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Step Update – Evidence and Insight “Shaping the future by improving our understanding of what matters to the people of Powys through evidence and insight”

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Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide the Public Service's Board with an update of activity undertaken by this step so far, an assessment of progress, future activity related to the step and highlight areas for the Board's attention. The overall RAG status of this Step for Quarter 2 2023/24 is **GREEN**. The report identifies what has been delivered within the quarter, what is due to be delivered, whilst providing an overview of risk, assurance, and resources.

The supporting action plan to complement this update is available within the agenda pack.

What activity has been undertaken in Quarters 1 and 2 2023/24?

General

- i. The Well-being Plan has been finalised, agreed by Public Service Board (PSB) members, published to the [PSB's website](#), and promoted by all Partners using their internal and external platforms.
- ii. The step has had a 5-year action plan drafted, detailing the delivery of the PSB will work to meet the aims and objectives of this workstream.
- iii. Following feedback from various Partners around resources, this step has been refined to be delivered via two working groups instead of the original proposed 3 working groups.

Engagement

- i. An initial workshop was held of PSB Engagement Officers to create connections, network, and identify common purpose in supporting the aspirations of the PSB. This workshop also led to idea's generation to support the longer-term activity of the workstream. This information was used to shape the workplan.
- ii. Internal engagement was also undertaken across Partners at Board level to ensure strategic buy in to workstreams and build relationships at board level.

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- iii. Multiple partners contributed to the delivery of Member's Development Session (jointly held with the Regional Partnership Board and Corporate Joint Committee) to Powys County Council Councillors to raise awareness of the work of the PSB and the recently adopted Well-being Plan.
- iv. Engagement colleagues considered the production as requested by the Board of an easy-read version of the PSB Well-being Plan. All Partners identified constraints (resource and/or capabilities) in being able to deliver this work and collectively agreed this would be better placed being delivered by an external provider. This is currently out to tender and will require wider PSB surrounding the cost of developing this.
- v. Preparatory work has been undertaken to develop a standalone PSB website, establishing the Partnership's own identity. Once options have been appraised, a further update will be provided to the PSB, including details of any resources required.
- vi. A bid was submitted to Welsh Government Democratic Engagement Grant to support with the costs of facilitating a series of engagement activities with young people in the Autumn. Unfortunately, due to the competitive nature of the grant, the bid was unsuccessful. Alternative funding is now being sought.
- vii. This workstream has developed strong linkages with the Regional Partnership Board engagement group to minimise duplication and identify opportunities to share common aims. A first joint meeting was held in September 2023.

Data

- i. An initial workshop was held of PSB Data Officers to create connections, network, and identify common purpose in supporting the aspirations of the PSB. This workshop also led to idea's generation to support the longer-term activity of the workstream. This information was used to shape the workplan in Appendix A.
- ii. The data officer's group have commenced undertaking a gap analysis of the Well-being Information Bank and Well-being Assessment, with the intention of seeking to address these gaps a fundamental aim of their workplan.

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- iii. Work has commenced to ensure that there are robust governance arrangements such as GDPR requirements and information sharing protocols that satisfies all Partners in meeting their legislative requirements. An initial meeting of Partner's Data Protection Officers was held in August 2023 to agree an approach to this work.

What activity is planned to be undertaken in Quarters 3 and 4 2023/24?

Specific longer-term activities are contained within the action plan (appendix A); examples include:

- i. Undertaking further gap analysis of the Well-being Information Bank and Well-being Assessment
- ii. Finalising legal requirements surrounding GDPR and sharing of information
- iii. Commissioning an easy read version of the Well-being Plan
- iv. Creating a shared community space including repositories and a collective calendar to share data and engagement to share work amongst Partners
- v. Holding an event with Town and Community Council's to develop their understanding of Powys Public Service's Board and the Well-being Plan, and to further develop their role in delivery of the plan
- vi. To further identify and bid for funding to support the delivery of this Step's activity
- vii. To further develop alignment of workstream with the work of other steps, *A Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight and Responding to the Climate Emergency*

What are the risks to delivery?

- i. IF additional funding is not identified to deliver the evidence and insight workstream THEN this step will not be fully resourced to be able to support the aspirations of the Public Services Board's Well-being Plan.
- ii. IF data sharing agreements are not agreed or implemented THEN the data stream will be limited in its effectiveness to support the Public Service Board and it's understanding of the people of Powys

What assurance activity has been undertaken?

- i. No scrutiny has been undertaken surrounding this step during Q1 and Q2 2023/24.
- ii. General comments surrounding this step and its direction have been shared at an event attended by Welsh Government's Partnership branch and the Future Generation's Commissioners Office, who have positively received the work of this step to date.

Resources

- i. This step is currently operating with no attached funding for specific activity. As identified above, there was an unsuccessful engagement bid to Welsh Government, and additional funding streams continue to be sought.
- ii. There is pending agreement from PSB surrounding the commissioning of an easy read version of the well-being plan, and the distribution of the associated cost.
- iii. This step is currently resources from existing people from Partner organisations, who are participating in this workstream alongside their business-as-usual requirements. It is critical that as this workstream develops further and funding is secured, that people's capacity can be released to support this work.