

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: Q3 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

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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 (MWW) Regional 'Safer Lives, Healthier Families' VAWDASV Strategy 2019-20 outlines six key objectives with an additional three priority areas.

The MWW 2019-20 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 across the MWW Region.

The Strategic Priorities were agreed by the MWW VAWDASV Strategic Board and the 2019-20 Delivery plan was present to and approved by the MWW Regional Safeguarding Board.

Progress against activities thus far in 2019-20 are outlined below;

Survivor engagement and Strategic Priority 1

Activities	Progress to date
Develop a framework for survivor engagement	<p>There has been initial delay in developing the intended framework for survivor engagement across the MWW region due to change in personnel of the workstream lead.</p> <p>Following and in line with the Governance review conducted around the Regional Strategy, the workstream lead has now been reallocated following the initial MWW Delivery Group meeting.</p> <p>Two of the specialist provider forum reps have agreed to lead on this area of work and other MWW VAWDASV partnership members have nominated leads to represent their organisations on the communication and engagement subgroup.</p> <p>The subgroup will address activities within the delivery plan under the priority area of survivor engagement and communication (priority 1).</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I have met with the two workstream leads to discuss and</p>

	<p>specify the detail of what we aim to achieve from within the subgroup and mechanisms through which we can achieve this.</p> <p>The next steps are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate initial subgroup meeting • Agree a clear TOR and action plan
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Governance

Activities	Progress to date
Review existing governance arrangements	<p>The MWW VAWDASV partnership commissioned an external Governance review of the current governance structures in place surrounding the VAWDASV Strategy and implementation.</p> <p>As a result, the report produced a set of recommendations which were accepted and approved by the Regional VAWDASV Board and Regional Safeguarding Board.</p> <p>The recommendations were implemented from October with the review of membership and establishment of the Delivery Group and revised Strategic Board.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I presented at the Local Criminal Justice Board and identified key areas for development and joint work under common goals.</p> <p>Links have also been strengthened with the four PSBs and the two RPBs leads with reporting structures clarified and opportunities for resourcing mutual outcomes.</p>
Establish a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the strategy and its effect	<p>The Regional Partnership have conducted a data mapping exercise to support the draft Regional Indicators established.</p> <p>However, these will remain draft pending the outcome of the review and consultation of the National Indicators.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I represent the MWW region on the specific workshop</p>

	<p>meetings, set up review and improve on the current National Indicators following feedback and consultation.</p> <p>The outcome of these workshops will feed directly in to the work on the Regional Indicators to ensure they meet reporting requirements.</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>Following learning from the Pembrokeshire DHR the delivery plan seeks to increased awareness and understanding of Adult to Parent Violence and pathways to support amongst professionals and members of the public.</p> <p>The Dewis Choice Project have completed considerable research into this area and have vast amounts of knowledge and data relating to this specific area of abuse.</p> <p>Dewis Choice have now agreed to join the partnership and support this area of the delivery plan. Their membership will be included on all relevant subgroups of the regional delivery plan.</p> <p>Specifically, their membership will be included on the Survivor engagement and Communication subgroup. This will ensure that the awareness of this specific issue and methods of engaging with victims experiencing this abuse will be integral to the work in establish a survivor engagement framework and communication strategy.</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 mapping current provision 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>The workstream lead for this area has been seconded to Welsh Government, so the Delivery Group are working to establish a new workstream lead from the education safeguarding lead representatives.</p> <p>At present this is still being established and due to lack of capacity issues, this has now been escalated to the Regional Safeguarding Board for resolution.</p>
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Strategic Priority 3

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Identify opportunities for earlier intervention with perpetrators and those demonstrating abuse behaviours</p>	<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>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>

	<p>Since the inception of the 'Desk', the Force has experienced an exponential increase in the identification of DA Incidents and crimes.</p> <p>Whilst the statics are suggestive 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.</p> <p>In response to the above and consultation with practitioners and partners the Regional MARAC review was implemented.</p> <p>As a result the Secondary Risk Assessment Unit (SRAU) has now been launched as of 25th November. Daily Discussions now run as a centralised and consistent approach across the whole region, ensuring more appropriate and efficient responses to DA incidents.</p> <p>Evaluation planning is now underway with Data Cymru for the Daily Discussions Process and the implementation of the SRAU will now link in to the academic review of the data we hold in relation to perpetrators across the region.</p> <p>As a region we were also successful in a large Capital Grant Award and are now working ensure funds are allocated across the region to facilitate virtual technological hubs in all areas in order to provide the infrastructure to support the Daily Discussions Process.</p> <p>We have also been successful in a WG Revenue Grant Award for £20,000. This will be used to work with professor Jane Monkton Smith in the development of an early identification tool and offer of intervention for stalking behaviours.</p>
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Strategic Priority 4

Activities	Progress to date
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<p>Consider learning and effectiveness of community-based early intervention and prevention models operating across Mid and West Wales.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>This review was anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2020. However due to the work under priority 3 this has now been delayed and will be carried forward to our 2020-21 delivery plan.</p> <p>This will give us more opportunity to incorporate the work developed in and around the SRAU and resulting interventions.</p>
<p>Identification of an early adopter site for IRIS in Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>As regional adviser I have met with IRIS and have scoped potential implementation plans and costing with the project lead.</p> <p>The Regional Adviser has met with both safeguarding leads in PTHB and HDUHB. We have agreed that we will explore the potential of an IRIS pilot in an area of HDUHB initially.</p> <p>The HDUHB has taken a business case to HDUHB with support from myself and the IRIS lead.</p> <p>We are now awaiting the outcome.</p>

Strategic Priority 5

<p>Activities</p>	<p>Progress to date</p>
<p>NTF to be included in the regional strategic workforce planning structures e.g. Regional Safeguarding Board and Regional Partnership Board</p>	<p>Agreed Regional Training Plan is in place for 2019-20 with a focus on Ask and Act implementation.</p>
<p>Collate the individual training plans of relevant authorities and develop an overarching regional plan</p>	<p>Regional Training Consortium and Agreement has been established.</p>
<p>Develop Regional Training Consortium</p>	<p>Governance documents have been drafted and ratified and shared with the Welsh Government Team.</p> <p>Trainers have received TTT training for Groups 2 and 3 of the NTF in 3 of the 4 LA areas with the remaining LA trainers</p>

	<p>being trained in January 2020.</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>Ask and Act is now being delivered in 3 of the 4 LA areas with dates arranged for the remaining LA.</p> <p>The formal quarterly reporting on the NTF is now co-ordinated centrally and submitted to Welsh Government on behalf of the whole MWW partnership.</p> <p>The Regional Training Subgroup are working with a consultant to establish a consistent MWW Regional training content and trainer handbook to ensure consistency of delivery across the region for groups 2 and 3.</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>This has been clarified by the Regional Adviser with Amy Jones.</p>
<p>Training needs analysis of GPs in Mid and West Wales to be undertaken in line with Welsh Government National Training Framework</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>Regional Adviser has addressed this piece of work with both Health Boards.</p> <p>GPs are already invited to attend Group sessions within HDUHB areas. PTHBs have agreed their priority groups for this cohort of training but will consider GPs in their next cohort.</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>The Regional Training Subgroup has discussed this work and agreed to take this forward following the roll out of Ask and Act.</p> <p>This will be included within our 2020-21 Delivery Plan and we will commit to carrying out a specific Training Needs Assessment throughout our specialist</p>

	service providers with the intent to address the gaps in training need.
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>A commissioned piece of work has been carried out by an independent consultant in order to review the current commissioning arrangements in relation to VAWDASV across the Region.</p> <p>The commissioning report was presented at board and was agreed in full. Recommendations from the report were accepted with actions to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form a Regional VAWDASV Commissioning Subgroup • Agree focus for first commissioning activity under the subgroup • Condense the report in to Regional Commissioning Document • Agreement from all partners that nothing will be commissioned in line with VAWDASV without oversight of the Subgroup. <p>The group membership has now been established and will meet for the first time in January 2020.</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:

As is evidenced in the above, the Region has made significant progression in its move towards achievement of the 2019-20 Delivery Plan.	
As I am sure is the case in all areas, the only barriers we face are capacity and availability of resource.	
Key	Rag Rating
Fully achieved	
Partially achieved	
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 recommended framework for survivor engagement for agreement by the VAWDASV Strategic Board</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 Regional Adviser to meet with subgroup and workstream leads to establish plan of action Established subgroup to agree a clear TOR and plan to address actions identified in the strategic delivery plan

Governance

Intended outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
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<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>TOR to be ratified at January Strategic Board and taken to the RSB for approval.</p> <p>Chair and Vice Chair of the Delivery and Strategic Boards to be formally agreed at Board.</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>Review current VAWDASV related data collation throughout the region</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>An agreed Regional Data Set that supports the monitoring framework</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>		

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 response 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 increase awareness and understanding of Adult to Parent Violence and pathways to support</p>		<p>Adult to Parent abuse work to be allocated within workstream action plans in relevant subgroups with membership from Dewis Choice.</p>

Strategic Priority 1

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
<p>A regional communication strategy; an agreed regional approach to communication and awareness raising of VAWDASV and Equality</p>	<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 / dating websites <p>Learning from DHRs to be included within Regional Communication strategy</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Adviser to meet with subgroup and workstream leads to establish plan of action • Established subgroup to agree a clear TOR and plan to address actions identified in the strategic delivery plan

Strategic Priority 2

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
Full analysis report and recommendations to the Strategic Group and Safeguarding Executive	Education Safeguarding managers from the four Local Authorities to carry out a mapping exercise and analysis with support from the Regional VAWDASV Adviser		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair of the Strategic board to escalate requirement for a workstream lead to be nominated for this area of work from the Education safeguarding lead reps.
Monitoring framework in place to enable the region to meet reporting requirements within the Act	Education Safeguarding managers from the four Local Authorities to develop a monitoring framework		

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 and DVPOs 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 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. 		<p>Continued work with Data Cymru on the Evaluation of the Daily Discussion Process.</p> <p>Partners to work together on the allocation of the WG Capital Grant Award.</p> <p>NH to lead on a Revenue Grant task and finfish group to fulfil the award proposal in line with stalking perpetrators and a psychology informed response.</p>

<p>Established mechanism to monitor and scrutiny of prosecutions using section 23 (3) (b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1998 cross Dyfed Powys</p>	<p>3. A set of offender qualification criteria 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>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>		
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Strategic Priority 4

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<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</p>		<p>Literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models to be carried forward and completed within the 2020-21 and recommendations report to be delivered to Board.</p>

	models		
Identify an early adopter site for IRIS in Mid and West Wales	<p>Agree project implementation plan with IRIS</p> <p>Secure resources from the Welsh 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 		Implementation and resourcing of a pilot to be considered and explored by the HDUHB Safeguarding Lead and the Regional Adviser.

Strategic Priority 5

Intended outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
NTF is embedded as a strategic workforce development priority	NTF to be included in the regional strategic workforce planning structures		Regional Training Subgroup to monitor delivery of the Regional Training Plan.

	e.g. Regional Safeguarding Board and Regional Partnership Board		Reporting on the Regional Training Plan to continue to be coordinated centrally.
An agreed regional approach to the implementation of the NTF Implementation of Groups 1 and 6 to staff across Relevant Authorities Implementation of Ask and Act to relevant staff across the region Support to specialist providers to achieve groups 4 and 5	Collate the individual training plans of relevant authorities and develop an overarching regional plan Develop Regional Training Consortium		
Phased regional implementation of Ask and Act for GPs starting in Pembrokeshire	Training needs analysis of GPs in Mid and West Wales to be undertaken in line with Welsh Government National Training Framework Development of Ask and Act training plan for GPs Phased delivery of Ask and Act training for GPs starting in Pembrokeshire		The Regional Adviser to monitor this with Health Board safeguarding leads.
Understanding of the current multi agency VAWDASV training provision in the region to inform regional training plans	Mapping of current VAWDASV training available in the region – relevant authorities and wider stakeholders e.g. criminal justice partners, housing providers, community-based organisations.		Training Subgroup to take this forward under the 2020-21 Delivery plan with a specific Training Needs Assessment for the Regional Specialist Providers identifying gaps in training need.

Strategic Priority 6

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
<p>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</p>	<p>A full analysis of the data from the commissioning mapping exercise against the strategic priorities to inform a gap analysis</p> <p>Analysis and recommendations report to inform the development of a regional commissioning plan</p>		<p>Commissioning Subgroup membership has now been established and the first meeting is arranged for January 2020</p> <p>The Commissioning Subgroup to establish TOR and address actions identified from the Commissioning Review Report.</p>

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 and resourced directly from the VAWDASV Grant.</p> <p>The service has engaged with 312 new referrals this quarter with 220 of those referrals engaging with support.</p> <p>The Service has reported that the MARAC forum has been the most challenging process for the IDVA service for the past several months. The MARAC has generated a mass of referrals that IDVA’s were struggling to maintain safely.</p> <p>The service reported that the Regional MARAC review and introduction of daily discussions have resulted in a reduction of inappropriate referrals to the service and increased capacity to delivery effective intervention.</p> <p>The IDVAs within the service have undergone training in Male victim specific DV services, Trauma informed approaches.</p> <p>The IDVA’s are also involved in the Revenue Grant work with stalking perpetrators and will be receiving Stalking and Harassment training in line with the grant award.</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 data quality and analysis 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</p>

	<p>wellbeing and population plans throughout Mid and West Wales.</p> <p>The Regional Needs Assessment is now being strengthened by the work under development of Regional Commissioning Framework. The independent review of commissioning arrangements across the region expanded on the initial Needs Assessment by providing updated data and analysis of need and demand.</p> <p>Within the Commissioning Report the recommendations highlighted gaps in provision and areas in need of development across the Region.</p> <p>This report has now been fully accepted and recommendations adopted. The resulting actions will inform the work of the Commissioning Subgroup, who will take forward the work to meet the needs evident in the report and look to address gaps in provision in line with commissioning priorities.</p>
<p>Provide an update on gap analysis.</p>	<p>The gap analysis has been completed and further explored as part of the commissioning review document.</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> <p>The gaps identified within the document were reflective of what was outlined within the strategy against what is currently commissioned.</p> <p>This will now be expanded and addressed by the Commissioning Subgroup who are now established and will meet January 2020 to establish clear TOR and a plan of action in terms of Regional Commissioning.</p>

<p>Provide details on how a continued and consistent service for service users has been ensured.</p>	<p>As discussed in the above points, the review of the Regional Commissioning landscape across MWW strengthens the commitment to ensuring consistent and continued service delivery in line with VAWDASV.</p> <p>Commissioning activities will now all be overseen by the Commissioning Subgroup, which ensures all activities will meet the Welsh Government guidance in terms of Commissioning VAWDASV Services.</p> <p>The document, and it's support of the Welsh Government Guidance, requires commissioners to ensure that access to services is continued throughout re-commissioning processes.</p> <p>This will also be carried forward in to a Regional Commissioning Document derived from the full MWW Regional Commissioning Report. The document will bring together an agreed set of principles for commissioning VAWDASV across MWW.</p>
<p>Provide details on how the Regional Partnership has provided support for all service user groups.</p>	<p>Our communities in Mid and West Wales are diverse and the Public-Sector Equality Duty ensures that equality considerations are built into everything that we do.</p> <p>When considering our regional response to those experiencing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence, the regional strategy is specific in requiring that we ensure we are innovative and creative in how we engage with the diverse groups across the region.</p> <p>This will be embedded in to the work carried out by the survivor engagement and communication subgroup. The aim within the subgroup workplan will include diversifying how we engage and communicate with the various groups within the communities of MWW.</p> <p>This will include being innovative in our approaches and providing a diverse range of opportunities for engagement and communication via a range of mechanisms that are accessible and resonate with the citizens of the region.</p> <p>This is also relevant to the work under the develop the 'One Public Service' Commissioning Plan. The work around communication and engagement, mentioned above, will be used to inform commissioning activity and service design across the region.</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>

Partnership and Collaboration	
<p>Provide an update on the collaboration development of the Regional Partnership Board</p>	<p>The Mid and West Wales Regional Strategic Board has undergone a governance review critically reviewing existing governance arrangements in order to identify the required infrastructure to implement the Strategic Delivery Plan.</p> <p>All members of the partnership were involved in the review and inputted their experience, views and suggestions in order to maximise the potential under the strategy and regional delivery.</p> <p>A governance report was produced highlighting the learning and recommendations to inform the future governance and strategic arrangements required to support the delivery of the outcomes within the Regional Strategy.</p> <p>From the review it was highlighted that there needed to be an improvement in local ownership of the strategy and that the delivery plan needed to be on a more operational level.</p> <p>In response the Delivery Group has now been established with membership representative of the partnership. It also called for reviewed membership of the Strategic Board creating an effective strategic and operational infrastructure for the delivery of the strategy at a local and regional level.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference for both groups have also been reviewed to clearly define the purpose and outline the roles and responsibilities of members and the regional partnership as a whole.</p>
<p>Provide an update on collaboration with other stakeholders <i>(Police, PCCs, education services, housing organisations, HMPPS and non devolved crime and justice agencies)</i></p>	<p>Within the Governance review, the membership of the strategic board was strengthened with consistency of level of representation being achieved across all partners.</p> <p>Membership of the VAWDASV strategic group includes representatives from all relevant authorities including 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 Regional Adviser I now sit regularly on each of the Local Operational Groups in each of the four areas, the Local Criminal Justice Board, have clear links in to both Health Boards via the safeguarding leads, the Regional Provider</p>

	<p>Forum and strategic Safeguarding meetings in each Local Authority.</p> <p>I have also met with each of the PSBs and RPB to identify specific reporting arrangements via CSPs.</p>
<p>Provide an update on partnership working (Third sector, specialist VAWDASV services, survivors, service users)</p>	<p>As mentioned above, as Regional Adviser I sit on the Regional Provider forum to consult with the providers prior to each Strategic Board Meeting.</p> <p>There are also three specialist provider reps sitting on the Regional Strategic Board to represent the provider forum at board level.</p> <p>All of the specialist providers across the region are invited to sit on the Regional 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. Each development in the campaign is communicated centrally via the Regional Partnership and shared via each partner communication mechanisms.</p> <p>With the Regional Communication Strategy still in development, the subgroup will consider how this promotion and commitment to the Welsh Government communication work is incorporated in to the regional communication strategy.</p> <p>In line with the above, 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 hold Welsh Government Promotional materials including pop up banners, leaflets and posters centrally for use around the region. These are utilised by the partnership across the region in various awareness raising events and to support delivery of Ask and Act.</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. The survey intended to assess how well children who are experiencing VAWDASV are supported.</p>

	<p>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>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 consistently across all schools in the region.</p> <p>When analysing the information gathered, the approach to the Spectrum Programme will be included in the recommendations presented to the VAWDASV Board.</p>
Monitoring and Evaluation	
<p>Update on monitoring arrangements.</p>	<p>The Governance Review supported the establishment of clear reporting arrangements between the VAWDASV Board and other key local and regional boards.</p> <p>In achieving the above, we are able to identify commonality in priorities and this creates opportunities for us to work in collaboration, achieve a better use of resource and make VAWDASV a cross cutting theme.</p> <p>Further development of these arrangements will also continue to strengthen partnership and collaboration on delivering the outcomes under the Regional Strategy.</p> <p>This will again allow the work of the Regional Strategic Board to influence and underpin the work of the other local and regional boards within Mid and West Wales.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>I am also providing regular updates to the LCJB and working closely with OPCC colleagues to bring the both Boards and their objectives closer together.</p> <p>I regularly attend the Local Operational Boards in each Local Authority area and have been invited to present at the CSP board meetings to provide an update on the strategy implementation.</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</p>

	<p>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>As previously mentioned, 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 in relation to VAWDASV across the region.</p> <p>The group also drafted a Regional set of indicators which were mapped against the VAWDASV National Indicators and now form the Draft MWW Regional Indicators document.</p> <p>However due to the Welsh Government VAWDASV Team now working to review the National Indicators, this work on the Regional Indicators is now on hold pending the outcome of the National Indicator Workshops.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I attend the workshops to review the National Indicators and ensure MWW is fully represented in response.</p>
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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						
TARGET GROUP	High	Medium MARAC thresh	Medium MARAC thresh	Standard MARAC thresh	Standard MARAC thresh	TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES IN THIS REPORTING PERIOD
Women	254	102	16	113	11	496
Men	17	12	3	18	2	52
Non Binary / Trans	1	0	0	0	0	1
Not Specified/prefer not	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0
TOTALS	272	114	19	131	13	549

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 - Based on clients who have						
Target Group	High	Medium MARAC thresh	Medium MARAC thresh	Standard MARAC thresh	Standard MARAC thresh	Total number of beneficiaries in this reporting period
Women	141	54	9	41	8	245
Men	9	9	2	18	1	38
Non Binary / Trans	1	0	0	0	0	1
Not Specified/prefer not	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						
TOTALS	151	63	11	59	9	284

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

SECTION 5: GOVERNANCE

Provide an update on the development of the regional governance structures,

In May 2019 an independent consultant was commissioned to undertake a Governance Review on behalf of the Mid and West Wales Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Strategic Board.

This work resulted in a report highlighting the learning and recommendations from the workshop delivered to inform the future governance and strategic arrangements required to support delivery of the Regional Strategy.

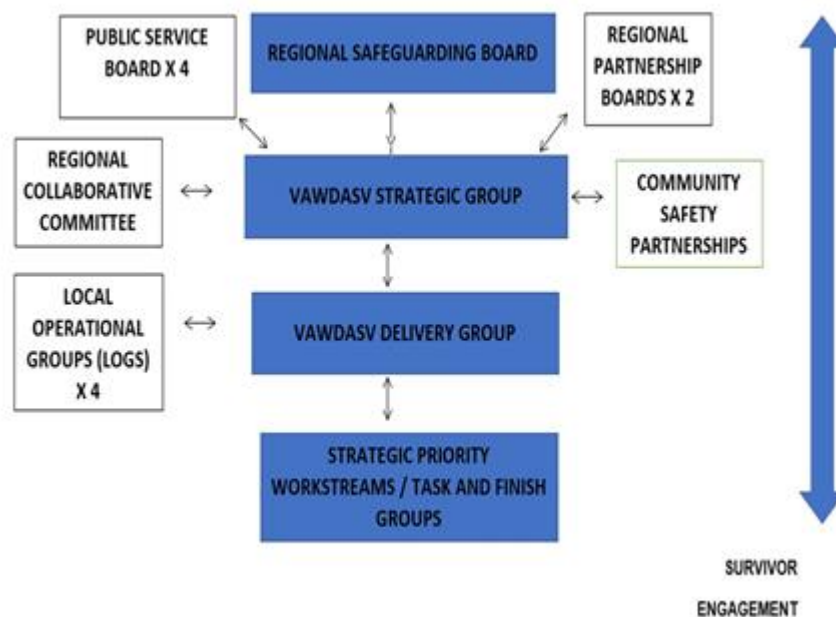
The Regional Partnership members fed into a finalised report that included recommendations to review the governance arrangements of VAWDASV in Mid and West Wales.

The partnership has now implemented the revised governance structure suggested which provides a strategic and operational infrastructure for the delivery of the strategy at a local and regional level.

We have reviewed and agreed membership of the Strategic and Delivery Groups representative of the partnership.

The partnership has also agreed reviewed Terms of Reference for both groups which clearly define purpose of each group and outline the roles and responsibilities of members to ensure appropriate representation.

The below Governance structure is now in place:



<p>Provide an update on how links have been made with other cross-cutting governance, service planning and commissioning arrangements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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. This will allow us create opportunities for better use of resource. ➤ The Supporting People Regional Collaborative Coordinator sits on the VAWDASV Strategic board and ensures a clear link between the VAWDASV Board and the RCC. This is enabling preparations for the implementation of the HSG. ➤ 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. We also have a DS leading on priority 3 workstream within the delivery plan. ➤ The Regional Adviser is now reporting directly in to the Local Criminal Justice Board in order to ensure that the priorities of the LCJB are represented at the VAWDASV Board. ➤ The Regional Advisor attends the Regional Providers Forum routinely to provide update and consultation on the work under the regional strategy. 	
<p>Provide an update on any sub groups that support the Governance structure</p>	<p>Following the governance review we developed a condensed version of the Regional 2019-20 Delivery Plan.</p> <p>This has enabled us to focus work under the strategy in a streamlined and efficient method. The condensed plan will allow partners to work on areas of priority with fewer subgroups in order to increased capacity and reduce likelihood of partners disengaging with the work.</p> <p>The key subgroups under the deliver group are now;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survivor Engagement and Communication – new workstream leads nominated and membership of subgroup now established • Early intervention and Prevention- Workstream lead seconded to Welsh Government. Need for new lead escalated to RSB for education safeguarding lead to be nominated to take workstream forward • Holding Perpetrators to account- This subgroup is well established and has overseen the work under 	

	<p>priority 3, including Regional MARAC review, Revenue and Capital Grant Award</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide effective, timely and appropriate responses to victims and survivors- This work is being taken forward by the Training Sub Group which is well established in MWW • VAWDASV Commissioning- Commissioning Subgroup is now established and due to meet in January 2020. 	
<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		13,661.65			£40,185.02
Business Support		5,453.77		6,096.85			£17,741.65
IDVA							£49,993.50
Strategic Delivery		400.00		2535.42			£5,251.92
Totals		18,929.39	71,948.78	22,293.92			£113,172.09

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	22,293.92
Period 4: January to March	200,227.91	
Total Spend:		£113,172.09

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	22,293.92	
CUMULATIVE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO DATE	18,929.39	£90,878.17	£113,172.09	

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.

To clarify, the actual spend in comparison to the indicative spend suggests an underspend, however I can confirm that the full MWW grant has been allocated and will be spent by the end of March 2020.

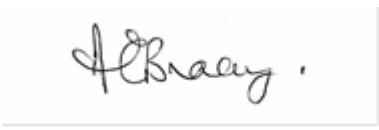
The reason for the difference in actual to indicative spend is due to a delay in the process of approval of invoices with in the Local Authority acting as banker. This issue has been discussed with the WG VAWDASV Team and is being resolved internally.

The above issue has affected several large invoices including 2 invoices for the IDVA service, amounting to approximately £100,000 as well as two further invoices for £6,000 and one for £10,000.

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: 28/10/19
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