



**Powys Public Services Board**

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**Report Name:**

Step Update – Evidence and Insight

“Shaping the future by improving our understanding of what matters to the people of Powys through evidence and insight”

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## **Introduction**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Public Service's Board with an update of activity undertaken by this step so far, an assessment of progress, future activity related to the step and highlight areas for the Board's attention. The overall RAG status of this Step for Quarter 3 2023/24 is **GREEN**. The report identifies what has been delivered with in the quarter, what is due to be delivered, whilst providing an overview of risk, assurance, and resources.

The supporting action plan to complement this update is available in Appendix A.

## **What activity has been undertaken in Quarters 3 2023/24?**

### General

- i. Memorandum of Understanding drafted and agreed with information compliance leads to facilitate the sharing of information
- ii. The first Scrutiny session is planned to be undertaken, including member development beforehand to ensure effective engagement with the process
- iii. Step lead attended Powys Food Partnership Strategy event to understand opportunities to align the work of the PSB to this work, and identify any opportunities for collaboration from an engagement perspective
- iv. A shared digital file and calendar solution has been devised but not all Partners are able to access. This has been escalated to ICT accordingly
- v. As part of a workshop planning the work of "Responding to the Climate Emergency" workstream, the step has supported this workstream with stakeholder analysis ahead of further engagement planning

### Engagement

- i. A revised Powys engagement plan, aligning the work of the PSB and Regional Partnership Board into a singular Powys Well-being Engagement Plan is being developed

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- ii. Preparatory work continues to develop a PSB website, establishing the Partnership's identity. This is being considered jointly with the RPB as they are undertaking a similar exercise and will be framed around "Powys Well-being". Once options have been further appraised, an update will be provided to the PSB, including details of any resources required.
- iii. A bid was submitted to Welsh Government Democratic to host a Climate Conversation as part of Welsh Climate Week, and to use this as a learning base for future deliberative engagement models
- iv. Initial preparations have commenced for an event with all Town and Community Councils in February 2024 to advise around the work of the PSB and how they can get involved to help improve well-being in Powys.

## Data

- i. The data officer's group have continued undertaking a gap analysis of the Well-being Information Bank and Well-being Assessment, with the intention of seeking to address these gaps a fundamental aim of their workplan.
- ii. Work has commenced to ensure that there are robust governance arrangements such as GDPR requirements and information sharing protocols that satisfies all Partners in meeting their legislative requirements. Through Information Governance leads, it has been established that a Data Protection Impact Assessment or Information Sharing Protocol is not required at this time.

## **What activity is planned to be undertaken in Quarter 4 2023/24?**

Specific longer-term activities are contained within the action plan (appendix A); examples include:

- i. Authorisation of Memorandum of Understanding by PSB leaders
- ii. Explore commissioning an easy read version of the Well-being Plan
- iii. Holding an event with Town and Community Council's to develop their understanding of Powys Public Service's Board and the Well-being Plan, and to further develop their role in delivery of the plan
- iv. Holding a Climate Conversation event with the people of Powys

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- v. To further identify and bid for funding to support the delivery of this Step's activity
- vi. To further develop alignment of workstream with the work of other steps, *A Whole System Approach to Healthy Weight and Responding to the Climate Emergency*

## What are the risks to delivery?

- i. IF additional funding is not identified to deliver the work of this step, THEN this step will not be fully resourced to be able to support the aspirations of the Public Services Board
- ii. IF data sharing agreements agreed and implemented in a timely manner THEN the data stream will be limited in its effectiveness to support the Public Service Board and it's understanding of the people of Powys
- iii. IF Partners are not engaged within the work of this step and actively contributing THEN the work of the Public Service's Board may not be as effective as possible

## What assurance activity has been undertaken?

- i. <This will be updated following scrutiny>

## Resources

- i. This step is currently operating with no attached funding for specific activity.
- ii. There is pending agreement from PSB surrounding the procurement of an easy read version of the well-being plan, and the distribution of the associated cost.

- iii. This step is currently resources from existing people from Partner organisations, who are participating in this workstream alongside their business-as-usual requirements. It is critical that as this workstream develops further and funding is secured, that people's capacity can be released to support this work.

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