



CABINET REPORT

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To: Chair, Ladies and Gentlemen

Winter Protection Plan 2020-21

1.0 SUMMARY OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 There is a requirement that Merthyr Tydfil CBC contribute to the development of a Winter Protection Plan to support the increased pressures placed upon Cwm Taf Morgannwg UHB during the winter period.
- 1.2 This report outlines the key area of responsibility placed on MTCBC to support this process.
- 1.3 The effectiveness of the plan will be monitored locally through planned monthly winter pressures and unscheduled care meetings.
- 1.4 It is recognised that this winter there will be additional pressures resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S) that

- 2.1 The content of the Winter Protection Plan be noted.
- 2.2 The Winter Protection Plan be endorsed.

3.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) is required to prepare an annual winter preparedness plan in partnership with the Local Authorities of Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Bridgend CBC and the Welsh Ambulance Service Trust (WAST). The plan is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The winter preparedness plan predominantly focuses on the contingency plans that CTMUHB have in place to deal with periods of increased demand and inclement weather to ensure that they continue to deliver services during these periods.
- 3.3 There is a requirement that the winter preparedness plan be available to the public and is published annually.
- 3.4 There is an additional dimension to the pressures that will be experienced across the health & social care community due to the high volume of people who are in hospital due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

4.0 LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTRIBUTION

- 4.1 The Local Authority contribution to the plan is to deliver support to enable people to remain at home rather than be admitted to hospital and support for those who have been admitted being discharged from hospital safely. The support arrangements that are to be delivered by the Local Authority focus on the existing arrangements between MTCBC, RCTCBC, BCBC & CTMUHB that support the hospital discharge process.
- 4.2 The key element of the contribution from the Local authorities is that Cwm Taf Morgannwg, in partnership with both local authorities Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf, have developed a multi-disciplinary Stay Well @home Team (SW@HT) based on the two acute hospital sites of royal Glamorgan and Prince Charles. The teams are primarily based at A&E but also support discharges from AMU and CDU additionally supporting all wards as capacity dictates. The aim of the service is to improve individual service user outcomes through enhanced communication and integration of health and social care services at the critical interface that occurs during presentation at A&E and hospital admission through to discharge.
- 4.3 The SW@HT undertake proportionate assessments and commission appropriate community services to support discharge home with the aim of supporting the individual at A&E to safely return home and avoid any unnecessary hospital admissions.
- 4.4 The SW@HT can commission a range of community responses such as Nursing @home including the IV service and social care community package of support within 4 hours, 7 days a week. To support these arrangements the capacity of community services has been enhanced and access arrangements and eligibility criteria have been revised.
- 4.5 The 2 Local Authorities community domiciliary care support @home service will support discharge through:

- Providing a 4-hour response to referrals from the SW@HT 7 days a week.
- Provide Intermediate Care and Reablement Services.

4.6 The success of the SW@H service has been built upon and has moved to the next phase of extending access to social care for professionals at evenings and weekends to provide community support to people to prevent the need for them to be admitted to hospital.

4.7 In addition the Local Authority continue to support the discharge arrangements through the core Social Services teams of Initial Support & Care Management services.

5.0 MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

5.1 The position across Wales is monitored by Welsh Government via weekly conference calls for each Health Board. Previously this has not included Local Authority representation however Welsh Government has written to Directors of Social Services requesting that Local Authority views are represented as part of this process.

5.2 Locally the Winter Plan will be monitored via monthly planned joint Winter Pressures Meetings. However during periods of increased demand the frequency of these meetings will increase.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The financial implications of potential increased demand are difficult to predict as they are influenced by the weather conditions and seasonal illnesses, however in previous years fluctuations in demand have been met from within established budgets. The position will continue to be monitored utilising existing budget monitoring arrangements and any significant budget changes will be reported.

7.0 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1

	Positive Impacts	Negative Impacts	Not Applicable
1. Merthyr Tydfil Well-being Objectives	1 of 4	0 of 4	3 of 4
2. Sustainable Development Principles - How have you considered the five ways of working: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term • Prevention • Integration • Collaboration • Involvement 	4 of 5	0 of 5	1 of 5

3. Protected Characteristics <i>(including Welsh Language)</i>	2 of 10	0 of 10	8 of 10
4. Biodiversity	0 of 1	0 of 1	1 of 1

Summary:

The main positive impacts are that the implementation of the plan ensures that the increased pressure of additional demand is managed as effectively as possible and services remain available to meet the requirements of the people of Merthyr Tydfil.

There are no negative impacts.

LISA CURTIS JONES
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BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Title of Document(s)	Document(s) Date	Document Location
Winter Protection Plan 2020-21		
Does the report contain any issue that may impact the Council's Constitution?		No

Consultation has been undertaken with the Corporate Management Team in respect of each proposal(s) and recommendation(s) set out in this report.