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Cyd-bwyllgor Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer lechyd a Gofal / Mid Wales Joint Committee for Health and Care			
Dyddiad y Cyfarfod: Date of Meeting:	25 th May 2021		
Eitem ar yr Agenda: Title of Report:	Recovery in Mid Wales		
Arweinydd: Lead:	Steve Moore, Chief Executive Hywel Dda University Health Board and Lead Chief Executive Mid Wales Joint Committee Peter Skitt, County Director Ceredigion and Mid Wales Joint Committee Programme Director		
Pwrpas yr adroddiad: Purpose of the Report:	To receive a report outlining how organisational Covid-19 recovery	Ar gyfer cytundeb For Agreement	
	plans will support the position across Mid Wales.	Ar gyfer trafodaeth For Discussion	✓
		Ar gyfer gwybodaeth For Information	

Crynodeb / Summary

Since March 2020, Covid-19 has significantly impacted on the delivery of health and social care services with organisations required to focus the majority of their time and resources on responding to the pandemic. This has impacted on progress in the delivery of the Joint Committee's priorities and delivery plan due to the postponement of services and priority leads having to focus their time on the pandemic response.

Organisations across Mid Wales are now developing their recovery plans with services which were postponed at the start of the pandemic now gradually being re-started. However, due to the uncertainty regarding the Covid-19 pandemic, it is envisaged that it will take a significant amount of time for these services to be fully operational.

During the Mid Wales Planning and Delivery Executive Group meeting on 26th April 2021 it was noted that health and care organisations were developing their recovery plans. Health Boards had recently received generic feedback on those plans which they had submitted to the Welsh Government at the end of March 2021 with one of the key points made that the identification of new regional solutions was essential to deliver equity of access to services. Also, there was an expectation that regional discussions continued in quarter 1 of 2021/22 with final overarching recovery plans to be submitted by 30th June 2021. Running alongside this work was the development of proposals for recovery against the £100m fund which were to be submitted by 26th April 2021.

The Planning and Delivery Executive Group agreed that there was a need to consider how organisational recovery plans supported the position in Mid Wales. As such the three Health Boards, three Local Authorities and three Voluntary Sector organisations covering the Mid Wales region were asked to provide a report detailing how their respective organisational recovery plans supported the recovery across Mid Wales including the issues / challenges and plans for addressing these.

The organisational reports are attached to this report as follows:

- Appendix 4a Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
- Appendix 4b Powys Teaching Health Board
- Appendices 4ci and 4cii Hywel Dda University Health Board
- Appendix 4di and 4dii Gwynedd Council
- Appendix 4e Powys County Council
- Appendix 4f Ceredigion County Council

The three Voluntary Sector organisations representing the Mid Wales area (Ceredigion – Ceredigion Association of Voluntary Organisations, Powys – Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations and Gwynedd - Mantell Gwynedd) are working with Health and Local Authority colleagues to ensure recovery plans are in place.

Due to timescales it has only been possible to undertake an initial overview of the plans and the key potential issues/challenges for the Mid Wales population are that i) people may have to wait longer for timely care and ii) people may have to travel further for care.

A more detailed assessment will be undertaken on how these plans support recovery in Mid Wales and meet the principles on which the Mid Wales Joint Committee was formed as follows:

- There must be an open and honest relationship with the people of Mid Wales.
- Institutional Boundaries will not prevent collaborative service planning and delivery.
- Productive and constructive relationships with Local Authorities and the Third Sector must be supported across Mid Wales.
- Viability and sustainability of service provision is not only the responsibility of the host organisation but is a collective responsibility of the Joint Committee for Mid Wales.
- Service planning and delivery in Mid Wales must be population based not solely organisationally focused.
- Promote new thinking and innovative practice.
- When required pooled funding should be available to enable collaborative service delivery for the Mid Wales population.
- Clinical collaboration across the Mid Wales area on the planning and delivery of services must be encouraged and supported.

Further work will also be undertaken in conjunction with those Mid Wales organisations on the development of their recovery plans to ensure that the needs of the Mid Wales population are taken into consideration.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

For information - The Joint Committee are asked to discuss the reports outlining how individual organisational Covid-19 recovery plans will support the position across Mid Wales.