**Getting in on the Act**

**Leadership resources**

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**Regional Partnership Board**

**Priorities checklist**

# Introduction

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 introduces new requirements on local authorities and their partners, particularly with regard to partnership and collaboration under Part 9 of the Act. This includes the need to establish a Regional Partnership Board in each of seven regions across the country, each with a particular set of responsibilities and priorities. This document is intended as a checklist to help Boards review their responsibilities and revise their priorities to ensure they are compliant with the Act. It also relates these responsibilities to the immediate priorities for 2016-17 identified by the Welsh Government for Regional Implementation Plans required by the conditions of the Delivering Transformation Grant.

| Act priority | Delivering Transformation Grant 2016-17  Regional Implementation Plan Priority | Potential priorities for the Board |
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| * An in-depth shared regional population assessment with shared plans for working across agencies to meet needs more effectively | * Develop new models of service for preventative services, commissioning  and social enterprises, responding to population assessments | * Ensure partners are working effectively to improve outcomes for people in their area by: * Driving forward the work on the population assessment * Responding to the population assessment carried out in accordance with Section 14 of the Act, and * Implementing the plans for each of the local authority areas covered by the board which local authorities and local health boards are each required to prepare and publish under section 14A of the Act |
| * Well-resourced regional partnership arrangements | * Retain capacity and leadership of a named individual at Director or Head of Service level to lead a team across the regional board area to: * Drive forward the programme of change  to implement the Act in collaboration with footprint partners particularly the NHS,  third and private sectors * Support the implementation of the new statutory partnership and the delivery of  a plan and their statutory duties * To continue delivering a post-commencement regional plan agreed with NHS, third and private sector partners reflecting key priorities and key responsibilities for delivery | * Ensure there is an annual resources agreement to support regional partnership bodies provide sufficient resources for the partnership arrangements, in accordance with their powers under Section 167 of the Act * Have clear reporting arrangements between the Board and the regional transformational projects |
| * Better quality information, advice and assistance for the public to help them make good health,  well-being and care choices | * Development of the information, advice and assistance service | * Ensure that arrangements are effective and having an impact |
| * A wider range of community, well-being  and preventative services, particularly delivered through social enterprises, aimed at supporting people’s well-being in the community. More effective early help services for those beginning to struggle | * Develop new models of service for preventative services, commissioning and social enterprises, responding to population assessments | * Ensure that the Board is agreed about its direction of travel in each key area and preventative and early help services are developing and are effective for different population groups |
| * More constructive and mature relationships with the independent sectors including a market sufficiency analysis | * Develop new models of service for preventative services, commissioning and social enterprises, responding to population assessments | * Ensure that the full range of partners are working constructively together, and that arrangements are in place to ensure market sufficiency are effective in maximising service effectiveness |
| * More holistic, proportionate assessments and record keeping, reduced bureaucracy. Assessments in partnership, based on the individual’s overall situation | * Development of processes and practice in assessment, eligibility, care planning and the information, advice and assistance service | * Ensure that assessment, eligibility and care and support planning is proportionate, holistic and effective in ensuring that people get the right support when they need it |
| * Stronger regional safeguarding arrangements for children and adults, and duties on professionals to report suspicions | * Enable key professionals across the Board’s area to lead practice change and take part in the national practice leadership programme | * Ensure that regional safeguarding arrangements are effective in safeguarding children and adults |
| * Clearer advocacy requirements | * Ensure proper arrangements are in place for citizen engagement | * Ensure that advocacy arrangements are compliant and effective |
| * More pooled budgets and integrated services across health and social care | * Drive forward the programme of change to implement the Act in collaboration with footprint partners particularly the NHS, third and private sectors * Support the implementation of the new statutory partnership and the delivery of a plan and their statutory duties * To continue delivering a post commencement regional plan agreed with NHS, third and private sector partners reflecting key priorities and key responsibilities for delivery | * Determine where integrated services, care and support will be most beneficial to people within their region, informed by the views of service users * Ensure that there is progress on integration with respect to: * Older people with complex needs  and long-term conditions, including dementia * People with learning disabilities * Carers, including young carers * Integrated Family Support Services * Develop integrated services for children with complex needs due to disability or illness and for children  and young people with mental health problems. This includes transition arrangements from children to adult services * IFSS * Pooled funds established and managed for the exercise of care home accommodation and family support functions, as well as for functions that will be exercised jointly as a result of an assessment carried out under Section 14 of the Act. Pooled funds in relation to care home accommodation are required from 6 April 2018 |
| * Make the sharing of information across agencies straightforward | * Consistency in the performance measurement framework and the introduction of underpinning systems WCCIS and DEWIS | * Ensure leadership on effective information sharing to improve the delivery of services, care and support, underpinned by use of technology and common systems * Ensure the performance measurement systems across the partnership are effective |
| * Ensuring the delivery of change throughout Wales | * Ensure that the regional Learning and Development Strategy and Plan is embedded in the plan * Enable key professionals across the Board’s area to lead practice change and take part in the national practice leadership programme | * Ensure the team is in place and effective in delivering change and the regional plan * Prepare an annual report for Welsh Ministers on the extent to which the Board’s objectives have been achieved |