

A very warm welcome to the sixth edition of the West Wales Regional Partnership Board Newsletter.

Through our newsletters we want to introduce members of the West Wales Regional Partnership Board (WWRPB) Team, what their role is and what they do across the health and social care sector in West Wales.

Our focus in this newsletter is our performance team, Rebekah and Simon.





Meet Simon

Simon Williams is the programme and change manager for performance, playing a key role in overseeing the development of reporting methods and data collection processes for Welsh

Government and other regional funding. Simon has been a member of the WWRPB team for over two and a half years, joining as the organisation prepared to receive RIF funding for the next five years. He is responsible for Models of Care 2 and 5, focusing on complex care closer to home and home-from-hospital services.

As Simon oversees a model of care, he assists facilitating communication between the three counties and aligning regional and local objectives to ensure they meet the needs of the population. Through the Models of Care, the WWRPB aim to identify best practices that can be adopted as the regional model of care. Ultimately, these practices could be scaled up to become the national model for Wales.

Simon and Rebekah have focused on developing data collection methods using SNAP forms for the whole of RIF. Once collected, this data is processed and visualised in dashboards and infographics, which are then used in reports to demonstrate the impact of the funding. Their work includes developing relationships with project leads to ensure the impact of their work is captured, which is demonstrated by this commendation from Tina Taylor, Early Years Integration Team Co-ordinator:

"I have been receiving funding from the RIF since April this year, so have just submitted our first 6 month's reporting data. While I am always very happy to try and do all that is asked of me, I am useless with IT so almost destined to make mistakes on a digital platform (which I did). Simon has come to my place of work, called me back almost instantly when asking for help and been very kind and supportive and always with a smile. As a funded project we have always had to report and evaluate, but I have never had so much support before. It really is very much appreciated. The drop in workshops have been a great opportunity to ask questions and listen to other project's questions too. We are only a little project, but are very proud of our work and actually glad to try and report what we do, but it is often more difficult than it sounds, especially as a preventative service. Thank you Simon."



Meet Rebekah

Rebekah joined the WWRPB over 4.5 years ago. She sits within the facilitation team and supports a wide range of RPB priorities i.e. reporting including shared learning and data analysis for regional strategies such as Unpaid Carers. Rebekah lead on the technical development of the WWRPB web site & manages the data portal development. Rebekah will be joining Michael in creating case studies

with a focus on ensuring Michael's story boards include and highlight the strategic outcomes for individuals and systems.



The Regional Integrated Fund is defined by Welsh Government as a 5 year fund to deliver a programme of change from April 2022 to March 2027. Prior to RIF there was the Integrated Care Fund (ICF) and Transformation Fund (TF). RIF is used as an additional resource to create sustainable system change through the integration of health and social care services. Each of Wales' seven Regional Partnership Boards has funding to implement innovative projects that integrate services across various partners and agencies within their respective regions.

Key features and values of the Fund include;

- A strong focus on prevention and early intervention
- Developing and embedding national models of integrated care (also referred to as models of care in this document)
- Actively sharing learning across Wales through Communities of Practice
- Sustainable long-term resourcing to embed and mainstream new models of care
- Creation of long-term pooled fund arrangements
- Consistent investment in regional planning and partnership infrastructure

The RIF is a key lever to drive change and transformation across the health and social are system and in doing so will directly support implementation of several key pieces of policy and legislation.

WHAT DOES THE REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD HAVE TO DO WITH FUNDING AND PERFORMANCE?

The Regional Innovation Fund (RIF) is governed by the West Wales Regional Partnership Board, which is responsible for developing a unified approach to health and social care across West Wales. The RIF sets regional priorities and guides the overall direction of these initiatives. These priorities guide our

work and projects, ensuring alignment with regional goals. The WWRPB oversees the delivery of these projects to ensure they meet the set priorities.

Accurate and timely reporting to the Welsh Government is essential to demonstrate the positive impact of our work in West Wales. By showcasing the significant achievements in West Wales, we can effectively advocate for continued funding and ensure the sustainability of our initiatives. We are committed to simplifying this process.

All RIF projects are reported to the main WWRPB meeting, attended by health and social care directors, to keep them informed about ongoing projects and their progress.



Our case studies illustrate how health and social care initiatives align with the strategic goals of the Health and Social Care Regional Integration Fund (RIF) and the West Wales Regional Partnership Board (WWRPB) priorities. By showcasing the tangible impact of these efforts, the case studies underscore the progress and value these programs bring to those in need of care and support in our West Wales communities, emphasizing the region's dedication to integrated care and inter-agency collaboration. The focus of our case studies extends to other key priority areas, including programs that tackle specific health challenges and early interventions, support for elderly, disabled, and other vulnerable groups, and projects that promote the sustainability and efficiency of health and social care services. We also highlight initiatives addressing workforce challenges within the sector.

Check out our latest case study here: Moyna Case Study FINAL 28 Oct 24 - YouTube

Media support requests go through to the WWRPB's Communication section for review to ensure they align with our priorities, and the potential impact and reach of media content is assessed. Approved requests are scheduled based on their urgency and the availability of resources.





We have now hosted six meetings of the Citizen and Third Sector Engagement Board, The membership of the board continues to grow and strengthen.

We have continued to refine our forward work program and the agenda for board meetings. We value the contributions of our representatives, who share their knowledge and experience in health and social care, and actively participate in the development of projects and services.

In addition to hosting meetings, we're available to visit support groups and wellbeing centres to gather feedback and insights on projects and services in West Wales.

Please contact wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk to express your interest.

ARE YOU INVOLVED IN YOUR ORGANISATIONS COMMUNICATION AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES?

We are currently mapping existing meetings, both online and in-person, that facilitate communication, engagement, or co-production. To better coordinate efforts, we propose to establish monthly drop-in sessions for individuals working in health, social care, and well-being to share information about upcoming events and attendees.

We aim to avoid duplication and promote alignment. If you already host a similar meeting, please let us know. Several organisations have expressed interest in participating.

Please contact wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk if you organise a meeting like this, or would like to get involved with the drop in meeting.





The WWRPB has now approved the use of a new prioritisation process for future capital schemes in the regional 10-year plan. This is a key requirement for the region to assure Welsh Govt that a robust prioritisation process exists at a local and regional level. The process now includes a "Part Zero" screening form which provides project leads and directors with a set of criteria that need to be considered in making a case for future capital investment.

The prioritisation process applies to all future Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund targeted projects and / or any schemes anticipated to cost over £2m funded through the Housing with Care fund.

Further details are available from the Regional Capital Team WWCapitalPMO@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

WWRPB CONFERENCE AND WEST WALES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE AWARDS

We will be opening the nominations for the West Wales Health and Social Care Awards on our website in early November!

Keep checking back to this link for more information about the process and the nomination form: https://wwrpb.org.uk/en/wwrpb-conference-awards-2025/



National Safeguarding Week: Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Board Conference



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Dewch i ymuno â ni yn ein Digwyddiad Byw'n Iach yn Sir Gâr

Bydd gwybodaeth, gweithgareddau a sesiynau blasu ar gael a chyfleoedd i ddysgu ac ymgysylltu â phobl am yr hyn y gallwch ei wneud i fyw'n dda.

Come and join us at our Living Well in Carmarthenshire Event

There will be information, activities, and taster sessions available and opportunities to learn and engage with people about what you can do to live well.



Citizen and Third Sector Engagement Board

We welcome new members to the board, our next meeting is on **December 17th 1pm to 3pm** and we would love to see you. Please message us at wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk.

Are you following us?

We have recently started a LinkedIn page, give us a follow and mention us in your posts when you get involved with the work we do. We would love to hear it!



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