
WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 1989

The Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015

Regional Partnership Boards

Partnership arrangements under the direction of Gwent regional partnership board

2.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out the specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board
Monmouthshire County Council
Newport City Council
Torfaen County Borough Council
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council
Caerphilly County Borough Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as Gwent regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of Gwent regional partnership board.

Partnership arrangements under the direction of North Wales regional partnership board

3.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out the specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Flintshire County Council
Wrexham County Borough Council
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Gwynedd County Council
Denbighshire County Council
Conwy County Borough Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as North Wales regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of North Wales regional partnership board.

Partnership arrangements under the direction of Cardiff and Vale regional partnership board

4.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out the specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

- Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
- Cardiff City and County Council
- Vale of Glamorgan Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as Cardiff and Vale regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of Cardiff and Vale regional partnership board.

Partnership arrangements under the direction of Western Bay regional partnership board

5.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out the specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

- Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board
- Swansea City and County Council
- Bridgend County Borough Council
- Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as Western Bay regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of Western Bay regional partnership board.

Partnership arrangements under the direction of Cwm Taf regional partnership board

6.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

- Cwm Taf University Health Board
- Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council
- Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as Cwm Taf regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of Cwm Taf regional partnership board.

Partnership arrangements under the direction of the West Wales regional partnership board

7.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out the specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

- Hywel Dda University Health Board
- Pembrokeshire County Council

Carmarthenshire County Council

Ceredigion County Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as West Wales regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of West Wales regional partnership board.

Partnership arrangements under the direction of Powys regional partnership board

8.—(1) Partnership arrangements for carrying out the specified functions must be made by the following bodies—

Powys Teaching Health Board

Powys County Council.

(2) These bodies must together establish a partnership board in respect of the partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation, to be known as Powys regional partnership board.

(3) The partnership arrangements required to be made by this regulation must be carried out under the direction of Powys regional partnership board.

Specified functions

9. The functions to be carried out in accordance with the partnership arrangements are the functions described in Schedule 1.

Objectives of regional partnership boards

10. The objectives of a regional partnership board are—

- (a) to ensure that the partnership bodies work effectively together to—
 - (i) respond to the population assessment carried out in accordance with section 14 of the Act, and
 - (ii) implement the plans for each of the local authority areas covered by the board which local authorities and local health boards are each required to prepare and publish under section 14A of the Act⁽¹⁾;
- (b) to ensure that the partnership bodies provide sufficient resources for the partnership arrangements, in accordance with their powers under section 167 of the Act;
- (c) to promote the establishment of pooled funds where appropriate.

Membership of regional partnership boards

11.—(1) Membership of a regional partnership board must include the following—

- (a) at least one elected member of a local authority which established the regional partnership board;
- (b) at least one member of a Local Health Board which established the regional partnership board;

(1) Section 14A was inserted into the Act by section 46 of, and paragraph 34 of Schedule 4 to the [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) (anaw 2).

- (c) the person appointed as director of social services under section 144 of the Act in respect of each local authority which established the regional partnership board, or his or her nominated representative;
 - (d) a representative of the Local Health Board which established the regional partnership board;
 - (e) two persons who represent the interests of third sector organisations in the area covered by the regional partnership board;
 - (f) at least one person who represents the interests of care providers in the area covered by the regional partnership board;
 - (g) one person to represent people with needs for care and support in the area covered by the regional partnership board;
 - (h) one person to represent carers⁽²⁾ in the area covered by the regional partnership board.
- (2) A regional partnership board may co-opt such other persons to be members of the board as it thinks appropriate.
- (3) The partnership bodies may pay remunerations and allowances to members of regional partnership boards.
- (4) For the purpose of this regulation—
- “care provider” (“*darparwr gofal*”) means a person registered under Part 2 of the Care Standards Act 2000⁽³⁾ in respect of an establishment or agency (within the meaning of that Act);
- “third sector organisation” (“*sefydliad trydydd sector*”) has the same meaning as in section 16(2) of the Act.

Reports

- 12.**—(1) Regional partnership boards must prepare a report on the extent to which the board’s objectives in regulation 10 have been achieved and submit this report to the Welsh Ministers.
- (2) The first report must be prepared and submitted by 1 April 2017.
 - (3) Subsequent reports must be prepared and submitted annually.

Information sharing

- 13.**—(1) For the purposes of carrying out the functions being carried out by the partnership arrangements, a partnership body must share information with—
- (a) any of the other partnership bodies;
 - (b) the regional partnership board.
- (2) For the purpose of carrying out the specified family support functions, an integrated family support team must share information with—
- (a) any of the partnership bodies;
 - (b) the regional partnership board.
- (3) For the purposes of achieving its objectives, a regional partnership board must share information with any of the partnership bodies.

(2) “Carer” is defined in section 3(4) of the Act.

(3) 2000 c. 14.

(4) The duty in paragraphs (1), (2) or (3) does not apply if this is incompatible with any of the body's other duties, including its duties under the Data Protection Act 1998⁽⁴⁾ and the Human Rights Act 1998⁽⁵⁾.

Delegation of functions

14.—(1) A local authority may carry out any of the specified functions on behalf of any of the other partnership bodies taking part in the same partnership arrangements.

(2) A Local Health Board may carry out any of the specified local authority functions described in Table 1 of Schedule 1 on behalf of any of the local authorities taking part in the same partnership arrangements.

(4) 1998 c. 29.
(5) 1998 c. 42.