



## Powys Public Services Board - Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Step Update - Shaping the future by improving our understanding of what matters to the people of Powys through **Evidence and Insight**

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### 1. Introduction

1.1 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 at March 2024 is **ON TRACK (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.

## **2. What activity has been undertaken since the last meeting of the PSB?**

### 2.0 General

2.1.1. Memorandum of Understanding has been circulated and Partners are returning to show their commitment to workstream.

2.1.2. The first Scrutiny session was undertaken, including member development to ensure effective engagement with the process and an understanding of the work of the PSB. Positions within the committee have been elected too (Chair – Jennifer Owen-Adams and Vice Chair Cllr Gareth Jones).

2.1.3. Step lead attended Welsh Government/Future Generation Commission events such as the National Shared Learning Event (Wrexham) to engage with other Public Service Boards and public bodies surrounding the Well-being Plan and its associated priorities to understand if there are opportunities for collaboration and to share best practice examples.

2.1.4. Step lead has also supported Public Health Wales in developing a programme of work surrounding systems thinking to inform PSBs, which will look to be implemented nationally in 2024/25.

2.1.5. A shared digital file and calendar solution has been devised but not all Partners are able to access. This has been escalated to ICT accordingly.

### 2.1 Engagement

2.2.1. The joint engagement group with the Regional Partnership Board (RPB) has formalised its Terms of Reference and re-structured meetings to ensure all stakeholders from both PSB and RPB attend to achieve maximum value.

2.2.2. A revised Powys engagement plan, aligning the work of the PSB and Regional Partnership Board into a singular Powys Well-being Engagement Plan is being developed and is near finalisation.

2.2.3. A bid was submitted to Welsh Government Democratic to host a Climate Conversation as part of Welsh Climate Week, and to use this as a learning base for future deliberative engagement models. However, due to constraints within the funding conditions, this activity did not go ahead.

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- 2.2.4. A joint workshop was attended to work with the RPB and wider stakeholder representatives to agree a collective definition of co-production.
- 2.2.5. Town and Community Councils have been engaged with at a strategic level in February 2024 (online event) to advise around the work of the PSB and how they can get involved to help improve well-being in Powys. This was to a range of Town and Community Council's across Powys who considered how they could get involved in this work. This has identified the need to further consider how they can support the operational delivery of the Steps.
- 2.2.6 The PSB and RPB working group have been working to shape the Sustainable Powys and Powys Together engagement activities being undertaken across the 13 localities of Powys.
- 2.2.7. Preparatory work continues to explore developing a PSB website, establishing the Partnership's identity and options are currently being appraised to consider a future path.

### 2.3 Data

- 2.3.1. The data officer's group have continued 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.
- 2.3.2. 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. Through Information Governance leads, it has been established that a Data Protection Impact Assessment or Information Sharing Protocol is not required at this time.
- 2.3.3. In quarter three, 100% of datasets that have been updated on the Well-being Information Bank were done within 10 days (target), with around 20 data updates completed/planned during the quarter. We have published a new report of the locations of fire stations in Powys and Wales as this new dataset was made available by Welsh Government. We have other reports in development including Social housing datasets from Welsh Government, Child poverty statistics from End Child Poverty Coalition and some others in the pipeline. We have noted that there is a delay in updates of many datasets, these delays are still as a result of Covid/Census 2021 where reporting was stopped or delayed, therefore many datasets we were hoping to update during this quarter are not yet available, this includes ONS Mid-

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Year Estimates by small area and single year of age, some social services benchmarking to name a few. We will hopefully see many of these datasets be made available to us in the summer 2024.

- 2.3.4 A workshop has been held (4<sup>th</sup> March) to further develop group relationships, including skills mapping and ideas generation to support the future data needs of Powys public sector. Updates from this session include the agreement to explore a data maturity assessment, to create a repository to share information and to further develop data mapping and gapping, with emphasis upon the environment theme.

### **3. What future activity is planned to be undertaken before the next PSB board meeting?**

Specific longer-term activities are contained within the action plan; examples include:

- 3.1. Commence analysis of locality engagement findings and disseminate knowledge accordingly.
- 3.2. Holding an event surrounding Young Person's engagement (March 20<sup>th</sup>) to ensure their voice is used to inform future policy making
- 3.3. Undertake data maturity assessment as PSB partners.
- 3.4. Arrange facilitation of undertaking the Future Generation's Commissioner's Maturity Matrix as a Public Service Board.
- 3.5. Prepare the PSB's Annual Report and arrange for this be communicated with Members and wider stakeholders.
- 3.6. To further identify and bid for funding to support the delivery of this Step's activity.
- 3.7. 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*.

### **4. What are the risks to delivery?**

- 4.1. IF additional funding is not identified to deliver the work of this step, THEN this step will not be fully resourced to be able to support the aspirations of the Public Services Board

- 4.2. IF data sharing agreements agreed and implemented in a timely manner, 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

## **5. What assurance activity has been undertaken?**

- 5.1. No activity has been undertaken since the previous update

## **6. Resources**

- 6.1. This step is currently operating with no attached funding for specific activity, minus the young person's engagement event which is being jointly funded by PSB grant and Youth Services.
- 6.2. There is pending agreement from PSB surrounding the procurement of an easy read version of the well-being plan, and the distribution of the associated cost.
- 6.3. This step is currently resourced 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 funding is secured, and that people's capacity can be released to support this work.