



AGENDA ITEM

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CTM BOARD

**BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL AND CWM TAF MORGANNWG
UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD OVERARCHING PARTNERSHIP
AGREEMENT FOR ARC DAY OPPORTUNITIES
(SECTION 33)**

Date of meeting

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Report purpose

FOR APPROVAL

**Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including
receipt/consideration at Committee/group)**

Committee/Group/Individuals

Date

Outcome

BCBC / BLIG

Throughout
February
2021

ENDORSED FOR
APPROVAL

ACRONYMS

ARC – Assisted Recovery in the Community
BCBC – Bridgend County Borough Council
CTMUHB – Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
ABMUHB – Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
PMG – Partnership Management Group
ILG – Integrated Locality Group

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act allows for NHS bodies and Local Authorities by regulation to make provision to enter into prescribed arrangements around defined functions if the arrangements are likely to lead to an improvement in the way in which those functions are exercised. The arrangements which may be prescribed include arrangements in connection with the establishment and maintenance of a fund which is made up of contributions by one or more NHS bodies and one or more Local Authorities. This agreement is often referred to as a formal 'pooled fund' in accordance with Section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006.
- 1.2 **The purpose of this paper is to seek the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board's (CTMUHB) approval to a renewal of the current agreement for a 4 year period commencing 1st April 2021. The new agreement is attached in Appendix 1.**
- 1.3 Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and the former Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board (ABMUHB) worked closely for many years to develop a partnership approach towards the delivery of adult mental health day opportunities. The partnership was formally established in 2009 through a pooled fund in accordance with Section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 for a term of four years. The agreement has been subsequently renewed for the period up to 31/3/2021. Following the health board boundary change in 2019 the Section 33 agreement was transferred to CTMUHB as part of our commitment to working in partnership with BCBC. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the renewal of this successful agreement.
- 1.4 The day opportunities service (Called ARC - Assisting Recovery in the Community) has been a key element in the approach to advancing the joint working arrangements and shared vision of service delivery between BCBC and CTM UHB. The joint working and joint management arrangements provides an innovative and integrated working environment for all involved. The scheme is overseen by the Partnership Management Board (PMG) with representation from both organisations.
- 1.5 This Section 33 partnership agreement supports the CTMUHB Integrated Medium Term Plan (IMTP) based on ministerial priorities:-
- Reducing health inequalities;
 - Prevention;
 - Access to Care;
 - Mental health and well-being.

- 1.6 The partnership arrangement and service model assists BCBC in achieving its corporate priorities, as well as helping both organisations to achieve the objectives required for the Mental Health Measure for Wales (2010) and the Social Services and Well-being Act (2014). The agreement also promotes priorities within the Welsh Government strategy “Together for Mental Health”. The service model is consistent with Welsh Government’s ‘Delivering Beyond Boundaries’ agenda, along with promoting two of the seven goals of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.
- 1.7 The proposed contributions are shown in the table below:-

Partner Contributions	
Bridgend County Borough Council (50%)	£335,875
Cwm Taf Morgannwg Health Board (50%)	£335,875
Total Contributions	£671,750

- 1.8 These contributions are shared based on the same formula applied within the existing agreement. The PMG is required to manage the scheme within the allocated budget. The proposed health contribution is fully budgeted for within the Bridgend ILG Resource Plan.
- 1.9 The Pooled fund arrangements identify a Pooled Fund Manager who is an officer of BCBC. The Pooled Fund reports regularly to the PMG, who meet on a quarterly basis.
- 1.10 ARC Day Opportunities is delivered through an integrated health and social care service model to adults who have appropriately assessed needs related to their mental health. It is limited to eligible people within the Council’s administrative area
- 1.11 People with lower levels of need may be offered information, advice and guidance as required.
- 1.12 **Service Model:**
ARC Day Opportunities assists people who experience periods of mental ill health to access opportunities to improve their mental health and well-being and to enhance their lifestyles through the use of existing community resources. ARC support is based on the principles of the Recovery Model and helps people to identify personal goals, through an individual programme of support, which is aimed at achieving maximum levels of functioning and independence.

1.13 It provides a person-centred service promoting the recovery of a person from an episode of mental ill health. In accordance with the agreed local plans, this will include:-

- Preventative Services
- Signposting – Advice and guidance
- Short term Support
- Occupational Therapy
- Activity Planning
- Employment support and advice
- Social Support

1.14 ARC provides a service to adults referred through the following routes following appropriate specialist assessment:

- GPs
- Home Treatment Services
- Crisis Liaison Assessment Team
- Local Primary Mental Health Support Services (LPMHSS) – Adults
- Local Primary Mental Health Support Services–Child and Adolescent Mental Health(From age 17yrs and 9 months)
- Primary Care Outpatient Clinics
- Peri-Natal Mental Health Service
- Veteran’s Mental Health Team
- Community Mental Health Teams (CMHT’s).
- Hospital Based Mental Health Services
- Community Rehabilitation Units
- Community Drug and Alcohol Team (Where there is a diagnosed mental health issue)
- Developing Emotional Wellbeing and Resilience (DEWR) Team

1.15 The person making the referral will be from a recognised professional group identified as appropriate to act in this capacity from within mental health services. They shall be:

- Mental health nurses
- Social Workers
- Occupational Therapists
- Consultant Psychiatrists or Junior doctors acting on their behalf
- General Practitioners
- Psychologists

1.16 Other Agencies may direct people to the Service for information and advice relevant to their needs. This will be within agreed boundaries of collaboration with partner organisations/agencies and will include:

- Third Sector organisations
- Local Community Coordinators
- Local Colleges
- Job Centre
- Youth Services
- Local Employers

1.17 Where required ARC staff may direct people towards specialist assessment and support through recognised mental health pathways.

1.18 As set out in Schedule 1 the primary Aims and Objectives of this Agreement are:-

- To maximise the efficiency of mental health provision in health and social care through the implementation of section 33 of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 in respect of integrated provision from a pooled fund with effect from 1 April 2021.
- To efficiently and effectively provide an integrated health and social care day opportunities service, promoting recovery for people with needs related to their mental health across both primary and secondary care.
- To support the delivery of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 and Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010 for adults of working age (18 plus).
- To provide a service of the highest quality, designed with the Service User in mind, giving special consideration to those who are vulnerable or socially excluded.
- To support adults with mental health needs to live fulfilling lives in the community; including job retention support and improved access to employment opportunities.
- To provide an integrated structure of operational service management.
- To work to make mental health services accessible and responsive to all, recognising the specific needs arising from gender, culture and age.

3. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

- 3.1 Officers from both organisations have carefully reviewed and updated the existing Section 33 agreement and have produced a proposed new agreement for the period 1 April 2021 – 31st March 2025. This agreement, which is attached in Appendix 1 is submitted to the Board for their approval. The document will also be considered by BCBC Cabinet for their endorsement.

4. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

- 4.1 A Risk Register is included within the Section 33 Agreement, with no particular items identified as needing to be considered by the Board
- 4.2 The proposed agreement will be in place until 31st March 2025. Either partner may terminate earlier, giving at least three months' notice.
- 4.3 The agreement sets out an escalation process to resolve any disputes between parties.

5. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
	Quality, safety and patient experience are at the centre of service design and delivery. Regular monitoring and review systems are in place through a quarterly Partnership Management Group(PMG)
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Governance, Leadership and Accountability
	If more than one Healthcare Standard applies please list below: Staff and Resources Staying Healthy Effective care Safe Care Individual Care Timely Care Dignified Care



Equality impact assessment completed	No (Include further detail below)
	The agreement is targeted at all adults of a working age. It is wide reaching in its approach and therefore there are no perceived adverse impacts on equality and diversity
Legal implications / impact	There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
	Legal Advice has been sought on the Section 33 agreement.
Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact	There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.
	The Partners will ensure that expenditure and income remain within budget and that resources allocated to the Pooled Fund are adequately protected. This is monitored through the PMG
Link to Strategic Well-being Objectives	Work with communities and partners to reduce inequality, promote well-being and prevent ill-health

6. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that **APPROVAL** be given to;

- 6.1 The renewal of the Section 33 Agreement under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 with Bridgend County Borough Council regarding the provision of integrated mental health daytime opportunities. The existing section 33 Agreement comes to an end on 31st March 2021 and the Board is asked to approve a new 4 year agreement commencing on 1st April 2021.