

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE (VAWDASV) GRANT – PROGRESS REPORT AND CLAIM FORM 2019-20



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Period of report and claim	Period: Q2 2019-20
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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

Region:	Mid and West Wales Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategic Group.(VAWDASV)
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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: 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 Regional 'Safer Lives, Healthier Families' VAWDASV Strategic delivery plan 2019-20 outlines six key objectives with an additional three priority areas. The delivery plan also identifies a focus on three of the four components which can be seen as enablers and sustains of change.

This regional delivery plan is based on the "Safer Lives, Healthier Families" Regional Strategy, launched on 15th November, which is the key strategic document for delivery of the priorities contained within the VAWSADV Act and the National Strategy. Annual priorities have been agreed by the VAWDASV Strategic Board and the 2019-20 Delivery plan has been accepted by the Regional Safeguarding Board.

Progress against activities;

Survivor engagement

Activities	Progress to date
Develop a framework for survivor engagement	<p>There was an identified workstream lead appointed for this priority area in direct correlation with priority 1.</p> <p>The workstream lead wrote to board proposing the establishment of a subgroup under these two priorities. This was agreed and a subgroup was established.</p> <p>Unfortunately attendance from stakeholders at this subgroup was third sector heavy and was not representative of all partners.</p> <p>This supported the identified need for a full Governance review around the Regional Strategy, including appropriate membership and representation.</p> <p>During the review the workstream lead had left their post and work under the subgroup paused due to this and the work under the governance review.</p> <p>The governance review is now complete and recommendations have been approved by the Regional Safeguarding board and implemented by the Regional</p>

	<p>VAWDASV Board.</p> <p>The Governance Review has seen the implementation of a new Delivery Group which will oversee all of the operational implementation of the strategy, including the established task and finish groups.</p> <p>The first meeting of the Delivery group will be 21st October and within this meeting a new workstream lead will be identified.</p> <p>In the meantime as Regional Adviser I have been linking in closely with the existing survivor groups throughout the region. I work closely with WSSP, SPRING and DAPS, a newly established survivor group, to provide training to members and keep them updated and engaged with developments within the strategy.</p> <p>I have also supported the members of the survivor groups to engage with National Survivor engagement activities such as the Criminal Justice engagement with survivors and opportunities for members to be part of the pilot service user engagement panel with the Welsh Government VAWDASV team.</p>
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Governance

Activities	Progress to date
Review existing governance arrangements	<p>An independent consultant was commissioned to undertake the following work on behalf of the Mid and West Wales Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategic Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate a workshop with members of the VAWDASV Strategic Board which focused on; ➤ Critically reviewing existing VAWDASV governance arrangements ➤ Developing a shared understanding of the VAWDASV

	<p>Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20</p> <p>➤ Identifying and agreeing the required infrastructure to implement the Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20</p> <p>A report was produced as a result that highlighted the learning and recommendations from the workshop to inform the future governance and strategic arrangements around the Regional Strategy.</p> <p>This report was taken to the RSB for approval on the 11th July and all recommendations were accepted.</p> <p>The report was also shared with the Regional VAWDASV Board and the Regional Providers Forum with no objections.</p> <p>The recommendations have now been implemented with strengthened links to partner boards and the development of a Delivery Group which meets for the first time on 21st October.</p> <p>Membership of Strategic Group has also been reviewed and the strategic delivery plan has been condensed with new workstream leads to be nominated in the first Delivery Group meeting.</p>
<p>Establish a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the strategy and its effect</p>	<p>A regional Task and Finish Group was established by the Regional Adviser;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand what data is currently being collated across the region and how it is being used • To develop a set of measurable outcomes to underpin the strategy <p>The group has also mapped the VAWDASV National Indicators against the regional strategy and data set to inform a draft Regional Indicators document.</p> <p>Since this has been developed Welsh Government launched their work to review each of the National Indicators within workshop settings.</p>

	<p>This is now underway and as Regional Adviser I am representing the region on every indicator workshop.</p> <p>Until this work is finalised we are pausing work on the Regional Indicator set, until we know what the reviewed set of National Indicators will be.</p>
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Adult to Parent Abuse

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Increased awareness and understanding of Adult to Parent Violence amongst professionals and members of the public and pathways to support</p>	<p>The Dewis Choice Project have agreed to join the Regional Partnership and lead on this area of work.</p> <p>With the Governance Review work over the Summer and the capacity of Dewis Choice, work on this area has not progressed.</p> <p>However with the Delivery Group meeting the 1st October, the revised and condensed delivery plan will be agreed with work stream leads and clear work plans for each group being established.</p>

Strategic Priority 2

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Conduct a full analysis of healthy relationships education in formal / non-formal educational establishments across the region</p>	<p>Education Safeguarding Leads have circulated an agreed template survey on health relationships throughout the region.</p> <p>This will also be followed up with a verbal survey completed by Safeguarding Leads in each LA to a sample of schools, this is due to a lack of engagement on the initial survey.</p> <p>This will achieve more qualitative data in relation to Healthy Relationships Education completed currently and what other support is available and provided to CYP affected by or experiencing DV.</p> <p>The workstream lead for this area has</p>

	now been seconded to Welsh Government, so we will be looking to the Delivery Group to establish a new workstream lead.
Agree a monitoring framework that will enable the region to meet reporting requirements contained within the Act	The above work includes consideration of current reporting mechanisms with a view to agreeing recommendations for a regional monitoring framework, similar to what we have implemented for reporting on the NTF.

Strategic Priority 3

Activities	Progress to date
Identify opportunities for earlier intervention with perpetrators and those demonstrating abuse behaviours	<p>The Regional partnership has continued to align work under this area with the work of DPP in its response to a HMIC report.</p> <p>Under priority 3 it was intended that, to create a strong footing on which to develop an appropriate and holistic response to VAWDASV perpetrators, a review of the data DPP and partners hold in relation to perpetrators needs to be carried out.</p> <p>The VAWDASV Strategic Board commissioned the academic review, in partnership with De Montfort University, and analysis of data in relation to perpetrators across the region to inform development of this work.</p> <p>Through this analysis of data however it became apparent that current processes of risk identification and victim safety were not fit for purpose.</p> <p>More accurately the MARAC process throughout the region had become overwhelmed and not meeting its intended outcome.</p> <p>DPP has invested heavily in the implementation of a 'Vulnerability Desk' within the Force Control room and became operational on the 01.04.2019.</p>

The 'Desk' comprises of seven highly trained Police Officers on a 24 hour shift pattern, who deal specifically with all DA calls received by the Force.

The desk officers relay key risk information to response officers who will be arriving at the scene in 'real-time' and also identify risk relating to children, vulnerable adults and any substantial threat.

Finally, the desk ensures that a DASH of extremely high standard is completed for every incident.

Since the inception of the 'Desk', the Force has experienced an exponential increase in the identification of DA Incidents and crimes, most notably relating to Coercive & Control and Stalking & Harassment.

The identification of Stalking and Harassment incidents has increased by 260%, with Coercive & Controlling incidents experiencing a 349% increase. The area has also experienced a 150% increase in the number of cases being referred to MARAC.

Whilst the statics are indicative that DPP are now identifying these crimes appropriately, the consequences have been significant in respect of the multi-agency response required, and impact on MARAC.

As Regional Adviser, in partnership with DPP, I held a multi-agency conference with over 30 partners and stakeholders, in order to establish a joint approach to tackling the issues identified.

The result of the workshop was the identification of a Secondary Risk Assessment Unit that would initiate a centralised approach across the region in efficiently and appropriately identifying and managing risk with a victim focussed approach.

The unit will ensure that all DA risk

	<p>assessments are at exceptional standard, whilst guaranteeing that referrals to MARAC are appropriate, and referrals submitted to partners receive the appropriate response for victims.</p> <p>The units will also link to the ACE initiative, delivering a pro-active approach to tackling DA for future generations.</p> <p>The partnership has supported a capital grant application to Welsh government to support these findings by embedding an operational and technological infrastructure to support 'Multi-Agency Secondary Risk Assessment Units' across all areas of the region.</p> <p>Each Facility will provide a physical and virtual location for the delivery of 'Daily Multi Agency Domestic Abuse Risk Meetings', where all partner agencies will come together on a daily basis to formulate risk assessments and risk management plans on all DA incidents reported within the last 24-48 hours to ensure decisive support and action.</p> <p>The technology will also support information sharing agreements recently ratified by all agencies via the regional Safeguarding Board.</p> <p>The units will also utilise 150 safety alarms to be deployed to those victims at greatest risk and who may (not exclusively) be still residing with the perpetrator.</p>
<p>Have a more informed understanding and scrutiny of the use of victimless prosecutions in cases of Domestic Abuse and the effective use of DVPO's / DVPN's across the region.</p>	<p>DPP will report data in relation to DVPO/Ns and victimless prosecutions in to the VAWDASV Delivery Board as set agenda item from Octobers meeting.</p>

Strategic Priority 4

Activities	Progress to date
Consider learning and effectiveness of	An academic DAO within DPP has

<p>community-based early intervention and prevention models operating across Mid and West Wales.</p>	<p>agreed to conduct a literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I have met with the individual on several occasions to provide literature materials to inform the review and provide clarity and context to her work.</p> <p>This review is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2020.</p>
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Strategic Priority 5

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Oversee, monitor and review the regional implementation of the Framework ensuring compliance by professionals in relevant authorities and supporting the specialist sector to achieve Groups 2-5</p>	<p>The regional training subgroup have collated the individual training plans of relevant authorities and have now developed an overarching regional plan for 2019-20 for the implementation of groups 2 and 3 (Ask and Act).</p> <p>We have also established a Regional Training Consortium, consistent of relevant agencies and specialist providers, to coordinate the delivery of the Regional Training Plan.</p> <p>The subgroup have also completed all relevant governance documents as required such as a Regional Ask and Act Policy and a Regional Training Booking process.</p> <p>We are working closely with WWA and WG to evaluate and review the roll out of training across the region and have informed the WG team on what we feel should be included in such an evaluation.</p> <p>Ask and Act is now being rolled out across Mid and West Wales and we have now had our Subsidy Grant Award approved and have submitted our claim for Q2 of this year.</p> <p>The Subgroup is now focussed on developing consistent regional training guides and trainer handbooks for the delivery of Groups 2 and 3. This will</p>

	ensure consistency of delivery and support for the identified trainers in the region.
Strategic Priority 6	
Activities	Progress to date
Review existing commissioning arrangements to inform the development of a joint, integrated “one public service” commissioning strategy	<p>In order to facilitate this priority the partnership commissioned and external analysis of current commissioning arrangements to be cross referenced against the strategic priorities to inform a gap analysis and to inform the next steps for us to work towards the development of a regional “one public service” VAWDASV commissioning strategy.</p> <p>The finalised report has produced a VAWDASV commissioning document for Mid and West Wales that helps the partnership;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the current VAWDASV commissioning landscape • Support the implementation of the VAWDASV Strategy and Strategic Priority 6 specifically • Establish a platform for the commissioning of VAWDASV services • Provide a practical document to support and inform commissioning • Identifying opportunities and establishing priorities <p>Due to the September meeting being postponed, the finalised report was discussed at the Regional Strategic Board meeting in October.</p> <p>The report was approved by board with the actions and agreement that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Regional Commissioning Subgroup will be established with appropriate membership. • Nothing in relation to VAWDASV will be commissioned across the region without the commissioning subgroup having oversight of it. • The full report will be

	<p>condensed in to an agreed commissioning principles document that will be adopted by the regional partnership to commission all services in relation to VAWDASV against.</p> <p>As regional adviser I will now take this work forward with the support of the priority 6 workstream lead.</p>
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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:

<p>As is evidenced in the above, the Region has made significant progression in its move towards achievement of the 2019-20 Delivery Plan.</p> <p>As I am sure is the case in all areas, the only barriers we face are capacity and availability of resource.</p>			
Key	Rag Rating		
Fully achieved			
Partially achieve			
Not achieved			
Survivor Engagement			
Intended Outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
<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>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</p> <p>Consult with survivors to better understand how they wish to be engaged</p> <p>Draft a</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Adviser has continued to meet with existing survivor groups in the region who are keen and willing to engage with the work of the subgroup • Regional Adviser is supporting the establishment of a new survivor group in Pembrokeshire • A new workstream lead to be established at the first Delivery group meeting • Established subgroup to

	recommended framework for survivor engagement for agreement by the VAWDASV Strategic Board		agree a clear TOR and plan to address actions identified in the strategic delivery plan
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Governance

Intended outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
<p>Robust governance framework for the delivery and monitoring of the regional strategy</p> <p>Appropriate membership and representation on the Strategic Group and relevant task and finish groups</p> <p>Agreed reporting structures to other key local and regional Boards</p>	<p>Review Terms of Reference for the Strategic Group</p> <p>Identify and strengthen local and regional reporting structures</p>		<p>Continue to implement revised structure.</p> <p>Meeting arranged with RPB to align work plans and priorities.</p>

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<p>An agreed set regional indicators aligned to and complementing wider programmes of work in the region and nationally, that measure the progress and success of this strategy</p> <p>An agreed Regional Data Set that supports the monitoring framework</p>	<p>Review current VAWDASV related data collation throughout the region</p> <p>Develop regional outcomes and indicators to measure the progress of this strategy</p> <p>Identify alignments between the outcomes and indicators of this strategy and other regional / local programmes of work</p>		<p>The Regional Adviser to re-convene the task and finish group following the completion of the Welsh Government workshops to review the National Indicators.</p>
<p>A consistent framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region</p>	<p>Review existing arrangements across the four CSPs</p> <p>Review good practice across England and Wales.</p> <p>Draft a Regional Framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region</p>		<p>CSP Leads have agreed to work together on the development of the framework in line with HO guidance.</p> <p>They have agreed to consult with me as Regional Adviser on their draft framework once ready.</p> <p>Proposed framework to be presented to the Regional VAWDASV Board.</p>

Adult to Parent Abuse

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
<p>Increased identification of adult to parent violence Increase in individuals experiencing adult to parent violence accessing support Recommendation to VAWDASV Board to inform gaps in provision and areas for development in repose to Adult to Parent violence</p>	<p>Analyse existing data relating to adult to parent violence and identify gaps Scope existing services and resources providing information and support regarding Adult to Parent violence and identify areas for development Work with priority 1 subgroup to ensure</p>		<p>Review of workstreams and leads to be carried out within the Delivery Group meeting. Adult to Parent abuse work to be allocated within a workstream.</p>

	increase awareness and understanding of Adult to Parent Violence and pathways to support		
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Strategic Priority 1

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
A regional communication strategy; an agreed regional approach to communication and awareness raising of VAWDASV and Equality	<p>Establishment of a VAWDASV Communication Task and Finish Group to align with the Engagement and Communication subgroup of the Regional Safeguarding Board</p> <p>Review existing VAWDASV and Equality communication plans in the region</p> <p>Map available resources / evidence to inform approach of the regional Communication Strategy</p> <p>Develop a VAWDASV and Equality key dates calendar</p> <p>Identify key Equality and VAWDASV campaigns, themes and messages including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult to parent violence • Older People experiencing domestic abuse • Harassment • Coercive and controlling behaviours • Risks posed by social media / 		<p>Workstream lead to be reviewed and decided upon at the initial delivery group meeting.</p> <p>Workstream lead to establish subgroup and implement actions required.</p>

	<p>dating websites</p> <p>Learning from DHRs to be included within Regional Communication strategy</p>		
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Strategic Priority 2

Intended outcome	Actions required	Rag Rating	Next Steps
<p>Full analysis report and recommendations to the Strategic Group and Safeguarding Executive</p>	<p>Education Safeguarding managers from the four Local Authorities to carry out a mapping exercise and analysis with support from the Regional VAWDASV Adviser</p>		<p>The workstream lead is currently on secondment to Welsh Government as of September 2019.</p> <p>Workstream to be reviewed within the initial delivery group meeting and workstream lead to take follow up survey forward.</p>
<p>Monitoring framework in place to enable the region to meet reporting requirements within the Act</p>	<p>Education Safeguarding managers from the four Local Authorities to develop a monitoring framework</p>		

Strategic Priority 3

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>Opportunities identified for earlier intervention with perpetrators and those demonstrating abusive behaviours</p> <p>Academic report outlining a consistent framework and arrangements around the response to and management of perpetrators across the region.</p> <p>Established mechanism to monitoring and scrutiny of the use of DVPNs, DVPOs and prosecutions using section 23 (3) (b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1998 in cases of Domestic Abuse across the region</p>	<p>Subgroup to formulate a clear action plan to address priority 3.</p> <p>The subgroup will support the work of Dyfed Powys Police in their force wide review in response to DV. Including analysis of data in relation to perpetrators across the region.</p> <p>Establish a reporting mechanism from Heddlu Dyfed Powys Police to the Mid and West Wales VAWDASV Strategic Board in relation to the use of DVPOs and DVPNs across the region.</p> <p>Establish a reporting mechanism from CPS to the Mid and West Wales VAWDASV Strategic Board regarding 'victimless prosecutions' across the region.</p>	<p>Yellow</p> <p>Green</p>	<p>Workstream leads to be reviewed at Delivery Group meeting.</p> <p>Clear work plan to be agreed by subgroup.</p> <p>Evaluation of the intended reviewed risk management process to be agreed and implemented in partnership with Data Cymru.</p> <p>Data from DPP on use of DVPOs, DVPNs and Sec.</p>

Strategic Priority 4

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
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<p>Understanding of existing community-based prevention and early intervention models</p> <p>Good practice and evidence base for community-based prevention and early intervention</p>	<p>Rapid review of existing VAWDASV community-based prevention and early intervention models</p> <p>Literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models</p>		<p>Literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models to be completed and recommendations report to be delivered to Board.</p>
<p>A consistent safeguarding response to domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women across the region</p>	<p>VAWDASV stakeholders are invited to review existing threshold documents to strengthen understanding and inclusion of VAWDASV as safeguarding</p>		<p>This work was included in the policies and procedures subgroup of the RSB and is now included in the revised Threshold Document.</p>
<p>Increase opportunities for informal, community-based responses to VAWDASV via the implementation of the Ask me project across Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>Meeting with Welsh Women's Aid to discuss detailed requirements of the 'Ask Me' project and agree project implementation plan</p> <p>Resources to implement the project be secured from Welsh Government VAWDASV Grant 2019/20</p> <p>Establish a task and finish group to oversee the implementation of the project</p>		<p>The Board to consider resourcing this project within the remit of the grant.</p> <p>There is currently no resource identified within the region to expand this programme outside of Ceredigion and Powys where it is currently delivered.</p>
<p>Pembrokeshire to become an early adopter site for IRIS in Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>Agree project implementation plan with IRIS</p> <p>Secure resources from the Welsh</p>		<p>Implementation and resourcing of a pilot to be considered by the Board following the presentation of the commissioning paper.</p>

	<p>Government VAWDASV Grant 2019/20 to support Pembrokeshire as the early adopter site</p> <p>Establish project task and finish group including identification of an early adopter cluster</p> <p>Communication with GP clusters regarding IRIS</p> <p>Project implementation including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training of GP practices • Training of Advocate Educators • Establish pathways of support 		<p>Regional Adviser to meet with both health boards to consider costings and possible availability of funds.</p>
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Strategic Priority 5

Intended outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>NTF is embedded as a strategic workforce development priority</p>	<p>NTF to be included in the regional strategic workforce planning structures e.g. Regional Safeguarding Board and Regional Partnership Board</p>		<p>Roll out of Ask and Act and co-facilitation with Specialist Providers is being co-ordinated centrally via the Regional Training Plan and Calendar.</p> <p>There have been significant concerns raised about the availability of co-facilitation support and limitations of specialist support services in specific areas of the MWW Region. The Regional Adviser is escalating and addressing these concerns with local commissioners and specialist service providers.</p>
<p>An agreed regional approach to the implementation of the NTF</p> <p>Implementation of Groups 1 and 6 to staff across</p>	<p>Collate the individual training plans of relevant authorities and develop an overarching regional plan</p> <p>Develop Regional</p>		

<p>Relevant Authorities</p> <p>Implementation of Ask and Act to relevant staff across the region</p> <p>Support to specialist providers to achieve groups 4 and 5</p>	<p>Training Consortium</p>		<p>There has been a delay and confusion around the accreditation of some TTTs. This has been escalated to Welsh Government and WWA by the Regional Adviser.</p> <p>There has also been concerns raised about the content of Groups 2 and 3 training from WWA. The Regional Adviser has directly fed this back to WG and the Regional Training Subgroup are working with a consultant to establish a consistent MWW Regional training content and trainer handbook.</p> <p>Regional Adviser to coordinate support from Welsh Government and WWA to attend Senior Leadership Meetings across the region in order to support delivery of Group 6 and acknowledging that the NTF is a corporate responsibility under the Act.</p>
<p>Clarification from Welsh Government if key themes are included within the NTF.</p> <p>If not- identified training to address the gaps within the regional training plan</p>	<p>Clarify with Welsh Government if the National Training Framework includes identified themes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult to parent violence • Older people's experiences of domestic abuse • Harassment • Coercive and Controlling behaviours • Working with perpetrators of abuse 		<p>The Regional Adviser has met with both Health Board Safeguarding leads to take this work forward and formulate a specific action plan.</p> <p>They have informed me that GPs are invited to attend the delivery across HDUHB and will be considered in PTHB as delivery groups for their next year of delivery.</p>
<p>Phased regional implementation of Ask and Act for GPs</p>	<p>Development of Ask and Act training plan for GPs</p> <p>Phased delivery of Ask and Act training for GPs starting in Pembrokeshire</p>		<p>The Regional Adviser has met with both Health Board Safeguarding leads to take this work forward and formulate a specific action plan.</p> <p>They have informed me that GPs are invited to attend the delivery across HDUHB and will be considered in PTHB as delivery groups for their next year of delivery.</p>
<p>Understanding of the current multi agency VAWDASV training provision in the region to inform regional training plans</p>	<p>Mapping of current VAWDASV training available in the region – relevant authorities and wider stakeholders e.g. criminal justice partners, housing providers, community-based organisations.</p>		<p>This work is on the agenda under the subgroup. However this is on hold pending the roll out and implementation of groups 2 and 3 of the NTF.</p>

Strategic Priority 6			
Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
Commissioned analysis of current commissioning arrangements cross referenced against the strategic priorities to inform a gap analysis to inform the development of a regional “one public service” VAWDASV commissioning strategy	A full analysis of the data from the commissioning mapping exercise against the strategic priorities to inform a gap analysis Analysis and recommendations report to inform the development of a regional commissioning plan		Regional Adviser and commissioning workstream lead will take forward actions and recommendations resulting from the strategic meeting and the finalised report.

3. Details of any key risks identified for the next quarter and how these will be mitigated:

None identified

SECTION 3: DELIVERY OF OUTCOMES AND WORK PROGRAMME

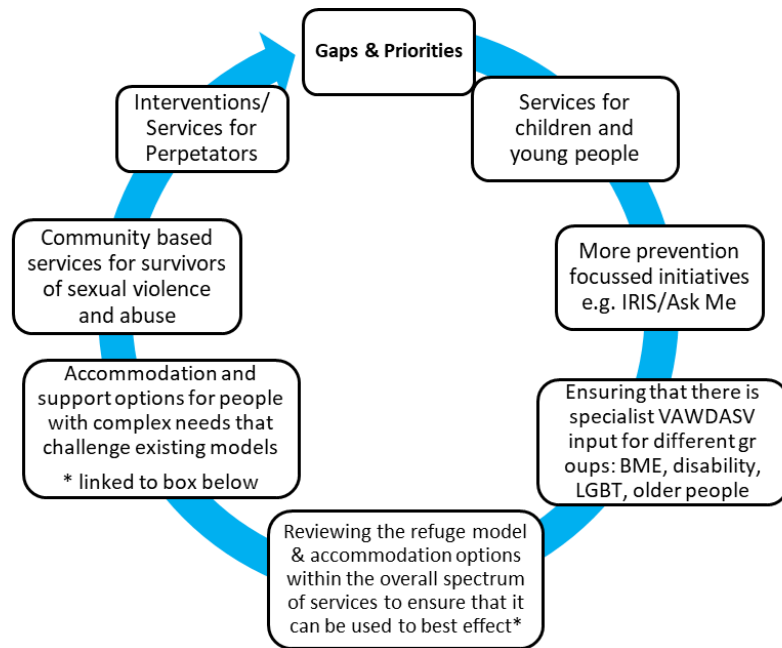
Provide an update on progress in delivering each of the activities outlined in the work programme included in sections 2 – 5 of your Delivery Plan, during the period of this claim. Include how these link to the delivery of the Welsh Government’s strategic priorities to reduce the incidence of violence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

PROGRESS REPORT	
Commissioning VAWDASV Services	
What services have been delivered in the region, including responsibilities?	<p>The Regional IDVA Service is the only service delivered directly from the VAWDASV Grant.</p> <p>The service has engaged with 326 new referrals this quarter with 240 of those referrals engaging with support.</p> <p>The IDVA Manager has attended the Police and Crime Commissioner quarterly Commissioning Advisory Board, and given a presentation on the following.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of the service • Overview of the performance of the new contract (highlighting areas of good/under performance) • Issues and challenges faced by the service • Future opportunities for development <p>The IDVA Manager has been in discussion with Hywel Dda Health Board regarding hot desk and working alongside A&E. Glangwili Hospital are in favour of this and are currently working with their HR team to look at obtaining visitor passes for the IDVAs.</p> <p>The regional partnership is engaged with the governance arrangement around the regional IDVA Contract and is working with the service and commissioning partners to strengthen reporting mechanisms around the contract and improve quantities and qualities data included in the monition of the contract.</p>
Provide an update on the how the region’s needs assessment is impacting on services.	<p>The Regional VAWDASV Strategy was informed by an initial assessment of need and current provision throughout the region.</p> <p>This assessment of need was also informed by the wider wellbeing and population plans throughout Mid and West Wales.</p>

	<p>With the commissioned work around the Regional Commissioning Plan, this document used this baseline data and cross reference this against the strategic objectives.</p> <p>As well as supporting the Regional Partnership to move towards a regional framework for commissioning VAWDASV Services, this document evidences the gap in relation to current provision and need throughout the region.</p> <p>This paper has now been approved and adopted by the Regional VAWDASV Board with the following agreement actions; Establish a Regional Commissioning board with appropriate representation Condense the report in to a consistent commissioning principles/ guidance document accepted by all partners Agreement from all partners that nothing in relation to VAWDASV will be commissioned throughout the region without the Commissioning subgroup having oversight</p> <p>This will ensure that the principles within the document and strategy around needs based sustainable commissioning/ funding of service provision is consistent.</p> <p>It will also allow us to have oversight of all commissioned services across MWW in relation to VAWDASV and therefore be more innovative and efficient in our use of resources.</p>
<p>Provide an update on gap analysis.</p>	<p>The gap analysis has been completed and further explored as part of the commissioning plan document as a result of the Regional Development Grant award 2018-19.</p> <p>The creation of this document for Mid and West Wales enabled a full analysis to produce a VAWDASV commissioning plan for Mid and West Wales with the aim of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Promoting an understanding the current VAWDASV commissioning landscape ➤ Supporting the implementation of the VAWDASV Strategy and Strategic Priority 6 ➤ Establishing a platform for the commissioning of VAWDASV services ➤ Providing a practical document to support and inform commissioning ➤ Identifying opportunities and establishing priorities ➤ A consideration of governance and reporting arrangements <p>This work is now complete in direct reference to the Regional Strategy and what was identified within the Needs Assessment.</p>

The gaps identified within the document were reflective of what was outlined within the strategy against what is currently commissioned. See diagram below.



Provide details on how a continued and consistent service for service users has been ensured.

In line with the commissioning work already discussed, the commission lead for Pembrokeshire and Carmarthen has postponed re-commissioning activities in line with the consideration of the outcomes of this report.

This is in order to ensure the commissioning of VAWDASV services within LAs is in line with the recommendations and identified opportunities highlighted within the document.

Therefore services are continued and recommendations for ensuring this as well as a consistent access to service for survivors throughout re-commissioning processes, will be built in to plans to implement the recommendations and opportunities identified within the report.

As evidence toward this, while considering opportunities in the diagram above, it was agreed that provision of existing services is a priority for the board in terms of commissioning and coproduction. The report also highlights the need to explore options where a full tender exercise is not required and coproduction and building on existing services is essential.

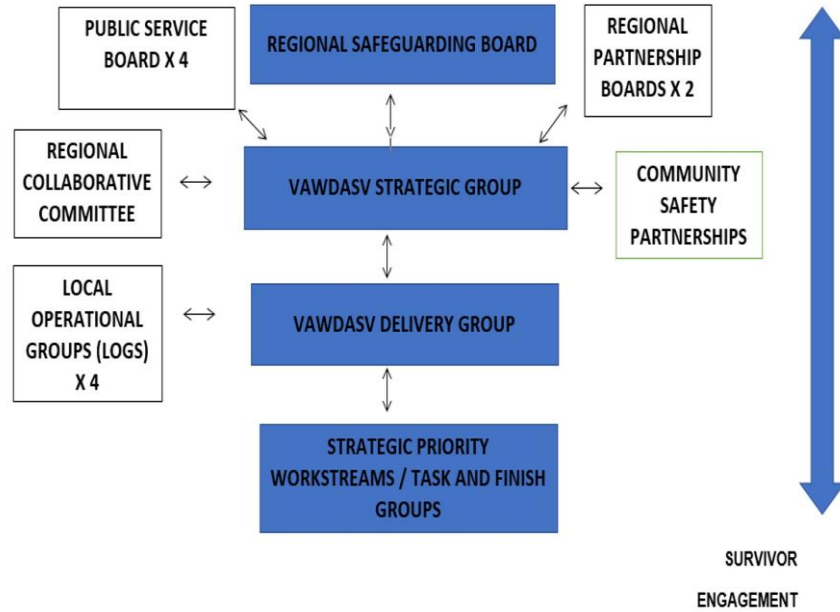
This was discussed at board and agreed to be included in the condensed document derived from the full report, to bring together an agreed set of principles for commissioning VAWDASV across MWW.

Provide details on how the Regional Partnership has

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>provided support for all service user groups.</p>	<p>When considering those experiencing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence, we will ensure that we are innovative and creative in how we engage with different population groups.</p> <p>This will be embedded in to the work carried out by the survivor engagement subgroup and the work to develop the ‘One Public Service’ Commissioning Plan.</p> <p>In order to achieve this we have and continue to engage effectively with established survivor groups within Mid and West Wales who have also been invited as members of the survivor engagement subgroup and will actively support the establishment of new groups and means to engage with survivors.</p> <p>The Dewis Choice Project have also agreed to join the Regional Partnership and lead on an Adult to Parent Work stream as well as contributing to several of the works streams under the strategy to ensure the work and research they have completed informs the work of the Regional Partnership.</p> <p>Dewis Choice have also developed effective ways to engage with survivors accessing their service, so we will use this knowledge base to inform the work under priorities 1 and 6.</p>
<p>Partnership and Collaboration</p>	
<p>Provide an update on the collaboration development of the Regional Partnership Board</p>	<p>The Regional strategy recognises that strong leadership is required to embed Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence and Violence against Women as “everyone’s business” and identifies the need to strengthen existing arrangements for governance, accountability and leadership of VAWDASV to ensure that there is a coherent structure providing clarity and direction for the region.</p> <p>In May 2019 an independent consultant was commissioned to undertake the following work on behalf of the Mid and West Wales Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategic Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate a workshop with members of the VAWDASV Strategic Board which focused on; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critically reviewing existing VAWDASV governance arrangements • Developing a shared understanding of the VAWDASV Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20 • Identifying and agreeing the required infrastructure to implement the Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20 <p>As a result a report has been produced highlighting the learning and recommendations from the workshop to inform the future governance and strategic arrangements required</p>

	<p>to support delivery of the Mid and West Wales 'Safer Lives, Healthier Relationships' regional VAWDASV strategy.</p> <p>Whilst acknowledging the positive elements of current arrangements, members of the VAWDASV Board were open in their discussions about areas requiring further development and improvement.</p> <p>Participants at the workshop further highlighted the need to review existing governance structures with a need to prioritise the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operationalizing the strategy – a need to move from strategy to delivery through operational groups with the right membership• Local ownership, governance and delivery – clarify and strengthen the local structures for ownership and delivery of the strategic priorities• Strategic links - reporting structures from the Strategic VAWDASV Board to other regional and local structures to maximize opportunities and improve synergy and alignment with regional priorities / programmes of work/ activity• Voice and influence of the VAWDASV Board – a need to improve the proactivity of the Board in developing and influencing relationships with other Boards across the region• Political engagement – strengthening the Groups' engagement with elected members across the region to raise awareness, improve knowledge, understanding and influence• Appropriate representation – a need to review and define membership of the strategic group to ensure consistency, appropriate seniority with delegated authority and representation from across sectors and localities.• Productivity of meetings – ensuring that meetings are purposeful, productive and meaningful <p>The governance structure illustrated below is based on the feedback and recommendations from the workshop;</p>
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Recommendations for the governance of VAWDASV in Mid and West Wales include;

- Implement the revised governance structure as highlighted in diagram 1 which provides a strategic and operational infrastructure for the delivery of the strategy at a local and regional level
- Review and agree membership for the Strategic and Operational Groups
- Agree Terms of Reference for all groups which clearly define purpose and outline the roles and responsibilities of members
- Agree SMART work plans for each subgroup

These recommendations have now been approved by the RSB and the Regional VAWDASV Strategic Board.

Membership of the Strategic board has now been reviewed and the Delivery group membership has now been established.

The new Strategic Board met on 14th October and the Delivery Group will meet for the first time on the 21st October.

Within the Delivery Group meeting, the condensed delivery plan will be reviewed and workstream leads will be appointed to take the workforward.

Provide an update on collaboration with other stakeholders

Within the Governance review, the membership of the strategic board was strengthened with consistency of level of representation being achieved.

<p>(Police, PCCs, education services, housing organisations, HMPPS and non devolved crime and justice agencies)</p>	<p>Membership of the VAWDASV strategic group includes Dyfed Powys Police, Police and Crime Commissioner, HMPPS, CRC, representatives from all the relevant authorities, Education representatives, Business Manager from the Regional Safeguarding Board and nominated representatives of the specialist sector.</p> <p>The specialist services representatives represent regional VAWDASV services and meet as a specialist sector forum prior to the Strategic Group. They have nominated 3 reps to sit on the strategic group and are all individually invited to sit on the Delivery Group.</p> <p>As a product of the Governance review, as Regional Adviser I now sit regularly on each of the Local Operational Groups in each of the four areas, am presenting at the Local Criminal Justice Board and have clear links in to both Health Boards via the safeguarding leads.</p> <p>I have also met with the PSB to identify specific reporting arrangements via CSPs and am meeting with the RPB leads to identify commonality between work plans and priorities.</p>
<p>Provide an update on partnership working (Third sector, specialist VAWDASV services, survivors, service users)</p>	<p>We currently have three specialist provider reps sitting on the Regional Strategic Board. I also routinely attend the Regional Providers Forum meetings to give full updates and consult with the providers on local, regional and National matters.</p> <p>The Regional Providers Forum meet two weeks prior to the Regional Strategic Board in order for the reps to feed in to the Board meeting.</p> <p>Along with the review of governance arrangements, the role of the RPF into the VAWDASV Board was reviewed and strengthened in terms of representation and purpose. This is also complimented with a wider representation of all RPF members invited to sit on the Delivery Group.</p>
<p>Awareness, Promotion and Education</p>	
<p>How has your region:</p>	
<p>promoted information and awareness-raising campaigns including, but not exclusively to the Live Fear Free helpline?</p>	<p>The Regional Partnership continue to support the Welsh Government Communication strategy including the next phase of the ‘This is not love, this is Control campaign’ with a focus on children and young people.</p> <p>With the Regional Communication Strategy still in development, the current Welsh Government Campaigns are promoted and supported by the partnership via consistent central coordination via the Regional VAWDASV BSO.</p>

	<p>We share news and developments on the Campaign via our network and wider partners as well as sharing resources from the campaigns and awareness raising material via partners and survivor engagement groups.</p> <p>We have also supported this particular phase of the campaign by providing detail of local influencers and social media points for the campaign to target.</p> <p>We also not hold centrally the Welsh Government Promotional materials including pop up banners, leaflets and posters. This are unitised by the partnership across the region in various awareness raising events.</p>
<p>worked towards a whole school approach to healthy relationships and worked with Hafan Cymru to promote and deliver the Spectrum programme?</p>	<p>Under Priority 2 the region has conducted a full analysis regionally of the healthy relationships education in formal and non-formal education settings.</p> <p>Education Safeguarding leads from the four local authorities have conducted a mapping exercise based on an agreed survey template.</p> <p>The intention of the survey is to assess how well children who are experiencing VAWDASV are supported. The template has been translated and distributed to the education safeguarding leads through the region for distribution.</p> <p>The intention was for analysis to be conducted based on the information received to inform a regional response and approach to healthy relationships, including how this is monitored consistently across all school in Mid and West Wales in to Welsh Government.</p> <p>However response was poor so this will now be followed up with education safeguarding leads conducting the survey over the phone with a wide ranging sample of schools in their area.</p> <p>The education safeguarding leads have also worked consistently to support the whole school approach via Hafan Cymru in terms of the Spectrum Project. Alongside the work carried out with the analysis mentioned above, the survey seeks to enquire what is currently done to support the intervention of the Spectrum Programme within schools across the region and to support this to be adopted across all schools.</p> <p>When exploring the information gathered from schools, the approach to the Spectrum Programme will be included in the recommendations presented to the VAWDASV Board. This will be supported by the safeguarding leads within schools.</p>

Monitoring and Evaluation

Update on monitoring arrangements.

The Governance Review supported the establishment of clear reporting frameworks and arrangements between the VAWDASV Board and other key local and regional boards.

The intention behind this is that it allows us to identify commonality in priorities and creates opportunities for us to work in collaboration, achieve a better use of resource and make VAWDASV a cross cutting theme.

Further development of these frameworks will also continue to strengthen partnership and collaboration on delivery of priorities and build in to the strategic delivery plan so that the work of the VAWDASV board influences and underpins the work of the other local and regional boards within Mid and West Wales.

As mentioned earlier in this report, as the Regional Adviser I have met with the PSB leads to agree this process via the CSPs.

I have also met with the RPB leads and have set up a further meeting to achieve more synergy across the RPBs annual plans and the VAWDASV Delivery Plan.

As Regional Adviser I am also now providing update reports and attending the LCJB to bring the both Boards and their objectives closer together.

I regularly attend the Local Operational Boards in each area and have been invited to present at one of the CSP board meetings.

Update on plans to evaluate performance against the delivery plan

The strategy identifies the need to develop a clear outcomes-based performance framework that collates coordinated and consistent data from across organisations allowing the region to measure progress and success which, in turn will help public bodies, other stakeholders and communities to understand the difference the strategy is making to individuals and families and the extent to which the priorities are being achieved.

As mentioned earlier in this report, a regional Task and Finish Group has been established and oversaw a regional data mapping exercise to better understand what existing data is being collated and for what purposes.

The group also mapped the VAWDASV National Indicators against the regional strategy and have developed a draft Regional Indicators document which they will use the data collated in the mapping exercise to inform.

	However due to the WG VAWDASV Team's work to review the National Indicators, this work is now on hold pending the outcome of the National Indicator Workshops, of which MWW will be fully resented on by the Regional Adviser.
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SECTION 4: OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

Details of the outcomes/outputs achieved in this reporting period	<p>Service related outcomes / outputs - The Welsh Government VAWDASV Grant contributes towards the 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 quarter 2 of 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- The service provided this data for people accessing the service directly in relation to self-referrals only, as all other clients are referred via another agency therefore indirectly.		
Target Group	Breakdown by high/medium/low risk	Total number of beneficiaries in this reporting period
Women	1 = medium 1= low (standard)	2
Men	0	0
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0
Children	0	0
TOTALS	2	2

People reporting that they have been provided with the information and advice they need to access services and support and are able to make informed choices		
Target Group	Breakdown by high/medium/low risk	Total number of beneficiaries in this reporting period
Women	96 = high 53 = medium 56= low (standard/none)	205
Men	9 = high 7= medium 18 = low (standard)	34
Not Specified/prefer not to say	1 = high (non binary)	1

Children	0	0
TOTALS	240	240

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

SECTION 5: GOVERNANCE

<p>Provide an update on the development of the regional governance structures,</p>	<p>The MWW Regional strategy commits to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewing existing governance arrangements including membership and representation, alignment and reporting structures to other key regional and local boards and strengthening Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence and Violence against Women as a cross cutting theme of the Safeguarding Executive <p>In May 2019 an independent consultant was commissioned to undertake the following work on behalf of the Mid and West Wales Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategic Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate a workshop with members of the VAWDASV Strategic Board which focused on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Critically reviewing existing VAWDASV governance arrangements ➢ Developing a shared understanding of the VAWDASV Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20 ➢ Identifying and agreeing the required infrastructure to implement the Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20 <p>The workshop took place on Monday the 13th May and was attended by representatives of the VAWDASV Strategic Board.</p> <p>This work resulted in a report highlighting the learning and recommendations from the workshop to inform the future governance and strategic arrangements required to support delivery of the Mid and West Wales 'Safer Lives, Healthier Relationships' regional VAWDASV strategy.</p> <p>Attendees recognised that the Strategic Board, in its current format, has been operational for less than 2 years and for the majority of this time has focused on the development of the regional VAWDASV strategy.</p> <p>There was a consensus that the workshop provided a timely opportunity to reflect on progress to date and to collectively agree a way forward in terms of governance and delivery of the strategy.</p> <p>The finalised report included recommendations for the governance of VAWDASV in Mid and West Wales which are included below;</p> <p><u>By September 2019</u></p>
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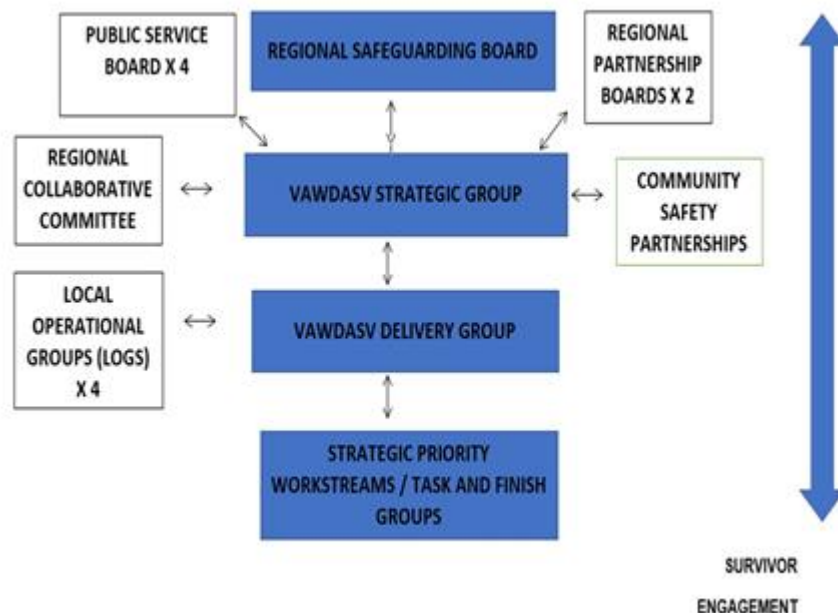
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By November 2019

1. Agree SMART work plans for each group

The finalised report went to the Regional Safeguarding Board on the 11th July for approval and was fully agreed. The report also went wider to the Regional VAWDASV Strategic board and the Regional Providers Forum who also approved the report findings.

Since then the below governance structure has now been implemented;



The TORs for both the Strategic Board and Delivery Group have been drafted. The Strategic Board TOR were ratified at board on the 14th October and the Delivery Groups TOR will be discussed at the first meeting on 21st October.

The member ship of each group has also been reviewed and

	<p>established with the first meeting for the reviewed membership of the strategic board on the 14th October and the delivery group on the 21st October.</p> <p>The condensed delivery plan has also been produced and will be taken to the delivery group meeting for consideration around work stream leads to be allocated and specific work plans drawn up.</p>	
<p>Provide an update on how links have been made with other cross-cutting governance, service planning and commissioning arrangements</p>	<p>Along with the implementation of improvements to the governance arrangements outline above, arrangements are now in place to ensure effective reporting between the VAWDASV Board and other key regional and local boards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Regional Adviser has made links with the two Regional Partnership leads to establish a long term reporting arrangement between the VAWDASV Board and the RPBs. We are also working to identify synergy between the annual plans of the RPBs and the objectives of the Regional VAWDASV Strategy. ➤ The Supporting People Regional Collaborative Coordinator sits on the VAWDASV Strategic board and ensures a clear link between the VAWDASV Board and the RCC. ➤ The DCI leading on VAWDASV for Dyfed Powys Police and the Director of Commissioning for the Police and Crime Commissioner both sit on the VAWDASV Strategic Group. ➤ The Regional Adviser is now reporting directly in to and presenting at the Local Criminal Justice Board in order to ensure that the priorities of the LCJB are represented at the VAWDASV Board and vice versa. ➤ The Regional Advisor attends the Regional Providers Forum routinely. 	
<p>Provide an update on any sub groups that support the Governance structure</p>	<p>As mentioned above, as a result of the governance review, all subgroups and subgroup leads will be reviewed at the Delivery Group meeting to reflect the condensed delivery plan document produced and agreed by the partnership.</p> <p>Following this meeting I will provide a fuller update on each group in the Q3 report.</p>	
<p>Provide an update on the risks identified in the</p>	<p>No current risks identified</p>	

SECTION 6: CLAIM INFORMATION

- 1. Provide details of actual expenditure in relation to the Welsh Government VAWDASV Grant** *[Note: this information should reflect the breakdown of costs set out in your Delivery Plan]*

Activity	Level of cost of activity (forecast spend)	Level of funding from VAWDASV Grant				Funding from other sources: source and amount	Total actual spend to date
		Period 1 £	Period 2 £	Period 3 £	Period 4 £		
Regional Advisor		13,075.62					£26,523.37
Business Support		5,453.77					£11,644.80
IDVA							£49,993.50
Strategic Delivery		400.00					£2,316.50
Totals		18,929.39	71,948.78				£90,878.17

- 2. Please update your indicative spend profile for the level of grant awarded:**

Period	Indicative Spend	Actual Spend
Period 1: April to June	78,350	18,929.39
Period 2: July to September	78,350	71,948.78
Period 3: October to December	111,260.91	
Period 4: January to March	111,260.91	
Total Spend:		£90,878.17

SECTION 7: GRANT CLAIM

TOTAL GRANT ALLOCATION APPROVED:				
FINANCIAL YEAR 2019 - 2020	(Apr-Jun) £	(Jul-Sept) £	(Oct – Dec) £	(Jan-Mar) £
AMOUNT CLAIMED TO DATE	18,929.39	£71,948.78		
CUMULATIVE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO DATE	18,929.39	£90,878.17		

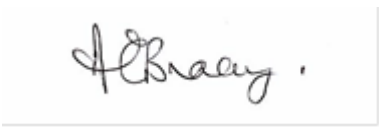
FORECAST EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2019 - 20	£313,400
GRANT STILL OUTSTANDING / UNDERSPEND FORECAST:	£222,521.83

If there is underspend, please provide an explanation as to how this has occurred and any proposals for reallocating the funding.

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION

I hereby make application on behalf of the Regional Partnership for grant payable under the Welsh Government's grant scheme in relation to violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence services. I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a) the information given is correct and no other Exchequer specific grants or contributions have been or will be made towards the Project related expenditure detailed in this claim; and
- b) the grant claimed is within the agreed expenditure limits.

Signature 	Date: 18/10/19
Name (Printed): Avril Bracey	Position: Head of Service

Welsh Government use only I confirm that I have examined the above and am content to certify that the expenditure claimed is in accordance with the agreed delivery plan and any amendments agreed thereafter; and that these costs have not been previously reimbursed and the balance of grant claimed should be authorised immediately.
Signature:
Name (Printed):
Date