

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



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Period of report and claim	Period: Q1 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 presented to the Regional Safeguarding Board.

Progress against activities;

Survivor engagement

Activities	Progress to date
Develop a framework for survivor engagement	<p>The work of the Survivor Engagement Subgroup has been postponed in light of the governance arrangement review and consolidation of workstreams to form part of this review.</p> <p>The Dewis Choice Project has now agreed to form part of the Regional Partnership and more specifically to ensure the research and data they have gathered within their project is used to inform the work under the regional strategy.</p> <p>The work conducted within Dewis Choice specifically around survivor engagement, will be used as identified best practice and to inform the development of a regional framework.</p>

Governance

Activities	Progress to date
Review existing governance arrangements	An independent consultant has been commissioned to undertake the following work on behalf of the Mid and West Wales Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

	<p>(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>A report has been produced as a result that highlights the learning and recommendations from the workshop to inform the future governance and strategic arrangements. This will be taken to the RSB for approval on the 11th July.</p>
<p>Establish a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the strategy and its effect</p>	<p>A regional Task and Finish Group has been established to;</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>

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, bringing in the data and research they hold within the project.</p>

Strategic Priority 2

Activities	Progress to date
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<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, following the Summer Term, with a verbal survey completed by Safeguarding Leads in each LA to a sample of schools.</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>Agree a monitoring framework that will enable the region to meet reporting requirements contained within the Act</p>	<p>The above work includes consideration of current reporting mechanisms with a view to agreeing recommendations for a regional monitoring framework.</p>

Strategic Priority 3

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Identify opportunities for earlier intervention with perpetrators and those demonstrating abuse behaviours</p>	<p>Extensive work has been carried out under this priority area in line with DPP Force Wide Review in response to DV.</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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A new set of offender management arrangements for offenders. 2. A new set of 'Offender Categories & Levels' across the region. 3. A set of offender qualification criteria

	<p>for the newly created categories in line with the new arrangements.</p> <p>4. A new set of Risk Assessment management frameworks across the region.</p> <p>A regional multiagency workshop has been held to review the outcomes of the above work and to identify next steps in how this work will be implemented throughout the region, including how this will inform the commissioning planning work.</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.	DPP will report data in relation to DVPO/Ns and victimless prosecutions in to the VAWDASV Operational Board as an agenda item.

Strategic Priority 4

Activities	Progress to date
Consider learning and effectiveness of community-based early intervention and prevention models operating across Mid and West Wales.	An academic DAO within DPP has agreed to conduct a literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models.

Strategic Priority 5

Activities	Progress to date
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>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 are also in the process of establishing a Regional Training Consortium, made up of relevant agencies and specialist providers, to coordinate the delivery of the Regional Training Plan.</p> <p>We are working closely with WWA and</p>

	<p>WG to evaluate and review the roll out of training across the region.</p> <p>The first courses of the Train the Trainer courses have now commenced throughout the region with the intention of us rolling out to staff from September.</p> <p>The subgroup is now focussing on the development and finalising of Governance documentation to support roll out of Ask and Act</p>
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Strategic Priority 6

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Review existing commissioning arrangements to inform the development of a joint, integrated “one public service” commissioning strategy</p>	<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>The plan will give us a clear direction and provide opportunities for us to align commissioning arrangements across the region and with other regional and local partnerships. It will inform on potential opportunities for the partnership to consider and plan for commissioning exercises to be done in partnership or</p>

	<p>across localities where there are commonalities and where timelines match up.</p> <p>The finalised report will be discussed at the Regional Strategic Board meeting in September.</p>

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>In line with the requirements of the Act, Mid and West Wales published its first regional VAWDASV strategy in November 2018. ‘Safer Lives, Healthier Relationships’ outlines how the region will support anyone who is experiencing or has experienced domestic abuse, sexual violence or violence against women, hold perpetrators to account, ensure professionals have the tools and knowledge to act, increase awareness of the issue and how to access support and help children and young people to understand inequality in relationships and that abusive behaviour is always wrong.</p> <p>The 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. The 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 carry out 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 Group.</p> <p>Attendees recognised that the Strategic Board, in its current format, has been operational for less than 2 years and, like many new governance structures is still evolving. Much of this time has focused on the development of the regional VAWDASV</p>
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strategy which had only been published six months at the time of the workshop.

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 and delivery plan.

The MWW Regional Strategy highlights opportunities to improve current governance arrangements whilst participants at the workshop further highlighted the need to review existing governance structures with a need to prioritise the following;

- **Operationalising 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. For delivery groups the importance of 'do-ers' to drive forward and operationalize the strategy
- **Productivity of meetings** – ensuring that meetings are purposeful, productive and meaningful
- **Revisit the strategic delivery plan 2019/20** -Stakeholders recognised a need to be realistic and explicit in what could be achieved during this year and asked for clarity in terms of their role and responsibilities in delivering the plan.

The result of the workshop was collated in to 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 and 2019-20 Delivery Plan. This report, including the recommendations, will be presented to the Regional Safeguarding Board on the 11th July for approval.

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>.</p> <p>The Regional IDVA Service is the only service delivered directly from the VAWDASV Grant.</p> <p>The service is currently running with 546 cases worked across Dyfed Powys in this quarter. Showing an increase on demand since the previous quarter.</p> <p>Four IDVAs across the project have completed the Safe Lives Train the Trainer and have successfully rolled out DA/IDVA training to all front-line Dyfed Powys Police staff.</p> <p>The Team has also delivered training to Health Professional in Llanidloes Hospital, Newtown and CID training in Carmarthen. There are planned events in the future at Bro Myrddin Fun Day, Organising a road show at Coleg Sir Gar addressing DV in young people, Coffee morning and working groups to increase better communication with housing organisations.</p> <p>The IDVA Manager (Hafan Cymru) has now secured the accreditation of the Safe Lives Service Managers Course.</p> <p>An action from the latest IDVA Steering Group actioned the service to improve on achieving feedback from service users.</p> <p>Gwalia and Hafan Cymru continue to meet regularly to discuss best practise and this is working well. A team event is being planned between both Gwalia and Hafan Cymru to continue to improve best practise and also to support and promote staff wellbeing. Joint team building event is being planned for the 24 Oct 2019 for All IDVA staff across the project.</p>

<p>Provide an update on the how the region's needs assessment is impacting on services.</p>	<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 will draw on 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 will evidence the gap in relation to current provision and need throughout the region.</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 development as a result of the Regional Development Grant award 2018-19.</p> <p>The creation of this document for Mid and West Wales enables 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>All of this work was completed in direct reference to the Regional Strategy and what was identified within the Needs Assessment.</p>
<p>Provide details on how a continued and consistent service for service users has been ensured.</p>	<p>Due to the work conducted and currently being considered under Priority 6, with the development of a Regional Commissioning Plan, the Regional Commissioning Lead and work stream lead for priority 6 has postponed re-commissioning activities in line with the consideration of the outcomes of this report.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Therefore services are continued and recommendations for</p>

	<p>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.</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 those experiencing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence, we will ensure that services can appropriately respond to different population groups and that, where appropriate, specialist provision is available. 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 engaged effectively with the two established survivor groups within Mid and West Wales who have also been invited as members of the survivor engagement subgroup .</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>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"> <input type="checkbox"/> Critically reviewing existing VAWDASV governance arrangements <input type="checkbox"/> Developing a shared understanding of the VAWDASV Strategic Delivery Plan 2019/20 <input type="checkbox"/> 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</p>

the future governance and strategic arrangements required to support delivery of the Mid and West Wales 'Safer Lives, Healthier Relationships' regional VAWDASV strategy.

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.

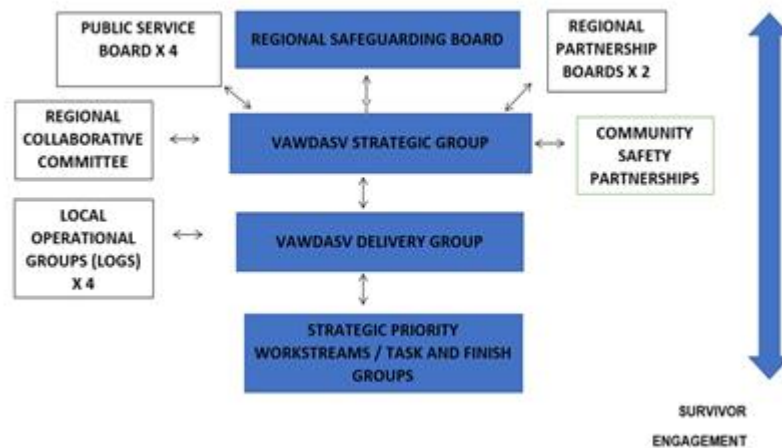
Whilst acknowledging the positive elements of current arrangements, members of the VAWDASV Board were open in their discussions about areas requiring further development and improvement.

Participants at the workshop further highlighted the need to review existing governance structures with a need to prioritise the following;

- 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

The governance structure illustrated below is based on the feedback and recommendations from the workshop;

Proposed Mid and West Wales VAWDASV Governance Structure



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 group

Provide an update on collaboration with other stakeholders

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

. As a regional partnership we continue to have a wide membership of stakeholders from a number of organisations.

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.

The specialist services representatives represent regional VAWDASV services and meet as a specialist sector forum prior to the Strategic Group.

Collaboration with stakeholders has been seamless with the work of the regional partnership due to the representation on the board and the work carried out to align different actions plans.

Partners continue to be fully cooperative on the implementation of the Regional Strategy and development of

	<p>specific pieces of work to support achievement of the strategic objectives.</p> <p>A particularly productive example of this has been the recent work conducted on a Multi Agency basis to review and revise the current approach to risk identification and management across the region.</p> <p>The current MARAC Model in isolation is no longer effective or efficient in the management and response to those identified as high risk. MARAC meetings have become unmanageable, inconsistent and non-productive hence not achieving the best outcomes for survivors.</p> <p>We are currently developing a project plan to move towards a centralised and consistent approach that will more efficiently and effectively identify and manage risk of DV survivors across MWW.</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.</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>The Regional Adviser is liaising with WWA, who facilitate the forum, to review and invigorate the forum to improve the contribution into the VAWDASV Board.</p> <p>The Regional Adviser will attend all future RPF meetings to build the link between the RPF and the strategic board.</p> <p>Along with the review of governance arrangements, the role of the RPF into the VAWDASV Board will be reviewed in terms of representation, with a wider representation of all RPF members on the recommended Operational Board.</p>
<p>Awareness, Promotion and Education</p>	
<p>How has your region: 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 upcoming stages 3 and 4 of the 'This is not love, This is control' campaign due to launch in September.</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 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>Once all feedback and surveys have been returned at the end of the Summer term, there will be an analysis conducted based on the information 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>The education safeguarding leads have also worked consistently to support the whole school approach of 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 Specturm Programme will be included in the recommendations presented to the VAWDASV Board. This will be supported by the safeguarding leads within schools.</p> <p>Following the data gathered from this analysis, it is the intention that all LA areas will select a sample of schools within their area to conduct over the phone surveys with head teachers to collate more qualitative data in relation to health relationship education currently conducted.</p>
<p>Monitoring and Evaluation</p>	
<p>Update on monitoring arrangements.</p>	<p>Establishment of clear reporting frameworks and arrangements between the VAWDASV Board and other key local and regional boards allows us to identify commonality in priorities and creates opportunities for us to work in collaboration, achieve a better use of resource and make</p>

	<p>VAWDASV a cross cutting theme.</p> <p>Further development of these frameworks will 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.</p> <p>As mentioned earlier in this report, the Regional Adviser is meeting with RPB leads to achieve more synergy across the RPBs annual plans and the VAWDASV Delivery Plan.</p> <p>The Chair of the VAWDASV Board is also liaising with the Chairs of the APBs and PSBs to standardise VAWDASV as a regular agenda item for update and review of collaborative opportunities.</p> <p>The Regional Adviser is also now providing update reports and attending the CJB to bring the both Boards and their objectives closer together.</p>
<p>Update on plans to evaluate performance against the delivery plan</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The strategy recognises the opportunity for the performance framework to complement and contribute to other regional outcomes / performance frameworks and develop a comprehensive, standardised data set across policy areas, services and population.</p> <p>A regional Task and Finish Group has been established and is overseeing a regional data mapping exercise to better understand what existing data is being collated and for what purposes. The group is also mapping 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.</p>

SECTION 4: OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

<p>Details of the outcomes/outputs achieved in this reporting period</p>	<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 2018.</p>
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	<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 = high 1 = medium 1 = low (standard)	3
Men	1 = high	1
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0
Children	0	0
TOTALS	4	4

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	102 = high 59 = medium 121 = low (standard/none)	282
Men	6 = high 4 = medium 17 = low (standard)	27
Not Specified/prefer not to say	1 = high (non binary)	1
Children	0	0
TOTALS	310	310

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>In line with the requirements of the Act, Mid and West Wales published its first regional VAWDASV strategy in November 2018. ‘Safer Lives, Healthier Relationships’ outlines how the region will support anyone who is experiencing or has experienced domestic abuse, sexual violence or violence against women, hold perpetrators to account, ensure professionals have the tools and knowledge to act, increase awareness of the issue and how to access support and help children and young people to understand inequality in relationships and that abusive behaviour is always wrong.</p> <p>The 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. The 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, like many new governance structures is still evolving. Much 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</p>
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reflect on progress to date and to collectively agree a way forward in terms of governance and delivery of the strategy.

Attendees were asked to identify positive elements / strengths of the existing VAWDASV arrangements in the region and the following themes were consistently highlighted;

- A clear strategic direction provided by the strategy
- Positive impact of the Regional VAWDASV Adviser
- Links with the Regional Safeguarding Board
- As a strategic group – commitment, good attendance and representation from across the region and established working relationships
- A ‘want’ to deliver the strategy and do things well
- Increased profile of VAWDASV in the region since the establishment of the Strategic Group
- Inclusivity of the group

Whilst acknowledging these positive elements, members of the VAWDASV Board were open in their discussions about areas requiring further development and improvement which are outlined in the remainder of this report along with their recommendations for next steps.

In 2017, following the publication of Welsh Government draft guidance on collaborative and multi-agency working the Mid and West Wales VAWDASV Strategic Group was established.

The purpose of the group as ‘a multi-agency collaboration that will drive forward the work of the Mid and West Wales Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Executive Board (“Executive Board”) in delivering the regional strategy on violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence’.

The Regional Safeguarding Board is the ‘Executive Board’ for the purposes of VAWDASV and provides the strategic direction and oversight of the regional strategy.

The aim of the Strategic Board is to drive forward the work of the Executive Board by: ensuring multi-agency protocols and procedures are in place; creating and driving the action plan to meet the strategic aims; enabling voices within the partnership; monitoring performance and informing and reporting to the Executive Board.

The Strategic Group oversaw the development of ‘Safe Lives, Healthier Relationships’, the regions’ first Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategy which was published in November 2018.

The regional strategy highlights the following opportunities to strengthen existing governance arrangements;

- Review the membership of the Group ensuring that all relevant stakeholders and survivors are appropriately represented
- The need for local ownership of this regional strategy; how best the four localities contribute to the regional agenda
- Improved communication both operationally and strategically at a regional, local and organisational level

- The need to strengthen formal lines of reporting with other key regional and local Boards to improve effective partnerships and present opportunities to align future work plans around early intervention and preventative services;
- Four Public Service Boards
- Two Regional Partnership Boards
- Two Health Board Executive Boards
- Supporting People Regional Collaborative Committee
- Regional Integrated Offender Management Board
- The two Area Planning Boards (Substance Misuse)
- The Dyfed Powys Criminal Justice Board

Participants at the workshop further highlighted the need to review existing governance structures with a need to prioritise the following;

- 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. For delivery groups the importance of ‘do-ers’ to drive forward and operationalize the strategy
- Productivity of meetings – ensuring that meetings are purposeful, productive and meaningful
- Revisit the strategic delivery plan 2019/20- Stakeholders recognised a need to be realistic and explicit in what could be achieved during this year and asked for clarity in terms of their role and responsibilities in delivering the plan.

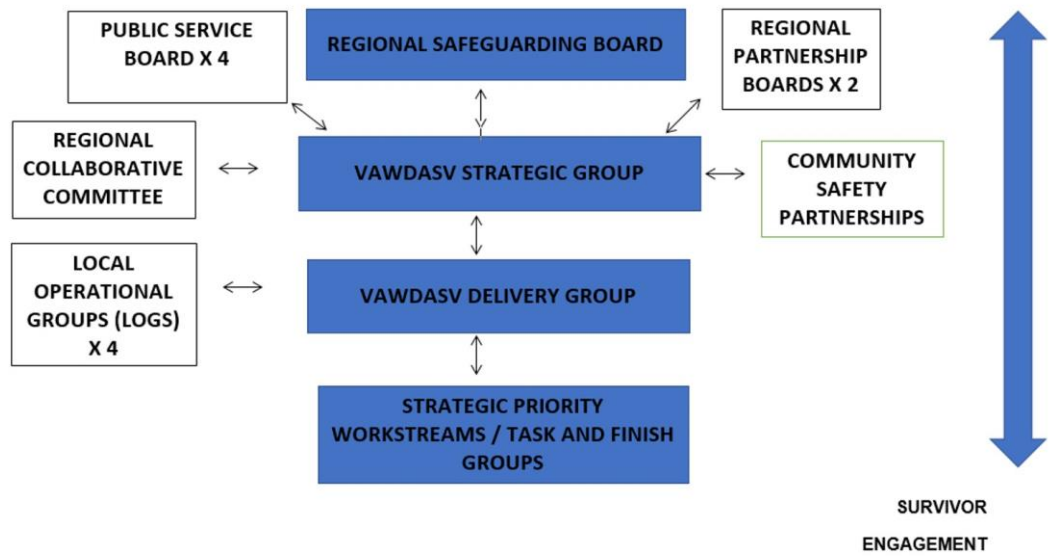
Stakeholders agreed for the Regional Adviser to;

- Condense the current delivery plan
- Consider consolidating the priorities and
- Clarify what is required by organisations to deliver the strategic priorities

The revised delivery plan is to be circulated and agreed by members of the Strategic Group prior to September meeting.

The governance structure illustrated below is based on the feedback and recommendations from the workshop;

Proposed Mid and West Wales VAWDASV Governance Structure



Recommendations for the governance of VAWDASV in Mid and West Wales are included below;

By September 2019

1. 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
2. Review and agree membership for the Strategic and Operational Groups
3. Agree Terms of Reference for all groups which clearly define purpose and outline the roles and responsibilities of members

By November 2019

1. Agree SMART work plans for each group

The finalised report will be presented to the Regional Safeguarding Board on the 11th July for approval.

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

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.

- 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.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 Regional Advisor and Chair of the VAWDASV Board is working with the chairs of the two APBs to ensure the priorities of both the APBs and the VAWDASV Group are supported mutually and that the work of both groups are supportive and complimentary. This is also documented and included within the recommendations and report for improvements of governance arrangements around the VAWDASV agenda. ➤ 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 Director of Commissioning for the Police and Crime Commissioner is the agreed strategic link in to the Dyfed Powys Criminal Justice Board and ensures that the priorities of the CJB are represented at the VAWDASV Board. The Regional Advisor is also providing regular update reports in relation to the Regional Delivery Plan to the CJB. ➤ The Regional Advisor is also working with commissioned services who deliver witness services to ensure they are appropriately represented on the Strategic Board. The Regional Advisor is now attending all Regional Provider Forum Meetings.
<p>Provide an update on any sub groups that support the Governance structure</p>	<p>Following on from the commissioned work on the review of governance arrangements around the VAWDASV Board and to support the implementation of the Regional Strategy and Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Part of the recommendations proposed include revisiting the Delivery Plan to make it more concise and achievable and therefore easier for partners to interpret into action. This will transfer into a more condensed version of the plan which would include consolidation of some of the workstream subgroups.</p> <p>This as mentioned above is currently under consideration. Once the report has been presented to the RSB and pending their approval, these recommendations will be implemented including review of workstream leads and consolidating workstream themes in to fewer subgroups.</p>
<p>Provide an update on the risks identified in the delivery plan</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					13,075.62
Business Support		5,453.77					5,453.77
IDVA							
Strategic Delivery		400.00					400.00
Totals		18,929.39					18,929.39

- 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	129,370.60	
Period 3: October to December	79,377.10	
Period 4: January to March	85,722.91	
Total Spend:		18,929.39

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			
CUMULATIVE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO DATE	18,929.39			

FORECAST EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2019 - 20	£313,400
GRANT STILL OUTSTANDING / UNDERSPEND FORECAST:	£294,470.61

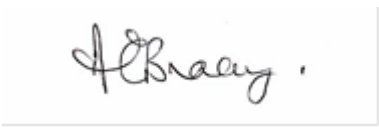
If there is underspend, please provide an explanation as to how this has occurred and any proposals for reallocating the funding.

The Q1 Invoice for the IDVA service will be processed under Q2 as it was received late.

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: 26/7/19
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