

# PWYLLGOR CRAFFU – GOFAL CYMDEITHASOL AC IECHYD

11 MAWRTH 2021

## GOFALWYR DI-DÂL YN SIR GAERFYRDDIN - DATBLYGIADAU STRATEGOL, LLEOL AC SY'N GYSYLLTIEDIG Â COVID

### Ystyried y materion canlynol a chyflwyno sylwadau arnynt:

Derbyn ac ystyried yr adroddiad sy'n manylu ar waith Grŵp Datblygu Gofalwyr Rhanbarthol Gorllewin Cymru, ynghyd â mentrau lleol yn Sir Gaerfyrddin, gan gynnwys datblygiadau sy'n gysylltiedig â Covid ar gyfer gofalwyr di-dâl.

### Y Rhesymau:

Rhoi datganiad sefyllfa i'r Pwyllgor Craffu ynglŷn â'r gwaith a wnaed yn 2020/21 mewn perthynas â gofalwyr di-dâl gan Grŵp Datblygu Gofalwyr Rhanbarthol Gorllewin Cymru a Bwrdd Partneriaeth Strategol Sir Gaerfyrddin ar gyfer Gofalwyr.

Angen ei gyfeirio at y Bwrdd Gweithredol / Cyngor er mwyn gwneud penderfyniad: NA

YR AELOD O'R BWRDD GWEITHREDOL SY'N GYFRIFOL AM Y PORTFFOLIO: -  
Y Cyngorydd Jane Tremlett (Yr Aelod o'r Bwrdd Gweithredol sy'n Gyfrifol am y Portffolio Gofal Cymdeithasol ac Iechyd)

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**  
**SOCIAL CARE & HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

**UNPAID CARERS IN CARMARTHENSHIRE-  
STRATEGIC , LOCAL AND COVID RELATED  
DEVELOPMENTS**

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This document provides an overview of the work that has been progressed by both the Regional West Wales Carers Development Group (WWCDG) and by the Carmarthenshire Strategic Partnership Board for Carers during 2020/21. It details a range of initiatives in place to support unpaid carers, including Covid related services.

During 2020 the WWCDG, in consultation with carers published a West Wales Carers Strategy, which was structured around four key priorities:

- Improve the early identification and self-identification of Carers, including Young Carers and Young Adult Carers
- Ensure a range of services is available to support the wellbeing of carers of all ages, in their life alongside caring
- Support carers to access and maintain education, training and employment opportunities
- Support carers to become digitally included

Work is now being undertaken by the WWCDG member to refresh their action plan to support the strategic priorities identified.

During the Covid pandemic the role and importance of unpaid carers has become more evident. The West Wales Carers Development Group have worked together to ensure carers continue to be supported with information, advice and support. Collaborative working across all partners and close working relationships with our commissioned service providers has enabled us to respond to the needs of carers including access to PPE & testing. During the first wave of the pandemic welfare calls to carers registered with the carer's information service were prioritised. Many carers took the decision to shield or to isolate themselves to protect those whom they carers for.

We recognise the impact that Covid has had on carers, and how it has been difficult at times to offer the usual menu of support. We have therefore had to adapt the offer so that it can be delivered during Covid.

The attached report details a range of carer support services and service initiatives which are in place and or are being developed to support carers in their caring role.

**DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?**

**Yes**

# CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

**Signed: Chris Harrison**

**Head of Strategic Commissioning**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE

## 2. Legal

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 provides the statutory framework for improving the well-being outcomes of adults and children who need care and support and carers who need support. It has a particular focus on voice and control so people have control over their own care and support and can make decisions about it as an equal partner.

## 3. Finance

Carmarthenshire is committed to support and values the contribution that unpaid carers make. Collaborative working with partner organisations including the voluntary sector, community groups and health will ensure we maximise use of available resources.

It is acknowledged that budgetary pressures will be a key challenge, which will be compounded by the impact of Covid. However resources such as the Integrated Care Fund, and Transformation Fund are supporting the delivery of carer's services.

## 4. ICT:

Digital has been highlighted as a key priority within the regional strategy and digital solutions have been an important part of ensuring continued support to unpaid carers during the covid pandemic. It will continue to play an important role in shaping how and what we provide going forward.

# IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below:

**Signed: Chris Harrison**

**Head of Strategic Joint Commissioning**

1. Local Member(s)- N/A
2. Community / Town Council – N/A
3. Relevant Partners – yes
4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations –N/A

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO  
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED:**

**YES**

Cllr J. Tremlett, Executive Board Member for Social Care & Health is a member of the Carmarthenshire Strategic Partnership Board for Carers.

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information  
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

**There are none**