

Annex:

Highlighted issues on services reported by PSB members.

<p>BCBC</p> <p>Discussions have started with the Senior Management Team on recovery and are keen to engage with PSB for a coordinated approach across partners. Issues include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing rough sleepers made challenging through constraints applied by WG –• Protecting schools• Working together to support local economy
<p>Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Test trace protect is coming along now• Gradually back to normal service, reopening services one by one where they can be done safely. Bringing services back was found to be much more difficult than expected due to the interdependency of services.
<p>South Wales Police</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policing has continued as business as usual with additional impact of Covid-19• Partners will need to work together to address the impact of the release of lockdown on issues such as the night time economy, domestic violence, hate crime.
<p>BAVO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The service was reconfigured to respond to the demands of Covid-19 and benefited from the transformation programme for sustainable communities already in place by using the community navigators across the area to coordinate activity.• Some third sector groups have closed but many more mutual aid groups have been set up alongside other larger groups that have continued• 1500 volunteers registered and BAVO placed 350 who were involved in providing food, collecting prescriptions, shielding visits.• It is uncertain whether we will be able to keep those volunteers, or will many go back to work• Working with BCBC on restart and recovery plan• Looking to redirect volunteering into local community groups to get them active again
<p>Bridgend College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The college has been closed all along but are reopening for small groups of learners• Whilst A levels and GCSE's will have calculated grades, vocational learning cannot have this. Awarding bodies are slow to respond with guidance on how levels 1 and 2 can get their qualifications to get their license to start work. There is concern that this impacts particularly on students from deprived backgrounds.• The College has provided laptops to learners who needed them and have been supporting vulnerable learners and those shielding.• The College has worked with the health board, with some staff going back to being key workers, providing PPE and helping the Welsh Blood Service.• Future issue for the PSB to see how our organisations can contribute to maintaining a CO2 reduction going forwards.• Bridgend College is available to help other organisations with recovery.

NRW

- Officers have noticed a change in the use of green spaces. We can capitalise on this as a PSB and as partner organisations and employers in areas such as active travel to work
- NRW offices have been closed and staff all working from home well. There is uncertainty about whether all offices will reopen if working from home is increased.
- Area statement includes objectives e.g. around green spaces that can inform recovery.
- NRW is looking to open estate e.g. car parks

Business In Focus

- The service was able to maintain support to young entrepreneurs
- 1st few weeks saw panic from businesses but the service supported businesses to change and provided support with furlough and other applications.
- WG business services were maintained
- There is a question about whether, when furlough ends, will businesses be able to get back up and running - Expecting more distressed businesses
- Small business rates exemption applied for for 400 plus businesses in Business in Focus premises which was a good support.
- The service has had positive engagement and activity with many businesses that can feed into impact assessment.

Probation Service

- The service has completely changed using video calls, telephone and doorstep interviews.
- It was a great support from BCBC to ensure that no clients were homeless.
- The service has audited domestic violence for high and very high risk as not able to go into homes.
- Huge issue with mental health of women offenders with some suicides.
- The service is working jointly with the prison for when the courts open
- There will be an increase doorstep and face to face where possible but need to avoid public transport and assessing offices where possible.
- Providing phones for offenders and vulnerable women victims has helped to keep contact going
- Each offender has had a new risk plan
- By June 2021, unpaid work will return to the probation service so need to look at how to do this within restrictions
- Expect a big increase in cases and courts when they reopen to deal with backlog, giving staff overtime
- Covid 19 has help demonstrate how some things that have taken years to resolve can be fixed quite quickly by working together and thinking outside the box.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Services

- SWFRS Managed to maintain good staffing levels so have kept operational response across South Wales.
- education, prevention and protection have been delivered to the most vulnerable in communities which include DV victims.
- SWFRS have been standing by to assist WAST and our health boards,

- PPE stocks have been at planned levels.

DWP

- Caseload is up to twice normal levels
- Conditions for support have been removed so that all can claim and DWP will be increasing eligibility further.
- There are no vacancies coming through so claimants cannot move back into the labour market but have been able to work with some claimants to get ready for work.
- Job centres have stayed open and have been open for people who are homeless or experiencing domestic violence
- More sites are reopening when they can be done safely but staff also continue working from home
- When furlough ends DWP expect a spike in claims as staff are made redundant.