Neutral		Choose an item.
<b>Safeguarding:</b> Preventing and responding to abuse and neglect of children, young people and adults with health and social care needs who can't protect themselves.	Safeguarding continues to be forefront of all decisions made to ensure that people are safe within their own homes.	Neutral		Choose an item.
<b>Impact on Powys County Council Workforce</b>	It is essential that this proposal is being developed and delivered with PCC operational colleagues.	Neutral	Early inclusion of PCC staff.	Good
<b>Source of Outline Evidence to support judgements</b>				

8. What is the impact of this proposal on our communities?

Severity of Impact on Communities	Scale of impact	Overall Impact
Low	Low	Low
<b>Mitigation</b>		

Ensure that rollout is effectively project managed, to include robust communication, engagement and support.

9. How likely are you to successfully implement the proposed change?

Impact on Service / Council	Risk to delivery of the proposal	Inherent Risk
Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>Mitigation</b>		

Risk Identified	Inherent Risk Rating	Mitigation	Residual Risk Rating
Risk that service users do not embrace the approach	Medium	Work on public communication and cultural changes required to be delivered as above	Medium
Risk to timescale of delivery	Medium	External capacity/knowledge would need to be sought to meet timescales set	Medium
	Choose an item.		Choose an item.
<b>Overall judgement (to be included in project risk register)</b>			
<b>Very High Risk</b>	<b>High Risk</b>	<b>Medium Risk</b>	<b>Low Risk</b>
		X	

10. Overall Summary and Judgement of this Impact Assessment?

Outline Assessment (to be inserted in cabinet report)	Cabinet Report Reference:
<p>This proposal seeks to further embed our direct payments offer, by making direct payments easy to understand and use, through effective communications and engagement, and easy to use self service options. The risk to the community is low but a sustained and well planned communications and engagement will be needed to promote the benefits of direct payments to both residents and adult services staff. The proposal is in line with the Social Services and Wel-being Act Wales (2014) which promotes independence and flexibility and choice around care.</p>	



11. Is there additional evidence to support the Impact Assessment (IA)?

**What additional evidence and data has informed the development of your proposal?**

Social Care Wales has a useful guide on direct payments, including [“myths and facts about direct payments.”](#) Resources such as this will inform our communications and engagement.



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12. On-going monitoring arrangements?

**What arrangements will be put in place to monitor the impact over time?**

Supervision of Social Care staff, panel and budget holder accountability, Operational SMT through to ASC financial monitoring mechanisms.

**Please state when this Impact Assessment will be reviewed.**

Quarterly as part of the SIP process

13. Sign Off

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Impact Assessment Lead:	Martin Heuter		
Head of Service:	Dylan Owen		
Director:	Alison Bulman		
Portfolio Holder:	Myfanwy Alexander		

14. Governance

Decision to be made by	Choose an item.	Date required	
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