

Cardiff and Vale Regional Partnership Board Annual Report 2026

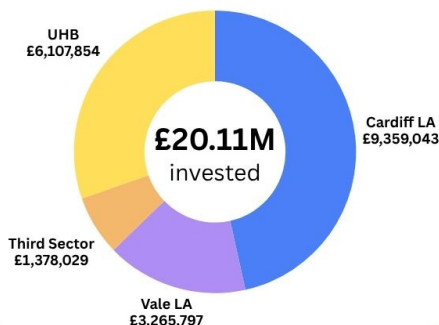
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380 WTE employed from RIF money
448 partnership meetings held
775 patient records accessed via the Summary Care Viewer
16,500 bed days saved
1,587 people engaged
100,000+ people supported across RIF funded services

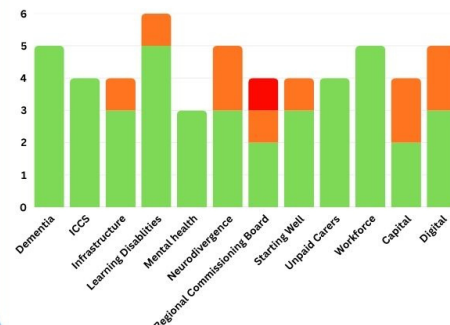
Funding distribution by population group



2025-26 Expenditure



Progress against 2025-26 deliverables



Future Priorities



Agreeing a vision for the first 1,000 days



Improving **timely access** to information across the system



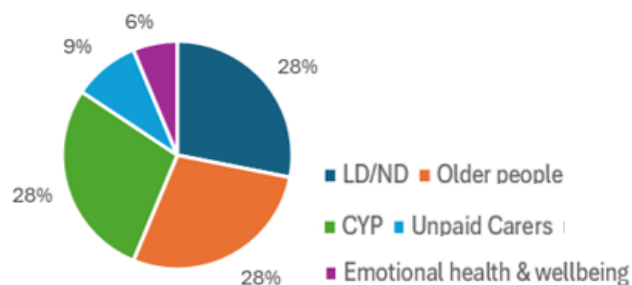
Embedding an **Integrated Community Care System**

CAV RPB Capital Programme

Capital Summary 2025-26

Project Reference	Expenditure 25-26
HCF Objective 1	£5,421,709
HCF Objective 2	£623,857
HCF Objective 3	£1,561,000
IRCF	£526,547
Total	£8,133,133

Priority Groups 25-26



24 schemes



129 additional bed spaces



17 additional placements for CYP with Complex Needs



17 additional placements to maintain independence (Adult LD)



*2,185+ citizens supported to maintain their independence at home or in their community

Introduction - Sam Austin, Chair of Cardiff and Vale RPB



I am delighted to introduce our Annual Report for 2025–26, showcasing the wide range of work undertaken by the Cardiff and Vale Regional Partnership Board over the past year.

As I take over the role of Chair of the Regional Partnership Board, I would like to begin by expressing my sincere thanks to Charles (Jan) Janczewski for the tireless work, commitment and support he provided during his time as Chair. Jan has played a significant role in strengthening partnership working across Cardiff and the Vale and helping to shape the direction of integrated health and social care services across our region. On behalf of the Board and our partners, I would like to thank him for his dedication and leadership.

Our RPB brings together partners from a range of organisations and interest groups. Together, we seek to strengthen integrated care and support for citizens across our region. You can view our membership and working structure [here](#). 

We know that people across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan continue to experience significant challenges in their everyday lives. As individual partner organisations we also continue to face very significant financial and operational challenges. We have an opportunity to face these challenges by working together: delivering positive progress towards our Joint Area Plan commitments, supporting the delivery of shared operational services in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan and helping to inform future development priorities.



Our timeline highlights particular achievements over the past year - you can find out more about our work by clicking on the areas of interest below.

Activity, progress, outcomes and impact: view dashboards demonstrating what we have achieved together against our Joint Area Plan commitments and performance of all our RPB funded services.

Integration and Resources: an overview of how our funding is used.

Population Needs: piloting a new approach to our Population Needs Assessment (PNA) which is demonstrated in greater detail here.

Engagement and Co-production: we continue to develop better ways to involve people and understand their living experience to help us improve services.

Social Value and the Third Sector: our commitment to strengthening the voice of all partners to achieve enhanced social value is demonstrated throughout this report.

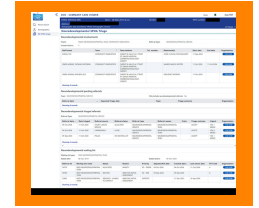
Scrutiny and Improvement: in readiness for our self assessment in 2026-27, RPB partners have considered how we strengthen our ways of working together for the future.

Influencing nationally as the RPB national rep on the the Cabinet Secretary-led National Delivery Group for Integrated Care and the National Leadership Group for ICCS



March 2025

The Summary Care Viewer (SCV) is introduced within the Vale Community Resource Service, enabling staff to access key health and social care information through a single system.



Early feedback shows improved efficiency and safer care planning, with plans underway to expand integration with additional partner systems. Read more [here](#)

May 2025

Our first annual conference takes place, attended by 200 stakeholders and celebrating a wide range of services and people who help to make partnership happen across our region.



June 2025

The RPB holds a **deep dive into Diabetes**, considering the impact of partnership working to help raise awareness of prevention measures and reduce demand in the long term. You can access the full report [here](#)



Partners from across health, social care, housing, the third sector and nursing and residential care came together to develop priorities and an action plan to improve falls prevention and response, including a new pilot between WAST, Cardiff and Vale UHB and Cardiff Council.

July 2025

Developing Compassionate Leadership.

RPB members take part in the first of a series of workshops to consider how it can move to the next level of maturity and impact.

The day is facilitated by Professor Michael West and focused particularly on compassionate leadership as a powerful means to improving services and working together.



Re-thinking the Neurodivergence Journey - Thinking Differently Workshops

Partners come together to pick up on a conversation initiated in our annual conference: what should the ideal care and support pathway look like for people living with neurodivergence.

Session 1: Share Lived Experience and explore the Current ND Pathway
Session 2: Create a Shared Vision for the "Ideal ND Pathway"



August 2025

Opening Doors to Brain Workout Anniversary Celebration — this community-led programme supports brain health, wellbeing, and social connection across Cardiff and the Vale. Our **Second anniversary celebration at The India Centre brought 100+ people together with performances, partner stalls, and lived-experience stories highlighting culture and inclusion** and was attended by Sarah Murphy MS.



Since its launch, 30+ events have involved over 2,000 people, shaping inclusive practice and informing future dementia support efforts.



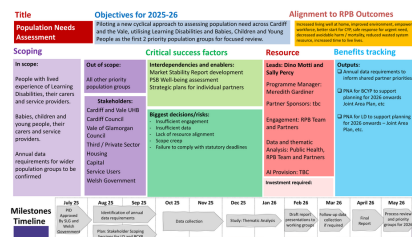
Housing with Care

Third Sector Capital Grant goes Live - this fund offers multiple small community groups up to £10,000 of funding to support people to maintain their independence via early intervention and prevention, you can access the full range of assistance provided by the Capital Programme [here](#)



Launch of a new approach to developing our Population Needs Assessment:

We launch a new cyclical approach where we take an in depth look at the needs of specific population groups. We begin with **Babies, Children and Young People** and also people with **Lived experience of Learning Disabilities**. Partnering with a range of third sector providers means that people with lived experience are enabled to contribute to the work.



September 2025

We visit 'Samaj' Gujarati community to share dementia and mental health work via the Opening Doors to Brain Health programme



October 2025

Learning Disabilities Programme Board

As part of our work to improve uptake and delivery of annual health checks for people with learning disabilities, we support the redevelopment of North Wales' "Get Checked Out" website to be Wales-wide and develop a promotional campaign to raise awareness.

November 2025

We establish a reformed **Starting Well Partnership Board** to focus on 3 key priorities:

1. First 1000 Days/Early Years
2. Strategic Oversight of RIF Projects and Funding
3. Reducing our reliance on externally purchased high-cost care by more effectively developing and resourcing solutions as a multi-agency partnership

Regional Commissioning Board



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REGIONAL COMMISSIONING BOARD

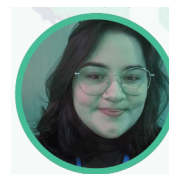
RCB members invite the Third sector onto the Board and a Social Value Fund is agreed to highlight the impact that the third sector make within our partnership. Our 3 Section 16 Forums meet across the year to develop their work with third sector partners.

December 2025

Unpaid Carer Representatives

The Regional Partnership Board welcomes two new Unpaid Carer Representatives, strengthening the voice of carers within regional decision-making. Their role is to bring lived experience to discussions, ensuring the needs and perspectives of unpaid carers.

Unpaid Carer Support Worker established at UHL - The aim of the role is to support unpaid carers, especially during hospital discharge to improve their experiences. Read more [here](#)



Winter Planning Sprint

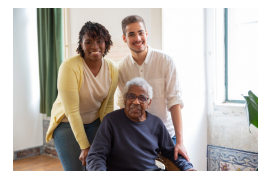
Planning and facilitation support initiated for a range of Winter Planning Sprints which would take place throughout the Winter season where we plan and coordinate the activities of the partnership to ensure our system is prepared for the Winter period



January 2026

Falls Rapid Response Pilot launched

A new falls service is piloted with input from WAST, CAV24/7 and Cardiff Council to support a rapid response to reduce long lie and ambulance waits across Cardiff.





Safe@home

The Safe@home service continues to successfully support people to remain at home through wraparound support, which has supported 645 new people in 25-26 and saved the equivalent of 7,809 bed days highlighting an improved experience for the person who remains at home and independent.

First 1000 Days Deep Dive – adopted as regional 'North Star' priority

The RPB brought together partners across Cardiff and the Vale to deep dive into the First 1,000 Days, sharing data, lived experience and learning from Blackpool's Better Start model.

Starting Well

We facilitate completion of the NYTH/Nest self-assessment tool to inform a whole system approach to mental health and wellbeing services for babies, children, and young people. The tool is designed to create a coordinated, whole-system approach to support partnership working, co-production, and a 'no wrong door' approach.

February 2026

Warm Homes Workshop takes place with 100 people to roll out a best practice Wales initiative targeting income maximisation & adaptation support to ensure we can keep people warm in their homes.

Capital Projects

The proposed Integrated Hub for adults with complex needs at Thompson Street in Barry received Ministerial approval and moves forward with acquisition and joint plans. Full Business Case for Ely Parkview Integrated Health and Wellbeing Hub is approved and submitted to the Integration and Rebalancing Care Fund for Ministerial sign-off.

Work is underway between Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale UHB to develop the new St Mellons Community Living Scheme, which will provide onsite care and community nursing facilities to support more integrated care, with completion expected in 2026-27: [St Mellons Community Living Scheme](#).

March 2026

ICCS Summit

Partners from across health, local authorities and the Third Sector come together to shape the future of integrated community care in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Together, they explore how stronger partnerships, prevention and community based support can create a more joined up system that works better for people and communities. Also, Cardiff and Vale UHB committing to an ICCS via its 10 year Clinical Services Plan.

Shine Together workshop

We hold a workshop to co-design the network with people with learning disabilities, their families and supporters.

Our aims:

- Build a network so people can share ideas, experiences, and what matters to them.
- Ask, listen, and act on what people say.
- Help people find out information about services and opportunities in their area.

March 2026

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

We partner with Neurodivergent Friendly Cardiff to run engagement sessions with the general public for a national viewing of the webinar "Neuroinclusion Matters".



Forward Look

As we move into the fourth year of our Joint Area Plan 2023-2028 we remain committed to enhancing health and care services across the region.

Our Focus Areas for 2026-27 will include:

Starting Well

Focusing on 'getting it right' for babies, children and young people in our region is of high strategic importance. From the critical window of the First 1000 Days and the early years, through childhood, to supporting young people to transition well into adulthood, this period is an opportunity to transform life chances, reduce inequalities and improve long term impact of future generations of our population.

Our Starting Well Partnership has agreed a set of priorities for this year:

- A shared ambition to improving the First 1000 Days
- Emotional mental health and well-being through an emPOWER programme underpinned by the NYTH/NEST framework
- Delivery of ALN reforms ensuring robust regional governance and alignment
- Placements for children and young people with highly complex needs

Living Well

- Delivering a revised plan for Short Breaks funding to support **Unpaid Carers**, strengthening our work to identify and deliver support in response to the new National Strategy for Unpaid Carers.
- Agreeing a shared plan in response to the Population Needs Assessment for **Learning Disabilities**.
- **Neurodivergence**: Continuing to work together to improve our shared understanding of the current situation regarding need and provision of services.
- **Mental Health**: Building on the ongoing work to achieve outcomes for those living with mental health conditions.
- **VAWDASV**: continue implementation of our agreed plans.
- **Warm Homes**: a new pilot to ensure that people with chronic illness have access to warm homes and are signposted to other appropriate income streams to improve their properties.

Ageing Well

This is an ambitious area of development for Cardiff and Vale in 2026-27 as the region looks to develop its model of an Integrated Community Care System with particular focus on:

- Implementation of Integrated Neighbourhood Teams within communities to support prevention, longterm conditions and people at greater risk of needing care and support;
- Development of a regional approach to Future Care Planning, implementing a new way of working to support people to consider their future care needs and wishes.
- Dementia: Continuing to build on the existing work programme which includes strong community engagement through Opening Doors and the Dementia Champions Network;
- Developing the work programme in line with the new National Strategy for Dementia.

Enablers:

- Undertaking a **Market Stability Assessment** to inform future care provision;
- Continuing the roll-out of our cyclical **Population Needs Assessment**;
- **Effective Information Sharing**: Ensuring seamless communication between services to provide coordinated care.
- **Digital Innovation**: leveraging technology to enhance service delivery and patient engagement. The Summary Care Viewer rollout will continue across the RPB region, enabling agencies to share information for more joined-up, safer care.
- **Workforce development**;
- Continue the development of our **Regional Capital Plan**;
- Following the conclusion of our development workshops, undertaking a **self assessment** to gauge the strength and effectiveness of our work together. This will include ensuring compliance in hearing the 'workforce voice' in line with Welsh Government guidance.
- Undertaking the preparation required for the cessation of RIF funding streams in March 2027.

Appendix 1: RPB Meeting Attendance

A – Apologies

P – Present

SLG Attendance Table (March 2025 – April 2026)

Name	9 May 25	24 Jun 25	29 Jul 25	2 Sep 25	7 Oct 25	11 Nov 25	27 Jan 26	3 Mar 26
Christine Boston								P
Sheila Hendrickson-Brown	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Sarah McGill (Chair)	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Meredith Gardiner	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Jason Bennett	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Cath Doman	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Chris Markall	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P
Lance Carver	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	A
Rachel Connor	P	P	P	A	A	P	A	P
Claire Beynon	P	A	P	P	P	A	A	A
Mike Ingram	A	A	A	P	A	P	P	A
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Emma Cooke	P	A	A	A	P	A	P	A
Carolyn Palmer	A	A	P	A	P	P	A	A
Jane Thomas	A	A	P	P	A	A	A	A
Diane Walker	A	P	A	A	A	A	A	A
Rachel Lee	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Paul Bostock	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Catherine Wood	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A

RPB Attendance Table (June 2025 – March 2026)

Name	10 Jun 25	2 Jul 25	9 Sep 25	4 Nov 25	13 Jan 26	4 Mar 26
Cllr Eddie Williams	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cllr Ash Lister (Chair)	P	P	P	P	P	P
Claire Beynon	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sarah Scire	P	P	P	P	P	P
Sam Austin	P	P	P	P	P	P
Cath Doman	P	P	P	P	P	P
Joshua Dowdall					P	P
Christine Boston						P
Mike O'Brien	P	P	P			
Elizabeth Jones	P	A	P	P	P	P
Sheila Hendrickson-Brown	P	A	P	P	P	P
Estelle Hitchon	P	A	A	P	P	P
Cllr Leonora Thomson	P	A	A	P	P	P
Chris Markall	P	A	P	A	P	P
Suzanne Rankin	P	A	P	A	P	P
Sarah McGill	P	A	A	P	P	P
Prof. Ceri Phillips	P	A	P	A	P	P
Lance Carver	P	P	P	A	A	A
Emma Cooke	P	A	A	A	P	P
Kirsty Williams					P	A
Natalie Drury-Styles					P	A
Sandra Veasey					P	A
Lauranne Cullen	P	P	A	A	A	A
Charles Janczewski	A	P	A			
Rachel Connor	A	A	A	A	P	P
Helen White	A	P	A	A		
Cllr Lynda Thorne	A	A	P	A	A	A
Casey French	A	A	P	A	A	A
Cllr Sandra Perkes	A	A	A	A	P	A
Cllr Lee Bridgeman	A	A	A	A	A	A
Cllr Margaret Wilkinson	A	A	A	A	A	
Lisa Trigg	A	A	A	A	A	A
Melanie Godfrey	A	A	A	A	A	
Helen Williams						A

Appendix 2: Forward Plan of Future Meetings

Meeting Type	Date
SLG	28 April 2026
SLG	19 May 2026
RPB	9 June 2026
Annual Conference	19 June 2026
SLG	23 June 2026
RPB	7 July 2026
SLG	28 July 2026
SLG	1 September 2026
RPB	8 September 2026
RPB	3 November 2026

Appendix 3: Compliance of Annual Report with Statutory Requirements

Section	Requirement / Checkpoint
A. Statutory Requirements	✓Report prepared annually in line with Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations
	✓Submitted to Welsh Ministers by 30 June
	✓Published online and publicly accessible
	✓Produced bilingually (Welsh & English)
	✓Alternative formats available on request (Easy Read, Braille etc.)
B. Purpose, Governance and Membership	✓Clear statement of RPB purpose and statutory role
	✓Summary of objectives and priorities for the reporting year
	✓Membership list including statutory, third sector, citizen and provider members
	✓Description of governance structure and sub-groups
	✓Named accountable individuals (DSS and LHB executive)
	✓Record of attendance included as appendix
C. Activity and Progress	✓Summary of key activity undertaken
	✓Progress against agreed priorities and milestones
	✓Delivery against revised Part 9 Guidance
	✓Narrative supported by financial rationale
	✓Evidence of National Framework for Commissioning C&S implementation
D. Integration & Resources	✓Evidence of supporting integration and service delivery
	✓Explanation of use of Regional Integration Fund
	✓Actions supporting system resilience
	✓Description of partnership mechanisms (S33, pooled funds)
E. Population Needs	✓Response to Population Needs Assessment
	✓Activities address priority needs for integration
	✓Clear link between need, action and outcomes
F. Engagement & Co-production	✓Engagement with citizens, service users and carers
	✓Engagement with third and independent sector
	✓Evidence of embedded co-production
	✓Distinct commentary from members
G. Outcomes & Impact	✓Evidence of improved outcomes
	✓Use of qualitative and quantitative measures
	✓Alignment with Health & Social Care Outcomes Framework
H. Scrutiny & Improvement	✓Summary of self-assessment findings
	✓Identified strengths and improvements
	✓Improvement actions identified
I. Social Value & Third Sector	✓Description of social value forum activity
	✓Evidence of social value shaping priorities
	✓Ongoing third sector engagement confirmed
J. Forward Look	✓Clear links to next Annual Delivery Plan
	✓Confirmation of reporting progress next year
	✓No duplication with LA, LHB or PSB reports

Appendix 4: Budget
Our Regional Partnership Board had responsibility for the following Welsh Government funding streams in 2025-26:

RBP 25/26 Partner Expenditure (£000s)			
Programme	Workstream	Allocation	Total
Regional Integration Fund	RPB Infrastructure	750	745
	At Home	9,264	9,391
	emPower	4,125	4,040
	Complex Health and Learning Disability	820	805
	Learning Disabilities	1,774	1,783
	Unpaid Carers	479	464
	ICF Autism	398	398
	RIF Dementia	1,600	1,600
	Social Value	45	25
	Digital	35	35
Regional Integration Fund Total		19,291	19,285
Short Breaks	Short Breaks	172	172
Innovation Working at Scale	Innovation Working at Scale	203	203
IRCF	IRCF Revenue	450	450
RBP Managed Programme Total		825	825
RBP Managed Programmes Grand Total		20,116	20,116

Capital Funding	Spend (£)
HCF Objective 1	5,421,706
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HCF Objective 3	1,561,000
IRCF	526,547
Total	8,133,133