

**Y Grŵp Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol**

**Health & Social Services Group**

To: Directors of Primary Care



**Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government**

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Dear Colleagues,

**Cluster 2021-22 Annual Plans**

Reflecting on the pressures of the pandemic, the Strategic Programme Board agreed that a lighter touch approach to cluster plans was required for 2021-22. At the September Strategic Programme Board, we agreed to adopt the template developed for Cluster 2021-22 Annual Plans and to work to an indicative date of 31 January 2021 for clusters to produce draft plans by. The template plan can be found at annex A.

The purpose of this letter is to formalise this requirement and ask you to submit your Cluster Annual Plans to [PrimaryCarePlan@gov.wales](mailto:PrimaryCarePlan@gov.wales) by 31 January 2021. A discussion on a collective approach to assessing these plans and sharing the learning is planned for the next DPCCs meeting on 4 December.

The Covid-19 pandemic is demonstrating how crucial collaboration and partnership working is at local level, with impressive examples of mature cluster working across Wales. I would like to thank you, your teams and the clusters for the work being done during this challenging time. Going forward it would be good to see clusters use their 2021-22 Annual Plans to build on the learning and draw in more local services to tackle real or perceived barriers to providing care closer to home and improving the health and wellbeing of the local population. There is a real opportunity to influence planning in the wider system and I am keen that the 2021/22 Cluster Annual Plans drive these discussions.

Yours sincerely,

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