

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (VAWDASV) CORE AND PERPETRATOR SERVICES REVENUE GRANT – PROGRESS REPORT AND CLAIM FORM 2020-21



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Period of report and claim	Period: Q1 April-June 2020
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Before you claim

- This form should be read in conjunction with your award letter, which contains the conditions which determine how your grant will be paid
- Your claim cannot be considered for payment unless all the required information listed below is present
- The Welsh Government reserves the right to seek further information in support of the claim and withhold payment until all such details are supplied.
- Check your expenditure covers those areas outlined and agreed within the Delivery Plan.
- If activities outlined in the Delivery Plan are delayed, write in good time giving a full explanation to be considered by this office.

SECTION 1: CONTACT DETAILS

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Name of the Accountable Body (Regional Banker)	Carmarthenshire County Council agreed as Regional Banker

The signed claim should be returned to:

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Section 2: VAWDASV CORE & NEEDS BASED ACTIVITY (including 4% increase in funding) REVENUE GRANT

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY PROGRESS

1. Summary of progress in delivering the activities outlined in your Delivery Plan during the period of this claim:

The Mid and West Wales (MWW) 2020-21 Regional Delivery Plan is directly related to the Regional MWW Strategy and Strategic Delivery Plan.

Accountability for the Strategy and Regional Delivery Plans remains with the MWW VAWDASV Strategic Board.

It is essential that we acknowledge the impact Covid-19 has had on our intended delivery during this period and the last financial year.

Covid-19

Within the governance around the Regional VAWDASV Strategy, we have maintained a good understanding of the current and anticipated demand for specialist VAWDASV services across Mid and West Wales.

We initially postponed our Strategic Board meetings in place of more frequent Delivery Group meetings, in order to have a focus on maintaining operational delivery. Throughout the meetings we had regular update reports from the specialist providers across the region, in relation to referrals and demand for service.

As of July, we will return to quarterly Strategic Board meetings and bi-monthly Delivery Group meetings.

Covid-19 Response

Within the Delivery Group there has been a coordinated Regional Response to VAWDASV service provision, this has been supported by the MWW Regional Safeguarding Board.

We have developed a Regional Pathway to Support Document, Public Communications Document and I have been working closely with Welsh Government and Local Authorities to ensure Covid-19 guidance around service delivery and provision of safe accommodation is reflected in practice across MWW.

I have been working closely with Welsh Government to update on our current position and ensuring we make the most of funding opportunities to support the region at this current time. Initially I submitted a proposal where we were awarded £32K across the region via Capital Funding. I worked with the specialist service providers, who have received funding for items specifically to support victims and survivors they are supporting and to enable staff to work safely and remotely at this time. The funding also went to supporting the Education Safeguarding Teams across the region in providing vulnerable (Due to DA) families and children with comprehensive IT equipment and other play equipment.

In addition to this I submitted six separate bids across the region to support several initiatives in response to Covid-19, all of which have been approved. These included;

- A bid for Dyfed Powys Police (DPP) to provide victims across the region with mobile phones where it is not safe for them to use their own/ theirs has been taken for evidence
- A bid to supply all Specialist VAWDASV Service Providers across the region with PPE.
- A bid to support the provision of SARC services across the region including prescribing of specialist medication at the SARC to avoid the victim having to attend A&E following an examination.

Key Updates on achievement of the 2020-21 Delivery Plan

Governance and leadership

- As included in the Regional Strategy, we want to work towards an improved and consistent response and approach to DHRs across the region. This has coincided with a Welsh Government Review of DHRs Nationally.

The outcome of this report is now overseen by a National Steering Group, and subsequent subgroups, aiming to implement the recommendations. The MWW Region is represented on these groups via Julie Breckon (RSB Business Manager), Kate Harrop (on behalf of the four CSPs) and myself.

This will now transform the way DHRs and other Safeguarding Reviews are conducted across the Region and Country, to achieve best practice and consistency.

- The work around our Regional Indicators and supporting data has been postponed, as previously reported, pending the work of the VAWDASV Team on the review of the National Indicators.

Due to Covid-19 this work has been postponed. As Regional Adviser I will resume my place on the working groups to support the review of the National Indicators, once this work is recommenced.

Survivor Engagement and Strategic Priority 1 – Increase knowledge and awareness and challenge attitudes towards equality and domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women amongst citizens of Mid and West Wales

This work has been taken forward under two nominated representatives from the specialist sector. A specific Task and finish group is now established, and the work-stream leads have a clear workplan in place.

Subgroup meetings have been postponed due to Covid-19, however we are anticipating that capacity will now be available for these to go-ahead shortly. The leads will deliver update report to the Delivery Group in August.

During lockdown, I have maintained contact with the established survivor groups across the region. This has ensured their contribution to the regional response to Covid-19 and their continued influence on the work under the regional strategy.

Strategic Priority 2: Increase awareness of children and young people of the

importance of safe, equal and healthy relationships and that abusive behaviour is always wrong

At the end of the last financial year, Education Safeguarding Leads from the four Local Authorities were actioned to carry out a second mapping exercise across a sample of schools in each area around the support in place around VAWDASV.

Michael Gedrim (Powys) and Rhona Evans (Carmarthen) have been nominated as leads on this area and have met initially to discuss next steps in moving this work along. All other Education Safeguarding leads also agreed to the next steps in terms of confirming what is currently delivered and identifying best practice. This work has been suspended due to Covid-19.

Education Leads are currently focussed on the work to return children to school safely. We are working to support this with work under the funding opportunities outlined above and working on potential learning opportunities for education staff on appropriate response to disclosures of VAWDASV, in anticipation of the surge in demand post lock down.

Strategic Priority 3: Increase focus on holding perpetrators to account and provide opportunities to understand their behaviours and consequences of their behaviours based around victim safety

The Regional Daily Discussion Process has been in place since November 2019. The evaluation will cover a 12month basis and will be completed by Data Cymru with data collated by Dyfed Powys Police (DPP).

A draft interim report on the impact of the new process has been produced and evidences a 75% reduction in cases going to full MARAC discussion.

The Regional Stalking Perpetrator Intervention Pilot was delayed at the end of 2019-20 due to covid-19. This work is now being resumed with a new cohort of offenders being identified by DPP, training for staff and professionals across the region and specific work with Professor Jane Monkton-Smith and Forensic Psychology experts.

As a result of a regional lack of perpetrator provision, the barriers of accessing such services due to rurality and a recent DHR completed in Powys, we are launching a Digital Perpetrator Intervention Pilot in Powys on 1st July.

This will be delivered by Calan DVS and MFCC, in partnership with Powys CC. The pilot will run for three months and will be evaluated based on psycho metric testing.

We have done a lot of work around this pilot in terms of mapping and evidencing it against the WG Perpetrator Standards and raising awareness of the pilot across all regional partners.

Strategic Priority 4: Make early intervention and prevention an integrated priority in Mid and West Wales

We have identified the need to establish and resource an IRIS pilot within the Region. This missed opportunity has come to light within numerous DHRs and best practice guidance.

I have worked with both Health Boards to identify HDUHB as the area in which to

launch the pilot. The Safeguarding lead for HDUHB and I have met several times to discuss the logistics of delivering across the health board area, and I have also worked with the IRIS-I team to discuss project implementation planning. However, the barrier we now face in implementation is funding.

As in other pilot areas, I have approached the OPCC to fund the pilot, but due to commitments under Covid-19, the OPCC is not a position to look at funding commitments at this time and possibly not for the remainder of this financial year.

The Safeguarding Lead for HDUHB and I have taken an action from the Delivery Group to meet and explore other options for resourcing the pilot.

Strategic Priority 5: Relevant professionals are trained to provide effective, timely and appropriate responses to victims and survivors

Due to the implications on face to face training of Covid-19, all Ask and Act training across the region has stopped. As a regional training subgroup, we are now working with a consultant to create webinar and online training sessions to deliver the requirements of the National Training Framework across the region.

This has altered what we initially wanted to resource, in terms of training, from the Regional VAWDASV Grant in this financial year. However, this will ensure we continue towards meeting our statutory requirements, maintain the momentum we created in delivering this essential training while keeping staff and communities safe.

We will no longer deliver the intended 'Elected members events' to promote the Group 6 work and the joint 'Trainer Events' will also have to be delayed. Instead we will look to provide training on virtual platforms and offer training and support to the staff delivering the training in the same way.

We are still looking to do some work around the delivery of a Training Needs Analysis with the Specialist Sector, in support of groups 4 and 5. However, this will need to happen later in the year.

Strategic Priority 6: Provide victims with equal access to appropriately resourced, high quality, needs led, strength based, gender responsive services throughout the region.

The work of the Commissioning Subgroup was identified as focussing on a specific cross-boundary commissioning exercise for Pembrokeshire and Carmarthenshire. However, this was put on hold due to Covid-19. I am now working with Chris Harrison, the Chair of the Commissioning Subgroup, to re-convene the subgroup in July.

I will also be focussed on reporting on the additional funding, outlined above, that we have been awarded under Welsh Government due to Covid-19 allocation.

I am overseeing the award from Welsh Government Capital Funding to support the regional stock of dispersed accommodation for victims of VAWDASV. This will support the purchase of two additional self-contained units in Ceredigion and a new purpose build unit in North Powys.

In addition to this, I will be supporting partners from across the region in applications to the Welsh Government Capital Fund for 2020-21.

2. Provide confirmation that the Regional Partnership is on course to deliver in line with the Delivery Plan, and/or provide details of any problems or issues encountered for the period of the claim and how these have been managed:

I have included the below RAG Rated overview of the Regional Delivery Plan for 2020-21. Undoubtedly Covid-19 has impacted on the anticipated delivery plans for this financial year, we have had to carry activities over from last year and some identified areas will now not be deliverable in this period due to social distancing measures.

However, as a partnership and with Welsh Government, we are determined to overcome this and limit the impact Covid-19 will have on our ambitions and objectives for 2020-21.

Survivor Engagement

Actions required	Intended Outcomes	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Establish a task and finish group to consider survivor engagement to include membership for stakeholders and survivors</p> <p>Review any existing frameworks / good practice relating to survivor engagement</p> <p>Consult with survivors to better understand how they wish to be engaged and any additional barriers to engagement</p> <p>Draft a recommended framework for survivor engagement for agreement by the VAWDASV Strategic Group</p>	<p>A regional VAWDASV survivor engagement framework</p> <p>Survivors have a consistent, cohesive mechanism to have their voices heard and to inform policy and practice improvements.</p>	<p>Task and finish group is established.</p> <p>Workplan has been agreed by workstream leads.</p> <p>Leads will deliver update report to the Delivery Group in August.</p>		<p>Subgroup to establish key priorities for delivery in 2020-12.</p> <p>Inclusive of Action Plan points in Powys DHR.</p>

Governance and Leadership

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<p>Develop a regional set of outcomes and indicators to measure the progress of the regional strategy, including a consistent indicator set.</p>	<p>An agreed set of regional indicators, aligned to the National Indicator set, that measure the progress and success of the strategy</p> <p>An agreed Regional Data Set that supports the monitoring framework</p>	<p>Draft Regional Indicator Document has been completed.</p> <p>National Indicators are currently under review with the Regional Adviser sitting on the workshops.</p> <p>Data mapping exercise has been completed.</p>		<p>Regional Indicators and data set to be amended following review of the National Indicator set.</p>
<p>Review existing arrangements across the four CSPs</p> <p>Review good practice across England and Wales.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the findings from the WG DHR Review report.</p>	<p>A consistent framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region</p>	<p>Business Manager of the RSB, nominated Regional CSP manager representative and Regional Adviser represent the Region on the subgroups of the National Steering Group for the Welsh Government DHR Review and the implementation of this report.</p>		<p>Regional Representatives to continue to work on the National work towards a consistent and best practice model for DHRs.</p>

Strategic Priority 1 – Increase knowledge and awareness and challenge attitudes towards equality and domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women amongst citizens of Mid and West Wales

Actions required	Intended outcome	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Establishment of a VAWDASV Engagement and Communication subgroup (to also support the work under Survivor Engagement)</p> <p>Review existing VAWDASV communication plans in the region</p> <p>Map available resources / evidence to inform approach of the regional Communication</p>	<p>A regional communication strategy</p> <p>Consistent regional messaging for VAWDASV and Equality</p> <p>Communication strategy that is informed and supported by evidence and resources</p>	<p>Task and finish group is established.</p> <p>Workplan has been agreed by workstream leads.</p> <p>Leads will deliver update report to the Delivery Group in August.</p>		<p>Subgroup to establish key priorities for delivery in 2020-12.</p> <p>Inclusive of Action Plan points in Powys DHR.</p>

<p>Strategy</p> <p>Develop a VAWDASV key dates calendar including supporting and promoting the Welsh Government Communication Campaign and the Live Fear Free Helpline.</p> <p>Design and deliver a regional awareness raising campaign for Coercive and Controlling Behaviour.</p> <p>Consideration for how learning from DHRs will be included within the Regional Communication strategy</p>				
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Strategic Priority 2: Increase awareness of children and young people of the importance of safe, equal and healthy relationships and that abusive behaviour is always wrong

Actions required	Intended outcome	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Education Safeguarding Leads from the four Local Authorities to carry out a second mapping exercise across a sample of schools in each area</p>	<p>Full analysis report and recommendations to the Strategic Group and Safeguarding Executive</p>	<p>Michael Gedrim (Powys) and Rhona Evans (Carmarthen) have been nominated as leads on this area and have met initially to discuss next steps in moving this work along.</p>	<p></p>	<p>I have requested Education Safeguarding Leads to inform we when they are in a position to resume this work.</p>
<p>Education Safeguarding Leads from the four Local Authorities to develop a monitoring framework</p>	<p>Monitoring framework in place to enable the region to meet reporting requirements within the Act</p>	<p>All other Education Safeguarding leads also agreed to the next steps in terms of confirming what is currently delivered and identifying best practice.</p> <p>This work has been suspended due to</p>		

Strategic Priority 3: Increase focus on holding perpetrators to account and provide opportunities to understand their behaviours and consequences of their behaviours based around victim safety

Actions required	Intended outcome	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Scrutinise the commissioned analysis of data in relation to perpetrators across the region to inform development of intervention and to inform;</p> <p>1. A new set of 'Offender Categories & Levels' across the region.</p> <p>2. A set of offender qualification criteria for the newly created categories in line with the new arrangements.</p> <p>Completion of the Data Cymru Evaluation of the Regional Daily Discussion Process.</p> <p>Analyse findings from Stalking Perpetrator Intervention Pilot to inform recommendations on the continuation of the provision.</p> <p>Pilot a digital Perpetrator Intervention in</p>	<p>Opportunities identified for earlier intervention with perpetrators and those demonstrating abusive behaviours</p> <p>Evidence of the effectiveness of process review and the impact on experiences of survivors</p> <p>Evidence to inform resource allocation and Commissioning planning across the region in terms of perpetrator intervention</p> <p>Opportunity to identify options for perpetrator</p>	<p>The Regional Daily Discussion Process has been in place since November 2019.</p> <p>A draft interim report on the impact of the new process is available and evidences a 75% reduction in cases going to full MARAC discussion.</p> <p>The Regional Stalking Perpetrator Intervention Pilot was delayed at the end of 2019-20 due to covid-19. This work is now being resumed</p> <p>MFCC, Calan DVS and Powys</p>	<p></p>	<p>The evaluation will cover a 12month basis and will be completed by Data Cymru, supported by Welsh Government, with data collated by Dyfed Powys Police (DPP).</p> <p>New cohort of offenders will be identified by DPP and offered the intervention.</p> <p>Training for staff and professionals across the region will be delivered by Forensic Psychology UK and Professor Jane Monkton-Smith.</p> <p>The University of Gloucestershire will now commence work on the evaluation of the pilot.</p> <p>Pilot to launch on 1st July.</p>

Powys.	intervention across Mid and West Wales to address the geographical spread of the region and rural nature of the communities we work with	<p>CC have worked with myself and the Intervention Hub to establish the project implementation plan for the Digital Perpetrator Intervention in Pilot in Powys.</p> <p>All preparation work has now been completed and all partners are ready to launch the pilot.</p>		
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Strategic Priority 4: Make early intervention and prevention an integrated priority in Mid and West Wales

Actions required	Intended outcome	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
VAWDASV stakeholders are invited to review existing threshold documents to strengthen understanding and inclusion of VAWDASV as safeguarding	A consistent safeguarding response to domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women across the region	This work has sat with the RSB Policies and Procedures subgroup.		The Policies and Procedures Group to now look to transfer this to the Delivery Group.
<p>Identify resource sources for an IRIS pilot within the Region</p> <p>Agree a project implementation plan with IRIS and GP cluster</p> <p>Communication with GP clusters regarding IRIS</p>	Pilot Project for delivery of IRIS in Mid and West Wales	<p>Established HDUHB as intended pilot area.</p> <p>Have worked with MND on logistics and business case.</p> <p>Liaised with IRIS-I team on project implementation planning.</p> <p>The barrier we now face is resourcing the pilot, which requires long term funding commitment of at least 3 years and a total of</p>		MND and I to meet to explore alternative funding options as OPCC have stated they are not in position to consider this at this time.

approximately
£200K.

Strategic Priority 5: Relevant professionals are trained to provide effective, timely and appropriate responses to victims and survivors

Actions required	Intended outcomes	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Monitor the delivery of the Regional Training Plan centrally across all relevant authorities in the region</p>	<p>Centralised coordination and reporting framework for the delivery and monitoring of the Regional Training Plan</p>	<p>Centralised reporting framework is in place.</p> <p>Implementation of groups 1,2,3 and 6 are underway across the region.</p>	<p style="background-color: yellow;"></p>	<p>Implementation of online training materials across the region.</p> <p>Reconsideration of activities under this priority for 2020-21.</p>
<p>Coordinate the co-delivery of training with specialist providers centrally</p>	<p>Implementation of Groups 1 and 6 to staff across Relevant Authorities</p>	<p>Ask and Act delivery has ceased due to Covid-19.</p>		<p>Aim to work with specialist providers on the TNA under groups 4 and 5.</p>
<p>Report centrally to Welsh Government on the delivery of the Regional Training Plan</p>	<p>Implementation of Ask and Act to relevant staff across the region</p>	<p>The E-learning has now been made open access.</p>		
<p>Delivery of Regional Train the Trainer events to ensure consistent delivery across the Region</p>	<p>Support the specialist providers to achieve groups 4 and 5 under the National Training Framework</p>	<p>As a regional training subgroup, we are now working with a consultant to create webinar and online training sessions to deliver the requirements of the National Training Framework across the region.</p>		
<p>Conduct a regional TNA with specialist services in order to identify training gaps and training needs, in relation to achievement of groups 4 and 5</p>		<p>This has altered what we initially wanted to resource, in terms of training, from the Regional VAWDASV Grant in this financial year.</p>		
<p>Deliver an elected members event across the</p>		<p>However this will ensure we continue towards</p>		

four local authority cabinet members, with the intention of meeting the requirements of group 6 training		meeting our statutory requirements, maintain the momentum we created in delivering this essential training while keeping staff and communities safe.		
<p>Mapping of current VAWDASV training available in the region</p> <p>Consider a model of delivery across the whole region, to ensure accessibility for multi-agencies to meet the specialist syllabus</p> <p>Deliver recommended model to the Delivery Group and Commissioning Subgroup for consideration of resourcing in 2021-22</p>	<p>Understanding of the current multi agency VAWDASV training provision in the region</p> <p>Suggested delivery model of multi-agency training, meeting the specialist syllabus, across the region</p>			

Strategic Priority 6: Provide victims with equal access to appropriately resourced, high quality, needs led, strength based, gender responsive services throughout the region.

Actions required	Intended outcome	Progress to date	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Establish a MWW Regional Commissioning Document</p> <p>Establish TOR for the Regional Commissioning Subgroup</p>	<p>Establishment of a robust Regional Commissioning Subgroup with a Regional Commissioning Document and action plan in relation to</p>	<p>Subgroup is established with Chair and TOR has been drafted and agreed.</p> <p>The Regional Commissioning Document has been published on the</p>		<p>Reconvene Commissioning Subgroup</p> <p>Establish priorities for delivery within 2020-21.</p>

<p>Establish a clear action plan for the work of the Regional Commissioning Subgroup for 2020-21</p> <p>Establish action plan for the consideration of a joint commissioning exercise across Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire in relation to VAWDASV service provision</p>	<p>VAWDASV Commissioning across Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>RSB website.</p> <p>The original priority for the subgroup was to establish a regional service specification that would inform a cross-boundary commissioning exercise for the specialist provision of services across Pembrokeshire and Carmarthen.</p> <p>A continuous improvement session was planned to facilitate establishing this service spec. but was cancelled due to Covid-19.</p>		
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3. Details of any key risks identified for the next quarter and how these will be mitigated:

There have been no specific risks identified.

DELIVERY OF OUTCOMES AND WORK PROGRAMME

Provide an update on progress in delivering each of the activities outlined in the work programme included in sections 2 – 5 of your Delivery Plan, during the period of this claim. Include how these link to the delivery of the Welsh Government’s strategic priorities to reduce the incidence of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence as outlined below:

- promote awareness of, and to prevent, protect and support victims;
- strengthen the strategic leadership and accountability for violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence; and
- improve the consistency, quality and join-up of service provision in Wales.

4. PROGRESS REPORT	
Commissioning VAWDASV Services	
<p>What services have been delivered in the region, including responsibilities?</p>	<p>As previously reported, the Regional IDVA Service is the only service delivered and resourced directly from the VAWDASV Grant.</p> <p>Continuation of Covid-19 lockdown measures have required the IDVA’s to facilitate a different approach to supporting clients. This initially has been completed through the use of technology. The same level of service is being provided to the clients, but if face to face support is necessary all risk assessments, training and guidance, and provision of PPE has allowed for the opportunity.</p> <p>Hafan Cymru and Pobl continue to work well together and are able to provide support to each other, with fully operational contingency plans in place. These are reviewed and amended regularly in line with organisational guidance and Government advice.</p> <p>All working staff are currently reporting fit and well, and working from home, with all the necessary equipment to facilitate this method of service delivery.</p> <p>Clinical supervision continues as normal practice for all members of the IDVA service, and Hafan Cymru have commissioned a 1-1 trauma therapist for staff or clients who are experiencing difficulties due to COVID 19 isolation to fully support their mental health and well-being.</p> <p>The service had experienced a slight decline in referrals at the start of this quarter, however this gradually increased, and over more recent weeks in particularly in Pembrokeshire, the number of referrals has risen.</p>
<p>Provide an update on the how the region’s</p>	<p>The 2018 MWW Regional VAWDASV Strategy was informed by an initial assessment of need and current provision in the</p>

<p>needs assessment is impacting on services.</p>	<p>region as well as the wider wellbeing and population plans throughout Mid and West Wales.</p> <p>The work around our Regional Commissioning Strategy further assessed the needs of the region in response to VAWDASV. This produced our Regional Commissioning Document last year.</p> <p>This produced up to date data and information, in terms of the needs of the regional population, and guidance in terms of our focus for the future.</p> <p>Recommendations and actions from the above review have now been implemented and the resulting actions will inform the work of the Commissioning Subgroup.</p>
<p>Provide an update on gap analysis.</p>	<p>As above.</p> <p>The work of our Regional commissioning subgroup will act on the recommendations and areas of focus outlined in the Commissioning Document.</p>
<p>Provide details on how a continued and consistent service for service users has been ensured.</p>	<p>Following the work around our approach to Commissioning, in line with VAWDASV, across MWW, all commissioning activities will now be overseen by the Commissioning Subgroup.</p> <p>This will ensure all activities will meet the Welsh Government guidance in terms of Commissioning VAWDASV Services.</p> <p>This includes the essential consideration to be given to the continuation and consistency of service provision for survivors across MWW.</p>
<p>Provide details on how the Regional Partnership has provided support for all service user groups.</p>	<p>Our communities in Mid and West Wales are diverse and the Public-Sector Equality Duty ensures that equality considerations are built into everything that we do.</p> <p>When considering our regional response VAWDASV, the regional strategy and delivery plans are clear on the need for us to be innovative and creative in how we engage with the diverse groups across the region.</p> <p>This will be taken forward by the survivor engagement and communication subgroup.</p> <p>The representation of survivors will be key in the membership and work of the subgroup. This will ensure the work across the region is relevant and resonates with the communities within MWW.</p> <p>We aim to explore diverse options for engagement, that are unique and effective in capturing the needs of the population across the region.</p>

5. Partnership and Collaboration

Provide an update on the collaboration development of the Regional Partnership Board

In the last financial year, the regional partnership commissioned a review of the governance structure that supports the Regional Strategy.

This resulted in recommendations being accepted by the Board that saw a review of the membership of the Regional Strategic Board and the development of the Delivery Group.

These arrangements have now been in place since October 2019 and are working well. The coordinated response to Covid-19 across the region is evidence of this and how effective the partnership has become.

The Terms of Reference for both Strategic Board and Delivery group were also reviewed to clearly define the purpose and outline the roles and responsibilities of members and the regional partnership.

As Regional Adviser I provide regular updates and report on the progress of our regional work to both groups. This helps members have oversight and accountability for the activities under our regional work.

Provide an update on collaboration with other stakeholders

(Police, PCCs, education services, housing organisations, HMPPS and non devolved crime and justice agencies)

The Regional governance review strengthened the membership and collaboration with key stakeholders across the region.

Membership of the VAWDASV strategic group includes representatives from all relevant authorities including;

- All four local authorities
- Dyfed Powys Police
- OPCC
- Both health boards
- Business Manager from the Regional Safeguarding Board Three nominated representatives from the specialist sector
- NPS
- CSPs

As well as the three specialist provider reps on the strategic board, all providers are individually invited to sit on the Delivery Group. The specialist providers forum also meet prior to the Strategic Group to discuss the papers and feed back directly to the Regional Adviser.

As Regional Adviser I also sit regularly on; each of the Local Authority Safeguarding Operational Groups in each of the four areas where I deliver a full update report.

The membership of the Delivery Group also goes further and

	includes partners such as; YOS, Education Safeguarding Leads and research projects.
Provide an update on partnership working (Third sector, specialist VAWDASV services, survivors, service users)	<p>As identified above, the partnership with the specialist sector in and around our regional strategy is very strong.</p> <p>The Specialist Sector Providers are core to our Regional Strategic Board and Delivery Group. We have specialist sector reps as Deputy Chairs on both boards and the sector are well represented at each meeting.</p> <p>The voices of survivors and service users is valued and represented by the specialist providers in all areas of our work.</p> <p>I also liaise directly with established survivor groups across the region to ensure they are signed on and influence the work we do.</p>
6. Awareness, Promotion and Education	
How has your region:	
promoted information and awareness-raising campaigns including, but not exclusively to the Live Fear Free helpline?	<p>The Regional Partnership supports the Welsh Government Communication strategy and its awareness raising campaigns.</p> <p>We do this via our whole Regional Partnership and the extended networks.</p> <p>The MWW Regional Communication Strategy is still being worked towards, with consideration on how we can consistently and effectively share the work of Welsh Government in raising awareness of VAWDASV.</p> <p>Welsh Government Promotional materials are held centrally and distributed across the region; including pop up banners, leaflets and posters.</p> <p>These are specifically used to support delivery of Ask and Act in all areas of MWW.</p> <p>We have recently also supported the Covid-19 related awareness raising campaigns, from WWA, Welsh Government and the MoJ, by distributing information, toolkits and materials via our regional network.</p>
worked towards a whole school approach to healthy relationships and worked with Hafan Cymru to promote and deliver the Spectrum	<p>Hafan Cymru and the four local authority Education Safeguarding leads are represented on the regional partnership and specifically on the Delivery Group.</p> <p>We have identified key activities, under Strategic Priority 2 of our regional strategy and delivery plan, specifically aimed at achieving a whole school approach and a consistent and high quality approach to healthy relationships within the</p>

programme?	<p>schools across MWW.</p> <p>Work outlined in the delivery plan looks to assess what the current delivery of Spectrum looks like across the schools in MWW and what more needs to be done to promote this across all schools consistently.</p>
7. Monitoring and Evaluation	
Update on monitoring arrangements.	<p>We have clear reporting arrangements via the governance structure around our regional strategy. As Regional Adviser I monitor and report on our progress against the Regional Delivery Plan at several points throughout the financial year via;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Safeguarding Board- Full Quarterly RAG Rated reports • The Regional Strategic VAWDASV Board- Full Quarterly update reports. • The Delivery Group- Bi-monthly progress update reports • The Four Local Authority Safeguarding Group meetings- Quarterly progress update reports <p>We also have improved reporting arrangements with the four PSB leads via the CSPs and clear links to the RPB leads.</p> <p>I provide regular updates to the LCJB and work closely with OPCC colleagues.</p>
Update on plans to evaluate performance against the delivery plan	<p>As outlined in the strategy and regional delivery plans, we aim to develop our own Regional Indicator Set that measures the impact of the Regional Strategy and the difference the strategy is making.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, a regional Task and Finish Group has been established and oversaw a regional data mapping exercise. The group also drafted a Regional set of indicators which were mapped against the VAWDASV National Indicators.</p> <p>The Welsh Government VAWDASV Team are working to review the National Indicators and as Regional Adviser I attend the workshops to review the National Indicators and ensure MWW is fully represented in response.</p> <p>This work is now postponed due to Covid-19. However, once this work is finalised the regional task and finish group will reconvene to review the draft regional indicators.</p>

8. OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

Details of the	The MWW Regional VAWDASV Grant contributes towards the
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outcomes/outputs achieved in this reporting period	<p>commissioned regional IDVA service. This is the only direct service provision that the grant funds and therefore the outcomes and outputs relate only to the IDVA service which has only been operating since 2018.</p> <p>64% of the VAWDASV grant contributes to this direct service provision but the grant itself accounts for only 50% of the annual service contract price.</p> <p>The outputs in relation to this service are detailed below.</p>
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PLEASE ONLY COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TABLES THAT RELATE TO YOUR DELIVERY PLAN?

People accessing the service directly -Based on all New Referrals where contact made in Q1						
TARGET GROUP	High	Medium MARAC thresh met	Medium MARAC thresh NOT met	Standard MARAC thresh met	Standard MARAC thresh NOT met	TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REPORTING PERIOD
Women	152	19	7	17	2	197
Men	17	2	2	5	0	26
Non Binary / Trans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0
TOTALS	169	21	9	22	2	223

People reporting that they have been provided with the information and advice they need to access services and support able to make informed choices - Based on clients who have exited the service in Q1						
Target Group	High	Medium MARAC thresh met	Medium MARAC thresh NOT met	Standard MARAC thresh met	Standard MARAC thresh NOT met	Total number of beneficiaries reporting period
Women	205	30	8	7	1	250
Men	12	5	2	1	0	20
Non Binary / Trans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0
TOTALS	217	35	10	8	1	270

Further narrative about how beneficiaries have been supported can be added here if required:

**SECTION 3: REGIONAL PERPETRATOR SERVICES REVENUE GRANT CLAIM FORM
(RING-FENCED 7%)**

1. Please provide an update for each SMART aim, objective and outcome for perpetrator services;

Aims/ Objectives and Outcomes of the Pilot					
Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Realistic	Time bound	Update
All MFCC and Calan DVS staff to be trained on the DA Hub	Staff to be trained by June 2020	The Intervention Hub have agreed to train the staff members virtually	MFCC and Calan DVS have identified their staff members to be trained and will ensure they attend the training session	by June 2020	This has been completed
Intervention Hub to provide guidance on Partner Link Worker role within the project	Intervention Hub to share this with all partners by June 2020	The Intervention Hub have guidance documents in place and will share via email	The Intervention Hub have this document developed and have contact emails for all partners	By June 2020	This has been provided and is in place
Content for Press Release and supporting media to be agreed and released	Intervention Hub to draft press release and media documents for team to comment on and agree content.	Intervention Hub have templates to work from. Content will be agreed with all partners coordinated by Regional Adviser	Intervention Hub have experience in this area. Regional Adviser has established effective working group.	By June 2020	This has been agreed and released
SLA to be agreed with Powys County Council and Intervention Hub	SLA to be agreed and signed by Powys County Council	Intervention Hub have drafted the SLA for Powys CC to agree	Powys CC have consulted legal on the SLA	By June 2020	This has been signed
Evaluation of the Pilot to be completed by the Intervention Hub Team	Evaluation Report to be produced by Intervention Hub Psychologist at the end of the Pilot	Monthly Management Reports based on psychometrics, will be produced and shared with all partners throughout the course of the pilot	Intervention Hub have completed several similar evaluations previously.	October 2020	This will happen at monthly stages of the pilot and at completion of the pilot.
Delivery Staff to receive specific training on delivery of perpetrator intervention/ risk management tool	Training to be delivered by Respect/ Accredited Organisation	Training options have been established and limitations due to Covid-19 have been identified	Virtual training options and contingency planning have been considered to ensure staff receive training	By June 2020	Training has been delivered by Threshold DAS. We are awaiting Respect to commence virtual training shortly.
DA Intervention to be delivered to individuals within Powys LA area	Intervention to be delivered to 9 individuals	Average of 1.5 individuals to be worked with per organisation per month	This is manageable with the identified staffing hours and considering this is a new intervention to the region	By 30 th September 2020	The pilot launched from the 1 st July and is now live.

2. Please provide an update of how the activities link to existing VAWDASV regional provision and contribute to Welsh Government's VAWDASV strategic priorities outlined for perpetrator services;

- Establish an understanding of 'what works' with VAWDASV perpetrators

We have worked closely with Threshold DAS on the development of this pilot. Threshold DAS currently deliver the only Respect accredited Perpetrator intervention within MWW. They have delivered specific training for us on this pilot and will monitor the progress of the pilot with us within the Delivery Group.

We have done a lot of work around mapping the pilot intervention against the WG Perpetrator Standards and have created an evidence document to support delivery.

This pilot will look to provide us with insight and evidence of the effectiveness of this programme in meeting the specific needs of MWW. These needs relate to; large geographical areas, dispersed communities and lack of provision for perpetrators.

- Inform the commissioning of effective and sustainable VAWDASV perpetrator services

As above, there are no commissioned Perpetrator Services across MWW. In line with the work of the MWW VAWDASV Commissioning Subgroup, this pilot will allow will provide evidence and examples of best practices and lessons learned to be incorporated into our Regional Commissioning planning.

This will be specific to the needs of the MWW region, it's communities and in response to the rural barriers to access to intervention that have impacted on the sustainability of similar services delivered in the past.

This will also identify where we can support existing provision within Threshold DAS where there is no sustainable funding currently.

- Develop prevention and early intervention approaches

As highlighted in the delivery plan, the need for this intervention is specifically relevant to learning from DHRs across the region. The lack in such provision has meant that there has been a lack of response to addressing the abusive behaviour of perpetrators earlier on.

This is specifically relevant to the Powys area, given its rural geography and evidenced by the recent DHR. This pilot is included in the DHR action plan which identified specific missed opportunities in offering such an intervention.

This pilot is also accessible for CYP aged 13 years and older. This has a specific focus on addressing abusive behaviours at all ages and as early as possible.

- Improve service links, communication and effective practice

The pilot is fully supported by all regional partners including Powys CC and Dyfed Powys Police (DPP) Force. These service links are essential to the success of the

pilot in terms of integration into referral pathways, social services assessments and the sharing and promotion of best practice modelling.

The safety considerations around the pilot has been carefully thought through, in line with the WG Perpetrator Standards, and includes gaining valuable information from DPP.

Communication of the pilot has been supported with a press release and promotional materials communicated across the whole region and promoted via the whole Regional Partnership.

The pilot is being delivered by the commissioned specialist services within Powys, who are part of the larger Regional Partnership and Regional Providers Forum. Best Practice and lessons learned from the pilot will be evidenced in the evaluation and shared via the Regional Partnership and wider forums to inform practice across the Region.

- Develop a skilled and resilient workforce

The pilot has been supported by specific training delivered to the staff who will be working on the pilot. This training includes specific delivery from the Intervention Hub on the Perpetrator Intervention they will be delivering. This was also supported by training supported by Threshold DAS specifically around risk assessment of perpetrators.

As part of the pilot we also want to source specific training from Respect, they are not currently delivering training but hope to be able to offer virtual sessions shortly. I will maintain contact with Respect and arrange the training as soon as possible. This will strengthen the workforce within the specialist services, in order to support sustainability of the project

3. Has the grant met the Evidenced Needs for perpetrator services

- What is the identified need

The Regional VAWDASV Strategy, informed by the needs assessment, identifies the need for a consistent availability of perpetrator intervention across the Region.

Currently there is only one Respect Accredited Programme delivered in the whole MWW. This is not reflective of the need and diversity of the communities within the region, including the barriers of rurality and dispersed communities.

DHRs conducted across the Region evidence this lack of provision and most recent is the DHR completed in Powys, where the barriers due to rurality are prevalent, identifies specific opportunities where an offer of such an intervention was missed on several occasions due to lack of availability.

This pilot is included on this DHR action plan, specifically for Powys initially.

- How will the Regional Perpetrator Services Revenue Grant address the need?

The Regional Grant will address this need by piloting a version of intervention that not only offers access to an intervention aimed at addressing abusive behaviour but that also addressed the barriers of rurality.

The intervention will be delivered virtually, allowing support to be delivered by the staff members without them having to travel across the county. This will save on time and resource.

This is also the case for service users. They will be able to access the intervention eliminating the barriers of transport issues, distance, time and financial means to travel. It also takes away the barriers around group delivery where the numbers of individuals who want to access a group in one area do not meet the minimal numbers to run a group.

4. Please explain how partnership working has been managed and duplication of work for perpetrator services has been avoided (In order to ensure they are safe, effective and evidence-based it is important that perpetrator services are compliant with the Welsh Government Perpetrator Services Standards).

The Pilot forms part of the Mid and West Wales Regional Delivery plan for 2020-21. This is fully supported by the regional partnership members and need evidenced by the regional needs assessment and Regional Strategy.

Partnership working is evident throughout the pilot, as indicated above and also via the strong service links between the Specialist Services delivering the programme, Powys County Council and the Regional Adviser.

Progress of the Pilot and learning from the evaluation will feed directly back into the work of the Regional Partnership, Commissioning Activity Planning for the Region and sharing of best practice modelling via the Regional Providers Forum.

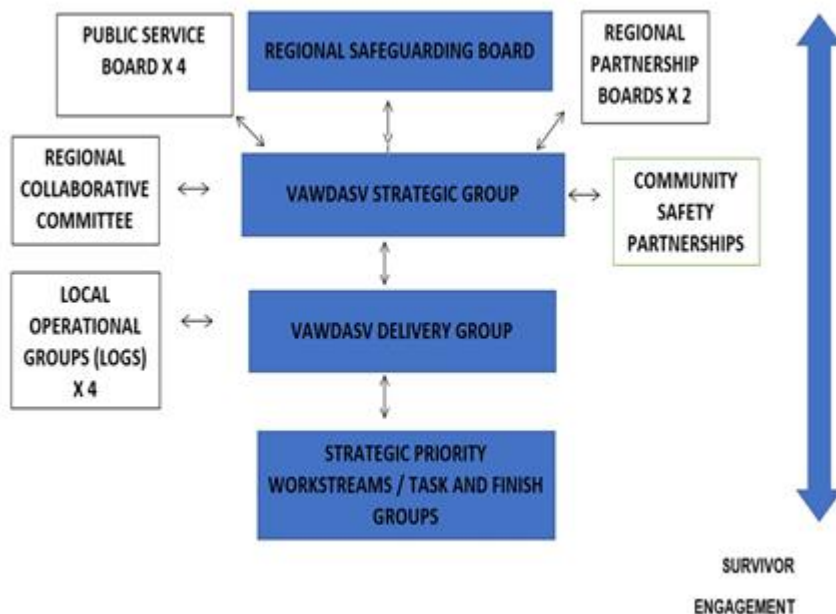
The regional strategy highlights the lack of provision for perpetrators across the region, therefore the risk of duplication is not relevant. Especially within the Powys county.

We have worked with the Intervention Hub and the key partners to establish how the pilot meets the requirements of the WG Standards. We have created an evidence document that shows how the pilot meets the standards and for use as a policy to guide delivery of the intervention.

SECTION 4: GOVERNANCE – For whole of the VAWDASV Grant

1. Provide an update on the development of the regional governance structures

The reviewed governance structure below has now been implemented since October 2019 as below;



2. Provide an update on how links have been made with other cross-cutting governance, service planning and commissioning arrangements

- Regional Partnership Boards- As Regional Adviser I have made links with the representatives for both boards which allows opportunities for us to identify commonalities in work under the both agendas.
- The SP RCC- now reviewed under the introduction of the HSG- Representation from this board sits on the Regional VAWDASV Board. As regional Adviser I also sit on the GSG board to ensure co-ordination of work is consistent and aligns with the work of the regional VAWDASV strategy.
- The DCI leading on VAWDASV for Dyfed Powys Police is now the Chair of the VAWDASV Strategic Board and the Director of Commissioning for the Police and Crime Commissioner sits on the VAWDASV Strategic Board. We also have a DI leading on priority 3 workstream within the delivery plan.
- The Regional Adviser reports directly into the Local Criminal Justice Board in order to ensure that the priorities of the LCJB are represented at the VAWDASV Board.
- The Regional Adviser attends the Regional Specialist Service Providers Forum routinely to provide update and consultation on the work under the regional strategy.

3. Provide an update on any sub groups *that support the Governance structure*

The key subgroups under the MWW Strategy are;

- Survivor Engagement and Communication
 - New workstream leads were nominated and are now in place.
 - Updated membership of the subgroup is now established.
 - Work to continue following Covid-19.
- Priority 2 Subgroup
 - LA Education Safeguarding reps have been nominated from the RSB to lead on this area of work.
 - Agreement was for the education leads to take forward work to analyse at the self-assessment of schools.
 - However due to current circumstances education leads have asked for this to be paused until they have a period of stability.

• Priority 3 Subgroup Holding Perpetrators to account
This subgroup is well established and has overseen the work under priority 3 including Regional MARAC review, Revenue and Capital Grant Award and two pilots of perpetrator intervention.

- Training Subgroup
All Training relevant authorities and specialist providers are members of this well-established subgroup.
 - There has been significant diversion and delay on work under this priority of the delivery plan due to Covid-19.
 - We are now re-focussed on continued delivery of Ask and Act throughout the region.

• VAWDASV Commissioning Subgroup
Commissioning Subgroup and membership established with TOR
Commissioning document is now published on the WMM RSB website
The subgroup is reconvening, following postponement of work due to Covid-19, to identify key work under the delivery plan to be delivered in the remainder of this year.

4. Provide an update on the risks identified in the delivery plan

No current risks identified