



INTRODUCTORY CHAPTER



WHAT IS A POPULATION ASSESSMENT?

- ▶ The Welsh Government has changed the law that governs the way social services protect people from abuse and neglect and help people to lead fulfilled lives and achieve wellbeing.
 - ▶ A population assessment is an exercise undertaken by social services and the health boards working through a joint committee that operate in their area to gather information on wellbeing and the barriers to achieving wellbeing for people who need care and support and their carers.
 - ▶ The population assessment will consider what could prevent people from needing care and support in the first place, or things that could be done to prevent the need for care and support from increasing.
 - ▶ The law [Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014] says that population assessments must be made available in the form of a report on a regional basis. This report covers the three local authority areas of Swansea, Bridgend and Neath Port Talbot and the Abertawe, Bro Morgannwg University Health Board – this is known as the Western Bay region
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WHAT IS WELLBEING?

The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 includes:

- ✚ Physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing
 - ✚ Protection from abuse and neglect
 - ✚ Education, training and recreation
 - ✚ Domestic, family and personal relationships
 - ✚ Contribution made to society
 - ✚ Securing rights and entitlements
 - ✚ Social and economic wellbeing
 - ✚ Suitability of living accommodation
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In relation to a child, wellbeing also includes:

- ✚ Physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development
- ✚ Welfare as that word is interpreted for the purposes of the Children Act 1989





WELLBEING OUTCOMES

- ▶ The law recognises that the responsibility for achieving wellbeing is shared between those providing care and support and those who receive care and support.
- ▶ The national wellbeing outcomes statements have been developed to make clear what people should expect in order to lead fulfilled lives.

DEFINITION OF WELLBEING	NATIONAL WELLBEING OUTCOME STATEMENTS
Securing rights and entitlements and (for adults) control over day-to-day life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I know and understand what care, support and opportunities are available and use these to help me achieve my wellbeing • I can access the right information, when I need it, in the way I want it and use this to manage and improve my wellbeing • I am treated with dignity and respect and treat others the same • My voice is heard and listened to • My individual circumstances are considered • I speak for myself and contribute to the decisions that affect my life, or have someone who can do it for me
Physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing Also for children: physical, intellectual, emotional, social and behavioural development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am healthy and active and do things to keep myself healthy • I am happy and do the things that make me happy • I get the right care and support, as early as possible
Protection from abuse and neglect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am safe and protected from abuse and neglect • I am supported to protect the people that matter to me from abuse and neglect • I am informed about how to make my concerns known
Education, training and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can learn and develop to my full potential • I do the things that matter to me
Domestic, family and personal relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I belong • I contribute to and enjoy safe and healthy relationships
Contribution made to society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I engage and make a contribution to my community • I feel valued in society
Social and economic wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I contribute towards my social life and can be with the people that I choose • I do not live in poverty • I am supported to work • I get the help I need to grow up and be independent • I get care and support through the Welsh language if I need it • Sustainability of living • I live in a home that best supports me to achieve my wellbeing





CORE THEMES

The Welsh Government has advised that the findings of the population assessment should be summarised in core themes:



SENSORY IMPAIRMENT



THE SECURE ESTATE



LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM

50+ OLDER PEOPLE



MENTAL HEALTH



CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE



**SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY
SAFEGUARD**



HEALTH/PHYSICAL DISABILITIES



CARERS WHO NEED SUPPORT



**VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL
VIOLENCE**

We have also decided to include a core theme that summarises the needs of people held in secure accommodation – prisons and the Hillside Secure Centre in the population assessment for the Western Bay region.





KEY INFORMATION

In producing the population assessment, information from a wide range of sources has been drawn together and analysed with a view to identifying:

▼ NEED

- ▼ The extent to which there are people in the area who need care and support
 - ▼ The extent to which there are carers in the area who need support
 - ▼ The extent to which there are people whose needs for care and support are not being met
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▼ RANGE AND LEVEL OF SERVICES:

- ▼ The range and level of services required to meet the care and support needs of the population and the needs of carers
- ▼ The range and level services required to prevent people from needing care and support or higher levels of care and support
- ▼ The actions required to provide services through the medium of Welsh





GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Welsh Government has set out a number of important things we must take into account in carrying out the population assessment:

-  The need to always be looking for ways to improve the wellbeing of people who need care and support and carers who need support
-  To focus on ways to delay and prevent the need for care and support or to stop needs from increasing
-  To ensure people who need care and support or carers have choice and control over the way their needs are met
-  To make sure a wide range of people can feed their information into the assessment, including people who need care and support, carers, people working in social services and health, people who work in a voluntary capacity, as well as the wider community
-  To promote the development of not for profit organisations who might provide care, support and preventative services





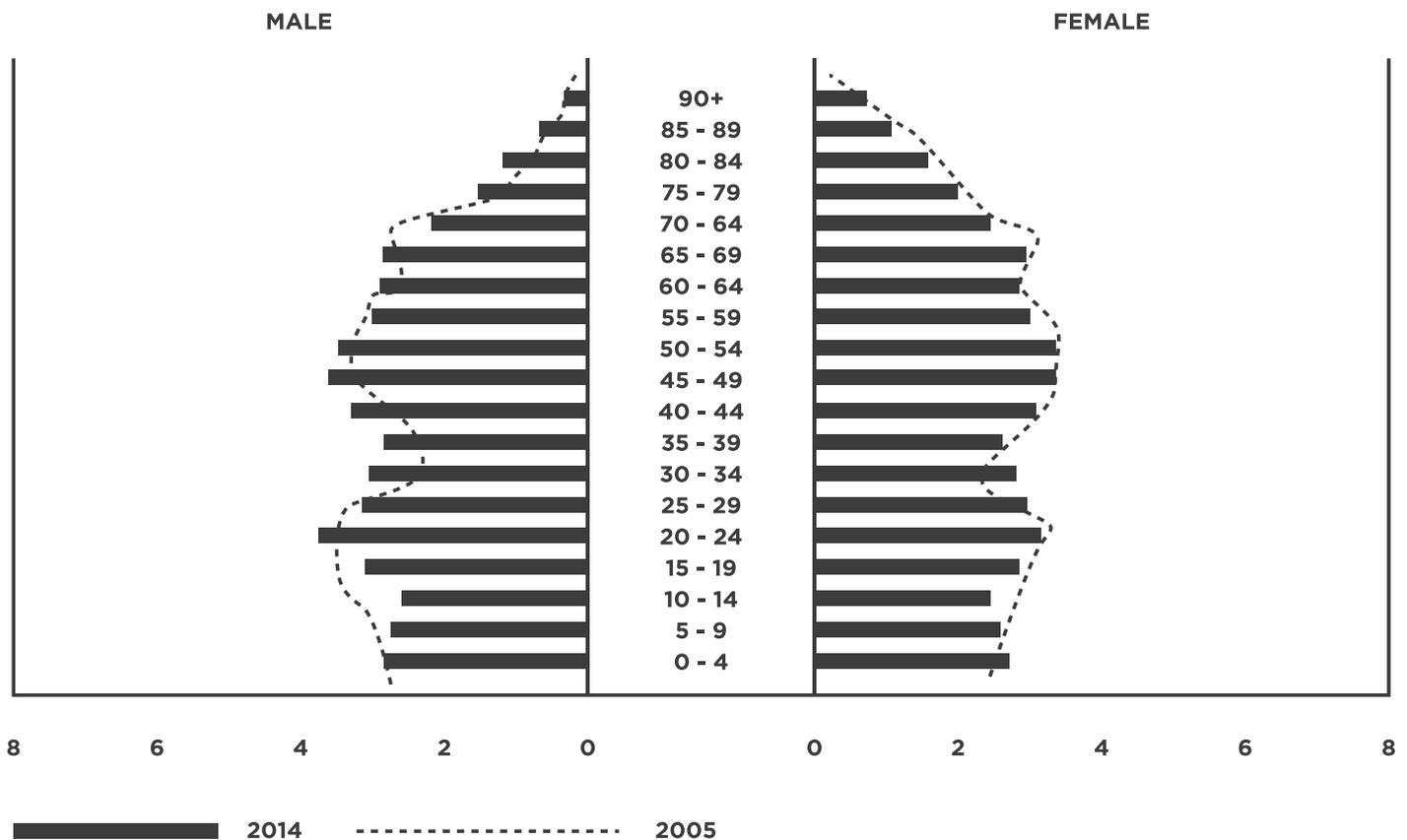
WHAT IS WESTERN BAY?

Western Bay covers a total population of approximately 529,000. It is made up of three Local Authorities, Bridgend, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea with approximate populations of 143,000, 141,000 and 245,000 respectively.

Looking into the future, population projections show that the population size of all three areas will increase. By 2036, the total population for Western Bay has been estimated to increase by 6.4% to approximately 563,000.

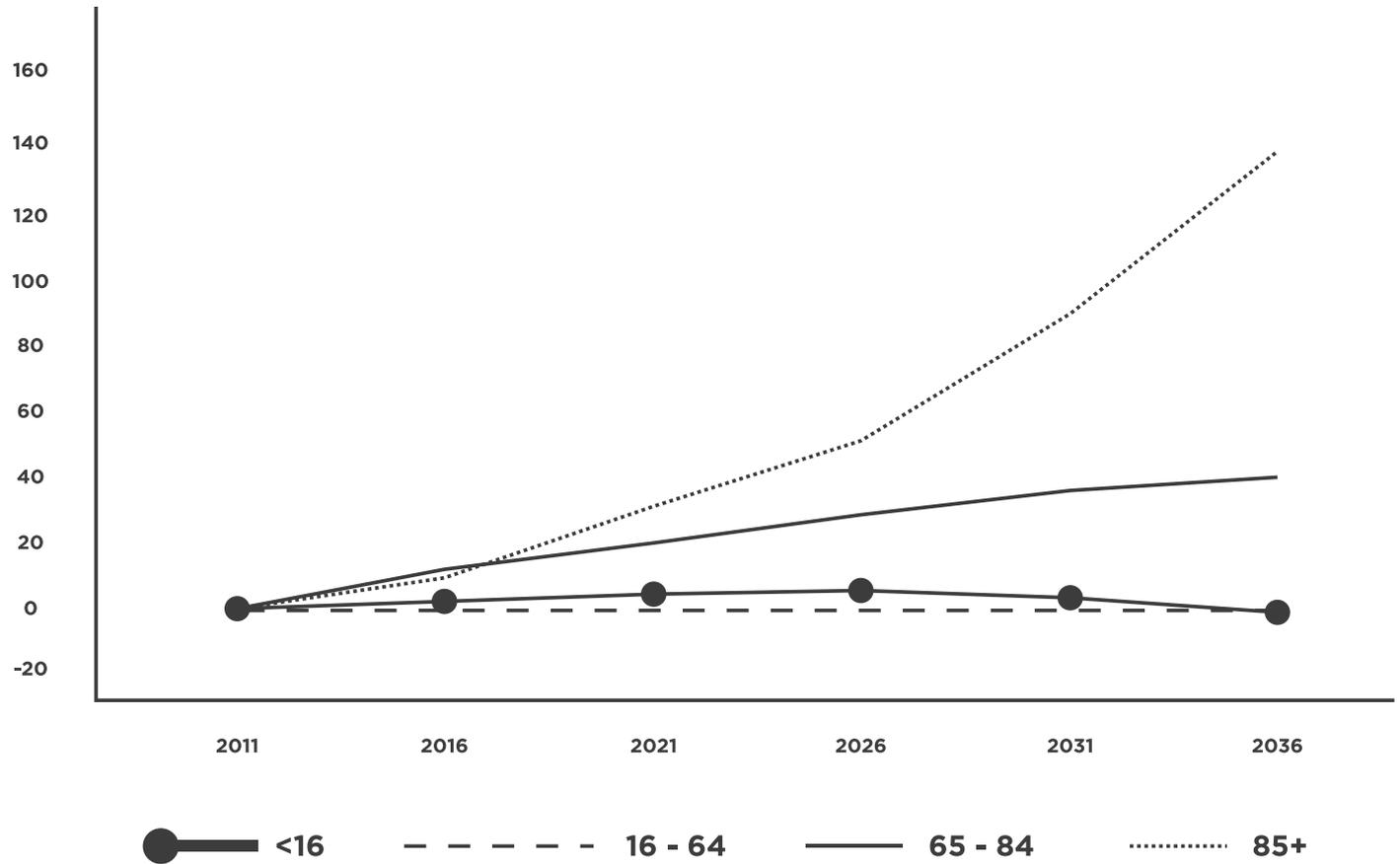
WESTERN BAY-AGE PROFILE OF RESIDENTS

▼ Percentage of population by age and sex, ABM UHB, 2005 and 2014



WESTERN BAY POPULATION PROJECTIONS

▼ Population projections by age group, percentage change since 2011, ABM UHB, 20112036





WELSH LANGUAGE

	All usual residents aged 3 and over	No skills in Welsh	Can understand spoken Welsh only	Can speak Welsh	Can speak but cannot read or write Welsh	Can speak and read but cannot write Welsh	Can speak, read and write Welsh	Other combination of skills in Welsh
Bridgend	134,545	82.7%	4.1%	9.7%	1.5%	0.9%	7.3%	3.6%
Neath Port Talbot	135,278	75.2%	6.4%	15.3%	2.7%	1.6%	10.8%	3.3%
Swansea	231,155	80.7%	5.5%	11.4%	2.0%	1.2%	8.1%	2.6%

LIMITATIONS

-  Our data generally provides an insight about people who are using health and social services. There are many more people in the population who may be in need of care and support or who are carers and we know little about their needs
-  Most of the data provided throughout the Population Assessment is based on where people live however there is an important exception when data is drawn from GP registers which relates to which GP practice a person is registered with
-  We have mostly concentrated on data relating to 2014/15 but there are exceptions to this
-  We have limited information about the impact of services on people's lives. As new ways of working are introduced, we will become much clearer about the way people experience services and the difference this makes to their wellbeing
-  We received data from a range of partners at a late stage in the process. Reluctantly, because we have to produce our report by 31st March 2017, we have not been able to include that data but it can be taken into account when the Regional Board begins to prepare its Plan.





WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

-  The findings of the population assessment will be used by the three councils and the Health Board to plan and deliver services that promote the wellbeing of people with care and support needs
-  The population assessment will drive change, helping to ensure services are targeted, sustainable, effective and efficient.
-  The population assessment will be considered by Public Services Boards when they develop their Wellbeing Plans
-  The population assessment will also link to the Integrated Medium Term Plans produced by Local Health Boards
-  The population assessment should also inform the production of a homelessness strategy





WESTERN BAY

POPULATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

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