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MEETING**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	07 July 2025
<b>CYFARFOD O: MEETING OF:</b>	Monmouthshire County Council (Scrutiny).
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Dementia Annual Report.
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**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)  
Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

Briefing report regarding progress against the All-Wales Dementia Action Plan and the All-Wales Dementia Standards of Pathway of Care in Gwent.

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
SBAR REPORT**

**Sefyllfa / Situation**

The Dementia Action Plan for Wales (2018) sets out the Welsh Government's commitment to promoting the rights, dignity and autonomy of people living with dementia and the people who care for them. An established Regional Strategic Partnership Group has developed a Regional Strategy and Action Plan to drive forward improvement actions against the 6 key aims of the National Plan.

In March 2021, Improvement Cymru published the *All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway Standards: High Level Standard Descriptors*. These Standards needed to be reflected in the Regional Dementia Strategy and Action Plan. The Standards are subject to reporting against a Delivery Framework.

The Regional Strategic Dementia Partnership have taken a proactive approach, through dedicated Workstreams, to implementing the Standards. The progress is overseen by the Regional Leadership Group and Regional Partnership Board. The Health Board also completes the NHS Performance Framework which encompasses partnership actions across the region.

This paper and the accompanying Dementia Annual Report (attached) summarise progress over the past 12 months, for assurance.

**Background:**

In March 2021, Improvement Cymru published the 'All Wales Dementia Care Pathway Standards' (attached).

These standards have been informed by 1800 people, including people living with dementia. The 20 standards indicate what people believe will make a positive difference to dementia care in Wales.

Each standard applies to all people being assessed, diagnosed and living with dementia and their carers', recognising people with dementia as a vulnerable group, together with individuals with special characteristics such as Learning Disability and Black Asian and Minority Ethnic Groups. The overriding approach for implementation of the standards is one of multi-agency responsibility with the Standards supporting the Dementia Action Plan (DAP).

The Regional Dementia Strategic Partnership Group is well established. It provides a forum for strategic and clinical leadership, engagement, consultation and joint decision making across the health, social care and third sector agenda for dementia care in the five local authority areas and the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board. A Gwent Dementia Friendly Community group are represented by each local authority and sits alongside this group.

Through its membership the Dementia Strategic Partnership is also aligned to the work of the regional Carers Partnership Group; End of Life Care Partnership; Mental Health and Learning Disability Partnership, Gwent Adult Strategic Partnership and ISPB's.

The Dementia Strategic Partnership Group is supported by a sub structure of Workstreams to take forward specific areas of work. The attached Annual Report highlights key activity undertaken and includes progress to date and the priorities for 2025.

- **Asesiad / Assessment**

This Dementia Annual Report reflects the work that the Regional Dementia Partnership Group and Dementia Friendly Communities Programme has delivered against the aims, objectives and priorities aligned to both the Dementia Action Plan for Wales (2018-2022) and the All-Wales Dementia Care Pathway of Standards (2022). A readiness programme to support implementation of the Standards and the appointment of a Regional Programme Manager has enabled the implementation of the Standards into the Regional Dementia Action Plan and workstream programmes.

The Dementia Annual Report provides an in-depth review of progress taken to implement the Dementia Standards. Key highlights include:

### **Workstream 1: Community Engagement.**

- Held 36 community listening engagement events, testing the model in Newport (Maindee and Caerleon). We are currently linked in with

Monmouthshire ISPB and developing workstreams specific to Monmouthshire.

- Increased attendance at community groups, increasing reach with diverse communities
- Pilot of Dementia Hubs in progress in each Borough which has been subject to review.
- The Dementia Friendly Communities Gwent Network now has over 200 participants.
- Dementia Friends sessions held in local schools to promote intergenerational practice.
- Collaborative and strengthened partnership with employment services and other organisations to raise awareness of people who might be working and needing extra support, encouraging organisations to review their employment policies to support people living with dementia, their families, and carers in the workplace.
- Held a Regional Dementia Conference- over 200 attendees.
- Llais survey feedback and outcomes.

### **Workstream 2a: Memory Assessment Service Pathway.**

- 10 Data Measurement Sets have been agreed nationally and regionally and are being recorded to support impact and benchmarking of services.
- Workstream partners are currently speaking to people living with dementia, families and carers, to encourage them to join the Community of Practice.
- Increase in assessment and diagnosis rates.
- Memory Rehabilitation programme.

### **Workstream 2B: Carers Education and Support**

- The MEC (Mapping, Education and Carers) team have developed a Gwent wide Carers Information Course in all five Gwent boroughs.
- Carers are also offered Positive Approaches to Care training.
- A resource pack for Carers has been developed and is in use (paper and digital).
- The team are currently developing a Padlet for Carers to access a wide variety of up-to-date information.
- DAVID, Details and Vital Information Document Pilot
- Carers Hub in the main hospital sites.

### **Workstream 3: Dementia Connector**

- Work is ongoing to scope and collect details of connector roles in Gwent. Develop role descriptors and funding to identify what we already have available and what we may need to develop.
- Connectors will help and support people, to optimise their wellbeing and access support when needed. Confirmation of funding received.

### **Workstream 4: Dementia Friendly Hospital Charter**

- Established multi-disciplinary Dementia Hospital Steering Group
- Better support for, and inclusion of carers through John's Campaign.

- Wards have proactively engaged in Ward Improvement Plans to help improve patient experience in their areas. VIPS /Older Adult Mental Health (OAMH).
- Increased professional case discussions at ward level. Dedicated internet page and Padlet for people and staff (including social care/care homes) with numerous resources.
- Improved collaboration with HMP Usk and Prescoed
- Grant funding secured (NHS Charities Together) to drive forward meaningful activities (hospital and community).
- Activity Co-ordinators (uniform Job Description agreed)
- Enhanced Care Review undertaken
- 184 Dementia Champions in place across ABUHB
- Evaluation of patient safety Bedside Boards undertaken showing real value.
- Falls Awareness Book (Stumble Crumble) created with schools.
- Improved intergenerational activity (ongoing)
- 6 Goals priorities, patient journey.
- Welsh ambulance and urgent care pathway.

### **Workstream 5a: Learning and Development**

- Developed the Gwent Regional Learning and Development GoodWork Framework Strategy Plan
- 6 monthly performance report submitted to WG NHS performance team.
- Dementia Aware plus sessions commissioned for all citizens.
- A series of Bitesize learning provided by specialists in areas of practice as well as Staff Induction sessions, meaningful engagement and external learning opportunities have been secured and shared with all Nursing and Residential Care homes within the 5 boroughs. These include bitesize learning on:
  - Mental Capacity Act
  - Assistive Technology
  - Audiology
  - Oral Health care
  - Hydration & Nutrition
  - Pain Assessment
  - Dementia Awareness (induction)
  - Experiential learning day
  - Leading change Influencing dementia care.

### **Workstream 5b: Monitoring**

- Working with National Leads on national data sets
- Quarterly implementation reporting to NHS improvement Cymru.
- National Leads reviews
- Annual Regional Dementia Report
- ABUHB Dementia Audit
- National Audit Dementia
- Llais citizen survey

### **Priorities for 2025/26.**

The Regional Dementia Board review progress of all Workstreams at each bi-monthly meeting. The identified priorities for the next year are included throughout the Annual Report and include:

- Developing an improved pathway of transition to and from hospital through WAST- Welsh Ambulance Workstream
- Identifying people with dementia using a Clinical Workstation- Alert Code 136
- Raising awareness and support for Future Care Planning
- Discharge patient flow priorities- reducing ward moves and improving discharge.
- Participating in the research and improvement for Dementia Care.
- Review National Dementia Audit and Health Board measures, using findings to improve care.
- Embed the Meaningful Engagement Programme and Activity Coordinator Roles
- Review and support the Urgent and Emergency Care pathway
- Establish a People Participation Panel for people living with dementia, their carers and staff.
- Continued community engagement and recruit more Community Listeners.
- Improve dementia care in HMP prisons
- Provision of Dementia Hubs, in the community and in hospital
- Achieve Cultural Competence Accreditation and embed throughout the dementia work programmes.
- Increase intergenerational practice.
- A more proactive presence and continued engagement with and training of health and social care staff is important in developing a skilled and informed workforce.
- Continue to review progress and risks associated with each of the workstreams and will report emerging risks through the Regional Leadership Group.

The Gwent Regional Dementia Strategic Group have taken a proactive approach, through dedicated Workstreams, to implement the standards. This Group has set the work programme for 2025/26, ensuring priorities are embedded. Although there has been evidence of significant improvements, there is still more to do as identified in the priorities for the coming year.

This briefing and the accompanying Dementia Annual Report 2024 is offered for assurance and continuous improvement.

#### **Amcanion:**

#### **Objectives:**

Safon(au) Gofal ac Iechyd:  
Health and Care Standard(s):

2.1 Managing Risk and Promoting Health and Safety  
3.1 Safe and Clinically Effective Care  
4.1 Dignified Care  
6. Individual care

#### **Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:**

Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	National Dementia Standards National Dementia Action Plan Quality and Patient Safety Strategy Regional Area Plan Patient Experience and Involvement Strategy NHS Performance Review
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