
**Health and Social Care Regional Collaboration Fund and Intermediate
Care Fund Projects: Progress Report Quarter Three**

Purpose of Report

1. To provide Members with an update on progress on health and social care related projects that the Welsh Government funds by the Regional Collaboration Fund (RCF) and Intermediate Care Fund (ICF). The progress report has been prepared by officers and is attached at **Appendix A**.

RCF Health and Social Care Project

2. The RCF was set up by Welsh Government to support regional collaboration, as called for in the Simpson Review¹. At Cabinet on 24th January 2013, Cardiff Council agreed to submit a number of RCF bids to the Welsh Government, one of which was a three year bid to support the integration of Health and Social Care.
3. The Health and Social Care project covers Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan and involves the two Councils, third sector representative councils and the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. A summary of the project was contained in the appendix to the Cabinet report and stated:

'The Health & Social Care project is a significant new initiative that would build on the work already undertaken in each local authority that is changing the way adult social care services are delivered. The project will introduce new service models and care pathways to meet people's needs in a more flexible and integrated way,

¹ 'Local, Regional and National: What services are best delivered where? - Simpson Review, March 2011, Welsh Government

giving them more control over the services they receive. This means services will be tailored to the needs of individuals, improving their outcomes and reducing the demand for other services. In doing this we aim to increase the long-term sustainability of the services we provide. Through collaboration management capacity can be increased significantly, which means services can be reformed quicker and more intelligently.'

ICF Gateway for Independent Living project

4. The ICF was established by the Welsh Government for 2014-15 to support the introduction of new and/ or proven ways of working so that public services become more efficient and effective by achieving greater integration of social services, health and housing services. The purpose is to support people to maintain their independence, remain at home, prevent inappropriate admissions to hospital or residential or nursing homes and prevent delayed transfers of care.

5. At this Committee's meeting on 2nd April 2014, Members received a presentation on the ICF bid and a copy of the bid, as part of the papers for the Integrating Health and Social Care Programme update item.

Quarter Three Progress Report

6. Officers have prepared an update report, which is attached at **Appendix A** and provides:

(a) Quarter 3 progress on RCF projects - Appendix 1

(b) Quarter 3 progress on ICF projects - Appendix 2.

7. The Quarter 3 RCF progress report details the individual projects, the achievements to date, project risks and issues and mitigation of these and provides performance information for the on-going projects. It shows that overall the programme RAG status is green, as follows:

(a) Effective Community Resource Teams – green

(b) Assistive Technologies – closed/ green

(c) Streamlined Integrated Assessments – green

- (d) Enhanced Occupational Therapy – green
- (e) Enhanced Learning Disabilities Services – green
- (f) Improved Commissioning – closed/ green.

8. The Quarter 3 ICF progress report also reports detail on the individual projects, the achievements to date, project risks and issues and mitigation of these and provides performance information for the on-going projects. It shows the following:

- (a) Establishing a Single Point of Access - Green
- (b) Preventative Interventions - Green
- (c) Third Sector Partnerships - Amber
- (d) Interim Care Flats - Amber
- (e) Smart House - Amber
- (f) Visual and Hearing Impairment Project - Green
- (g) Promotion and delivery of Assisted Technology and promote increase usage of community alarm - Green
- (h) Developing medicine management - Amber
- (i) Virtual Pool Fund – Amber.

Previous Scrutiny

9. Members received the first progress report at the Committee meeting 3rd September 2014 as well as presentations covering both projects. Following their scrutiny, the Chair wrote to Councillor Susan Elsmore, stating that:

*'With regard to the ICF project, Members welcome the aims and aspirations of the Gateway and support the ideal of one gateway into services aimed at promoting individuals ability to regain and retain independence and remain living in their homes. Members recognise that currently there are multiple entry points to these types of services and will be looking to see these are streamlined as part of the final stages of this project, in order that the Gateway can be mainstreamed once the ICF funding ceases.'*²

² Letter from Chair, Councillor David Groves to Councillor Susan Elsmore, Cabinet Member, dated 8th September 2014.

10. Members received the second progress report at the Committee meeting 3rd December 2014. Following their scrutiny, the Chair wrote to Siân Walker, in Councillor Elsmore's absence, with the following points:

- *'With regard to the RCF case studies provided, Members request that, in future, savings not be shown against particular examples but be aggregated to a project level'*
- *'With regard to case study 10, Members seek assurance that work is undertaken to ensure the safety of those with a sensory impairment who use stair lifts'*
- *'With regard to the year 3 RCF, when will you be informed if this money is confirmed? What will happen to the on-going projects if the money is not confirmed? How are the successes of the RCF projects going to be maintained post- RCF?'*
- *'With regard to the ICF, Members were interested to see the performance indicators for this (page 16, Appendix 4) and would like to receive completed results for these in future progress reports. Members would also like to receive details of how the successes of the ICF projects will be maintained once the ICF ends'.³*

11. Siân Walker responded to this letter, as follows:

- *Savings will be provided at an RCF project level, as requested*
- *With regard to stair lifts, a full Occupational Therapy assessment is carried out which takes account of the whole person, including their sensory needs, before a stair lift is recommended...if the OT felt it would be unsafe for the person to use a stair lift, they would not recommend one*
- *With regard to RCY year 3 funding – it is likely we will be told in January. If the funding does not continue...we will either have to find new funding sources or cease the work in train... We will be exploring other ways to resource the projects'*
- *With regard to ICF indicators – work is ongoing to collate information for the regional indicators where this data is available. If the funding is not available*

³ Letter from Chair, Councillor David Groves to Siân Walker, Director of Health and Social Care, dated 9th December 2014.

in future to support these projects, the resources may not be available to collate this information. There will be a formal evaluation at the end of the programme which will be completed in the autumn 2015. This will be available for scrutiny at that time.'

Way Forward

12. At the meeting, Councillor Susan Elsmore, Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Well Being, may wish to make a statement. Sarah McGill, Director of Communities, Housing and Customer Services, Siân Walker, Director of Health and Social Care and Nichola Poole, Programme Manager, Remodelling Social Care and Integration with Health across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan have been invited to attend. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions to the panel of officers and Cabinet Member.

Legal Implications

13. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

14. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this

report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- i) Consider the information provided in the appendices and at the meeting
- ii) Agree any comments and observations Committee wishes to make to the Cabinet or to partner agencies.

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