Cardiff Public Services Board Wednesday 4 October, 10:30am-12:30pm Oasis Cardiff, 69B Splott Road, Cardiff, CF24 2BW



Attendees

Board Members:

Councillor Huw Thomas (Chair) Leader, Cardiff Council (CC)

Charles Janczewski (Vice Chair) Chair, Cardiff & Vale University Health Board (C&V UHB)

Suzanne Rankin Chief Executive, C&V UHB

Fiona Kinghorn Executive Director of Public Health, C&V UHB

Abigail Harris Director of Planning, C&V UHB

Sarah McGill Corporate Director People and Communities, CC

Andy Robinson Team Leader, People and Places, South Wales Central, Natural

Resources Wales (NRW)

Mike Wyatt Group Manager, South Wales Fire & Rescue Services (SWFRS)

Dan Howe Chief Inspector, South Wales Police (SWP)

Alun Michael Police and Crime Commissioner South Wales (PCC)
Dan Jones Director of the Violence Protection Unit, SWP

Sheila Hendrickson-Brown Chief Executive Officer, C3SC

Estella Enos Deputy PDU Head, National Probation Service (NPS)

Apologies:

Paul Orders Chief Executive, CC

David Letellier Head of Operations South Wales Central, NRW

Gareth O'Shea Executive Director of South Wales Operations, NRW

Huw Jakeway Chief Fire Officer, SWFRS
Martyn Stone Chief Superintendent, SWP

Eirian Evans PDU Head, NPS

Other attendees:

Gareth Newell
Sian Sanders
Head of Performance and Partnerships, CC
Head of Community Safety & Cohesion, CC
Planning and Improvement Officer, CC
Interim Chief Executive, Oasis Cardiff
Suzanne Wood
Consultant in Public Health Medicine

Becky Matyus Action in Caerau and Ely (ACE)

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1.	Welcome/ Apologies	
	The Chair opened the meeting and noted apologies as above.	
2.	Minutes and Actions	
	The Chair noted that all actions in the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June 2023 are complete.	
	AGREED:	
	Minutes of the previous meeting held 28 June 2023	
3.	Refugees and Asylum Seekers	
	Tomos Owen welcomed PSB members to Oasis Cardiff. Tomos provided an overview of the organisation and the work undertaken across the city: the organisation's main aim and vision is to help refugees and asylum seekers integrate within their local community. During the week, the centre provides various sessions, groups, and classes to support refugees and asylum seekers, as well as a free lunch every weekday. Sian Sanders presented an overview of the refugee and asylum seeker	
	landscape in Cardiff, as well as an update on recent developments, including the direction of travel of policy in this area. The presentation covered:	
	 Migration Data Overview Comparative UK Local Authority Data Afghan Resettlement Ukraine Visa Schemes Year 1 in review Year 2 so far Asylum Dispersal – Policy overview UK Arrivals Data Illegal Migration Act 2023 Streamline Asylum Processing (SAP) Rapid increase in Homelessness in Cardiff In summary, it was noted that:	
	 UK-wide, Cardiff places sixth out of 329 local authorities for total per capita impact of all migration schemes combined. 	

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Additionally, Cardiff is home to over 50% of refugees and asylum seekers in Wales.

- The city, through the Cardiff PSB, has delivered a successful partnership response to the Afghan and Ukraine crises.
- Immediate, severe, and unanticipated pressure from asylum dispersal in October-December 2023 will continue into 2024.
- Currently, extraordinary housing pressures resulting from a range of factors, including migration, have led to a homelessness crisis in Cardiff which, alongside the impact on families, individuals, and wider public services, could also result in impacts for community cohesion.

As a result, it was proposed that the Cardiff PSB write to the Minister for Social Justice and Chief Whip to set out the pressures on the city's public services and seek to strengthen bilateral agenda on this issue with Welsh Government, including appropriately supporting/ funding Cardiff's response.

The following points were raised by PSB members:

- Alun Michael noted that it's crucial that the letter recognises the
 disproportionate impacts faced by Cardiff and highlighted that it
 would be useful for other Welsh local authorities to understand
 the pressures faced by Cardiff. Alun also noted that it would be
 useful to understand the historical context of refugees and
 asylum seekers in Cardiff, and questioned the impact on services
 when an asylum seeking individual is granted refugee status.
- Cllr Huw Thomas noted that the Home Office have changed their policy on dispersal areas but the effect of this has not been seen over the last 12 months. Cllr Thomas noted that the key challenge facing Cardiff is managing dispersal beyond the point of asylum decision.
- Sian noted that the acceleration of asylum decision will create huge demand, particularly in terms of homeless presentations.
 There are no regular funding mechanisms for councils to support increases of people presenting through homelessness. Funding to councils for the use of asylum accommodation has only been

No. Agenda Item made in the past two years and, whilst welcomed, has not covered costs. Concerns are shared across local government. Sheila Hendrickson-Brown acknowledged the pressures presented but highlighted that the longer-term benefits also need to be recognised, in terms of increasing diversity within the city. Cllr Thomas highlighted that Cardiff is renowned for its cultural diversity and vibrancy yet recognised that the pressure presented is unprecedented. Cllr Thomas noted that pockets of deprivation across the city will be further impacted due to the pressures in this area. Fiona Kinghorn noted that it's important to highlight the impact on healthcare services. The impact over time depends on the number of people seeking status, the complexity of cases, as well as the longevity of stay. Fiona noted that migration schemes don't tend to have healthcare allocations. Sheila noted that the overarching impacts also need to be highlighted – including impacts on the community sector and third sector. Cllr Thomas noted that the third sector will be crucial in helping to manage and support these individuals, particularly beyond statutory provision. Matt Jenkins highlighted that, in terms of impacts, employability also needs to be considered. Sian noted that understanding the journey post-move on is crucial. Data around employment, education and skills is currently limited but the Council is keen to develop understanding in this area. Charles Janczewski stated that it would be useful for the letter to be addressed to the First Minister, as the issue impacts so many areas. It will then be for the PSB to determine what the next strategic steps will be. Alun supported the approach outlined by Charles, noting that it would help avoid conversations taking place in silos. In terms of

the skills and capabilities of refugees and asylum seekers, Alun

No. Agenda Item emphasised the need for individual mentoring and support within organisations. In terms of highlighting pressures to the Home Office, Sian noted that the Council is currently liaising with the Core Cities network; concerns are shared across all member cities. • Suzanne Rankin noted that there is a need to frame the issue within the context of existing problems, with clarity given to what the risks are, including the financial impacts resulting from pressures on services. Sarah McGill reinforced the need to monitor impacts on community cohesion. Any messages presented need to be carefully considered. The Cardiff PSB agreed to write to the First Minister to set out the pressures on the city's public services and seek to strengthen bilateral agenda on this issue with Welsh Government, including appropriately supporting/funding Cardiff's response. 4. **Cardiff & Vale University Health Board Strategy Refresh** Abi Harris highlighted that the Cardiff & Vale University Health Board have recently launched a new Corporate Strategy. Abi provided a highlevel overview of the strategy, covering: The Vision Strategic Objectives and Priorities: 1. Putting People First 2. Providing Outstanding Quality 3. Delivering in the Right Places 4. Acting for the Future Abi emphasised that the Strategy has been aligned with the agendas of the Cardiff PSB and Vale PSB, as well as the agenda of Cardiff & Vale Regional Partnership Board (RPB). The following points were raised by PSB members: Alun Michael noted that the Strategy does not specifically reference the importance of partnership working and prevention, particularly referencing policing and criminal justice, violence reduction, as well as adverse childhood experiences.

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No. Agenda Item Move More, Eat Well Cardiff and Vale Health Protection Partnership National Core Principles (Welsh Government – February 2023) Strategic Aim Cardiff & Vale Integrated Health Protection System – who is Cardiff & Vale Health Protection Partnership Functions Governance Recommendations The following points were raised by PSB members: Fiona Kinghorn noted that feedback is welcomed in terms of the aim and core principles of the Cardiff and Vale Health Protection Partnership. Cllr Huw Thomas noted that, in terms of preventative services, it's important that the right people continue to be identified and targeted. Alun Michael recognised the way in which the amplifying prevention programme of work overlaps with many other areas of working, particularly in terms of physical activity and sport. The PSB agreed to: Note the progress to date. • Support and provide leadership to Amplifying Prevention • Endorse the Move More, Eat Well End of Year Report 2022/23 Support the next phase of Move More, Eat Well by supporting senior representation at future workshops. • Support the Health Protect Plan and response. Ely and Caerau Community Engagement and Plan: Update 6. Sian Sanders and Becky Matyus provided the PSB with an update regarding community engagement in Ely and Caerau, as well as the development of the Community Plan. The presentation covered: Governance recap Update on summer engagement (ACE) Overview – emergent themes/ areas for action Next steps (October 2023-December 2024) An extensive amount of community engagement was undertaken over the summer, which will continue throughout October. However, several themes/ areas for action are already emerging:

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- 1. Children and Young People
- 2. Community Safety and Safeguarding
- 3. Housing and Environment
- 4. Health and Wellbeing
- 5. Income and Employment

Looking ahead, work is needed to reflect, review and test thinking – namely, how can service delivery be better aligned at a locality level to deliver improved outcomes for residents in Ely and Caerau. Moving forward – from October to December 2023 – deep dives/ solution finding will be undertaken for the following two major themes:

- Children and Young People
- Community Safety and Safeguarding

The PSB Working Group will agree and support a calendar of events to develop solution options with community members. The PSB Working Group is to meet for the first-time next week, to review and design the sessions. It was noted that nominations – of appropriate organisational leads - to the PBS Working Group are still welcomed.

The following points were raised by PSB members:

- Cllr Huw Thomas noted that one of the challenges relates to community safety and questioned how community concerns can be addressed without provoking a negative response.
- Becky Matyus noted that community members have expressed a
 desire for community relations with the Police, although at the
 same time, there has been a deterioration of trust. Facilitating
 discussions between representatives of the Police and community
 members was highlighted as a way to develop community support
 for Police action. Becky noted that concerns have been raised in
 relation to the vulnerability of young people, particularly in
 relation to Electric Bikes, anti-social behaviour, drug dealing and
 county lines.
- Alun Michael noted that the quality of engagement work has been exceptional and noted that this work links to behaviour and attitudinal change. Alun stated that whilst Electric Bikes have been highlighted as an area of concern, Electric Motorcycles also present concern. Alun noted that these points will be picked up by the Community Safety Partnership Board, including identifying anti-social behaviour hotspots.
- Cllr Thomas questioned whether the timetable for action is meeting community expectations.

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	 Becky noted that the community want to see change but don't want to see change that they haven't had an opportunity to be part of. Becky emphasised that ACE are keen to get this work – and the Community Plan – right. There is no quick fix and there is a need to look at the Community Plan as a long-term plan. A consistent and transparent dialogue is being established with community members. 	
	 Sian Sanders emphasised that if any safeguarding matters are raised in community conversations, they are addressed immediately. 	
	Action:	
	 PSB members to nominate appropriate organisational leads onto the PSB Working Group by Friday 5 October 2023. 	ALL
7.	Community Safety and Safeguarding Update	
	It was highlighted that a Community Safety and Safeguarding Update was circulated to PSB members prior to the meeting.	
	Sian Sanders noted that agreement is needed regarding the funding arrangements for Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) 12.	
	It was agreed to proceed and co-fund the review in line with the costs outlined.	
	Action:	
	 January 2024 meeting of the PSB to consider community safety, particularly issues underlying anti-social behaviour and community tensions. 	PSB Secretariat
8.	AOB	
	Cardiff PSB: Future Meetings and Reporting against the Local Well-being Plan (2023-28)	
	It was clarified that each priority noted within the PSB's Local Well-being Plan ultimately has a line of sight to the Cardiff PSB.	
	The PSB agreed to:	
	 Approve the approach to reporting against the Local Well-being Plan (2023-28) 	

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	 Approve the approach to future meetings, including proposed agenda items for 2023/24. 	
	Gareth Newell highlighted that should PSB members have any additional topics/ themes for consideration, to get in touch with the PSB's Secretariat.	
	Partnership Asset Management	
	A proposed model is currently being developed on a thematic basis. A piece of work is also taking place to map existing investment programmes. Opportunities will be reported to the PSB.	
	Child Friendly Cardiff Ceremony	
	Cllr Huw Thomas made PSB members aware that, on 27 October 2023, Cardiff Council is scheduled to formally sign UNICEF UK's Child Friendly City agreement. An event has been arranged in Cardiff City Stadium to mark and celebrate the occasion, inviting key stakeholders who have contributed to the journey of Cardiff being recognised as the UK's first Child Friendly City. It was noted that the event will remain confidential until 27 October, but a diary marker will be circulated to PSB members.	
	Action:	
	 Child Friendly Cardiff Ceremony diary marker to be circulated to PSB members. 	PSB Secretariat
	 Future meetings: 20 November 2023, 12:30pm (Children and Young People Engagement Session). 10 January 2024, 10:30am 	