

Accelerated Cluster Development

Glossary of Terms

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Key terms:

Term	Acronym	Working definition
Professional Collaboratives	/	These are the mechanisms by which, GMS practices, Dental practices, Community Pharmacies, Optometry practices, Community Nurses, Allied Health Professions, Social Services and others come together within their profession specific groups across a cluster footprint to consider how they respond to Regional Population Needs Assessments [RPNAs], consider the quality of their service offer and look at how they respond to national strategy for their respective profession, designing local solutions based upon their detailed knowledge and expertise.
Clusters	/	<p>These are the mechanisms by which representatives of the individual Professional Collaboratives come together to assess the wider health and wellbeing needs of their population (typically of between 25,000 and 100,000 people) and respond to RPNAs to produce a prioritised 3 year cluster plan. This plan also sets out how any funding allocated for decision at cluster level (such as the £20m from Welsh Government) should be invested.</p> <p>This more multi professional, multi sector membership enables clusters to address many of the more complex and challenging issues which require a collaborative response. Inter-professional/sector dialogue also enables more efficient service delivery. By strengthening arrangements between Clusters and RPBs there is further opportunity to 'draw down' resources to support delivery of cluster level plans that complement RPB strategic priorities.</p>
Pan Cluster Planning Groups	PCPG	<p>These are the mechanisms by which representatives of clusters come together at county population footprint to collaborate with representatives of health board and local authority, public health experts, planners and representatives of those services for which Professional Collaboratives are not appropriate e.g. services which should only be planned at county, health board/regional or even national level.</p> <p>PCPGs will provide the local footprint for the tactical delivery of RPB priorities. PCPGs agree a county population needs assessment and a plan on what services are needed, making prudent use of all funding, workforce, and other resources. PCPG assessment of needs and plans must inform and be informed by regional level assessments of need (which are a statutory function of RPBs). They should be viewed as a collective suite of interconnected needs assessments and plans.</p>

Other terms:

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Accelerated Cluster Development Programme	ACD	The Accelerated Cluster Development Programme is the Primary Care component of Place Based Care, delivered through Professional Collaboratives and Clusters. Collaboratives bring together General Medical, Dental and Optometric Practitioners, Pharmacists, Nurses, Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) and Social Care professionals, within their professional groups, to assess population needs and service improvement priorities. Solutions are developed within Collaboratives and through multi-disciplinary Cluster working.
Cluster working	/	A cluster brings together all local services involved in health and care across a geographical area, typically serving a population between 25,000 and 100,000. Working as a cluster ensures care is better co-ordinated to promote the wellbeing of individuals and communities.
Cluster Delivery Vehicles	CDV	These are the mechanisms for the delivery of those services which the Pan Cluster Planning Group decides are best delivered for particular needs or across the whole cluster population. Cluster delivery vehicles might take the form of community interest companies, social enterprises or federations and provide entities that allow greater flexibility in areas such as recruitment which will enable collaborative working. These delivery vehicles could also provide a much more flexible approach to pooling of resources between partners to support integrated service delivery within the community.
Community Interest Company	CiC	A community interest company is a special type of limited company introduced by the United Kingdom Government in 2005 under the Companies Act 2004, designed for social enterprises that want to use their profits and assets for the public good rather than private shareholders. In the context of the ACD Programme a CiC could be a mechanism or vehicle for delivering services on behalf of the Cluster or Pan Cluster Planning Group.
Cluster Planning Support Portal	CPSP	A digital portal on PCOne for sharing resources to assist with the production of Cluster / PCPG Annual and three year plans.
Primary Care Model for Wales	PCMW	The transformational model for community based services, which is a place based approach to sustainable and accessible local health and wellbeing care.
Population Health Management	/	Population health management is an alternative “lens” to traditional population needs assessment. It involves looking at the same population using patient-level data arranged into needs-based segments or clusters. It explores resource utilisation based on commonality of risk to describe needs, facilitating optimisation of care provision and resource use in line with prudent healthcare principles.
(Regional) Population Needs Assessment	RPNA / PNA	A systematic method for reviewing the health and wellbeing needs of a population, leading to agreed commissioning priorities that will improve health and wellbeing outcomes and reduce inequalities.



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Regional Partnership Board	RPB	Regional Partnership Boards bring together health boards, local authorities and the third sector to meet the care and support needs of people in their area.
Strategic Programme for Primary Care	SPPC	The Strategic Programme for Primary Care is an All-Wales Health Board-led programme that works in collaboration with Welsh Government and responds to A Healthier Wales.

