

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: Q4 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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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 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 Mid and West Wales (MWW) Regional ‘Safer Lives, Healthier Families’ VAWDASV Strategy 2019-20 outlines six key objectives with an additional three priority areas which took learning from a DHR completed in Pembrokeshire and included the key points into Regional implementation.

Ownership of the Strategic Priorities sits with the MWW VAWDASV Strategic Board and the 2019-20 Delivery plan was present to and approved by the MWW Regional Safeguarding Board.

It is important to note that the current climate and impact of Covid-19 has posed some risk and limitation to the full achievement of the intended Regional Plan at the latter part of the year.

The annual progress against activities within the 2019-20 delivery plan is outlined below;

Survivor engagement and Strategic Priority 1

Activities	Progress to date
Develop a framework for survivor engagement	<p>As previously reported, there has been a delay in developing the intended framework for survivor engagement across the MWW region.</p> <p>The contributing factors of the delay have now been addressed with a change of workstream leads, taken over by members of the specialist sector.</p> <p>The newly formed subgroup will address activities within the 2020-21 delivery plan under the priority area of survivor engagement and communication.</p> <p>The workstream leads have met with myself as Regional Adviser, to discuss and specify the detail of what we aim to achieve from within the subgroup and mechanisms through which we can achieve this.</p>

	<p>The initial focus of the subgroup, post covid-19 measures, will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate initial subgroup meeting • Agree a clear TOR and action plan
<p>Governance</p>	
<p>Activities</p>	<p>Progress to date</p>
<p>Review existing governance arrangements</p>	<p>Following an independent review of the governance arrangements around the MWW VAWDASV strategy and its implementation, commissioned by the partnership, the resulting governance arrangements have been in place since October 2019.</p> <p>The strategic delivery plan and work stream leads were reviewed and re-allocated within the delivery group meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed at the last Strategic Board that Governance no longer needs to feature as a specific priority area on the Regional Delivery Plan, however it will remain as a consistent agenda item in 2020-21 to ensure governance arrangements remain fit for purpose.</p>
<p>Establish a mechanism to monitor and evaluate the strategy and its effect</p>	<p>The draft Regional Indicators will remain draft pending the outcome of the National Adviser’s review of the National Indicators following consultation.</p> <p>The Regional Adviser is representing the region on the six specific T&F Groups to look at and improve the current National Indicators.</p> <p>The outcome of these workshops will feed directly into the work on the Regional Indicators draft document.</p> <p>Once the National Indicators are reviewed, as Regional Adviser I will re-convene the Regional Task and Finish Group to review the draft Regional Indicators.</p>
<p>Develop a Regional Framework for the</p>	<p>This is being completed in line with the</p>

<p>commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region</p>	<p>work Liane James is undertaking with the National Review of DHRs and the established national steering group and four working groups to take the recommendations from the DHR review forward over the next year.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I will represent the Region on the group and have support from the region on the task and finish groups from the CSP managers and Regional Safeguarding Board Business Manager.</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>As previously reported, Dewis Choice have agreed to join the Regional Partnership and specifically support the work under this area.</p> <p>The work of the research project already holds significant data and analysis that is vital to inform this area of work. This is evident in their recent publication of their research and their practitioner’s guidance.</p> <p>Membership of Dewis Choice is included in the Survivor engagement and Communication subgroup work to ensure that specific consideration is given to this area of abuse in the awareness raising and survivor engagement work across the region.</p> <p>Moving forward, as a partnership we have agreed that Adult to Parent abuse will be included and considered within all workstream action plans and supported by Dewis Choice membership.</p>

Strategic Priority 2

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Conduct a full analysis of healthy relationships education in formal / non-formal educational establishments</p>	<p>There has been a risk identified under this priority to reflect the lack of leadership and representation we have</p>

<p>across the region</p>	<p>seen from an Education Safeguarding point of view following the secondment of the workstream lead to Welsh Government.</p> <p>This has been escalated to the RSB and we now have nominated persons to lead on this work from all areas of the Region. The newly established subgroup have met initially to discuss work so far in terms of the self-assessment for schools and work to complete analysis of this.</p> <p>The work to be done in order to bring work under this priority in line with a consistent response across the Region will be the main focus of the subgroup and will be continued in the 2020-21 delivery plan.</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 are still working closely with DPP and partners around the academic review and profiling of perpetrators across MWW. The SRAU, which was implemented in November 2019, will now link into the academic review of the data we hold in relation to perpetrators across the region.</p> <p>As a result of the Regional MARAC review the Daily Discussion process is now in practice. Evaluation is also now underway with Data Cymru for the Daily Discussions Process.</p> <p>The Capital Grant Award has supported implementation of top of the range VC facilities across the region, to support the Daily Discussions Process that was implemented in November 2019. Capital Grant Award funds are now allocated across the region to facilitate hubs in all areas to support the Daily Discussions Process.</p> <p>We are also working on the regional Stalking Perpetrator intervention pilot with Professor Jane Monkton-Smith and</p>

	<p>the Forensic Psychology Service, this has been supported by a successful Revenue Grant award of £20,000.</p> <p>The focus for the next financial year will be piloting a digital perpetrator intervention, supported by learning from the recent Powys DHR, in Powys.</p>
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Strategic Priority 4

Activities	Progress to date
<p>Consider learning and effectiveness of community-based early intervention and prevention models operating across Mid and West Wales.</p>	<p>As Regional Adviser I have met with a Masters Student within DPP to scope out the review. This individual is now taking this piece of work forward.</p> <p>On completion the literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models and recommendations report to be delivered to Board.</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 for a MWW based pilot project.</p> <p>I have 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>Implementation and resourcing of a pilot was currently being considered and explored by the HDUHB Safeguarding Lead and the Regional Adviser. However due to Covid-19 this is on hold currently.</p> <p>Once HDUHB is ready, NH will arrange for IRIS to present to the health board on the findings and research behind IRIS and considerations of how best a pilot could be delivered within the area.</p>

Strategic Priority 5

Activities	Progress to date
<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 was agreed and delivered against across the region 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>Develop Regional Training Consortium</p>	<p>A Regional Training Consortium and Agreement has been established and Governance documents have been agreed by the regional subgroup.</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 Regional Adviser.</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>There were concerns raised about the content of Groups 2 and 3 training from WWA. 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.</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>Regional Adviser sought clarification from Welsh Government that clarified that the areas identify are covered under the NTF.</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.</p>	<p>The Regional Training Subgroup has discussed this work and agreed to take this forward following the roll out of Ask</p>

criminal justice partners, housing providers, community-based organisations.	and Act. Scoping for this provision will be explored within the 2020-21 Delivery Plan.
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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 was carried out by an independent consultant. The Board accepted the report and recommendations and actions were completed.</p> <p>There was a formal agreement from all partners that nothing will be commissioned in line with VAWDASV without oversight of the Commissioning Subgroup.</p> <p>Commissioning Subgroup is now established and has met several times. TOR for the subgroup have been agreed and initial activities for consideration have been established and work towards these has commenced.</p> <p>This includes a joint commissioning activity across two areas of the region initially and consideration of a Regional Service Specification.</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 confirmation of the Regional Partnerships achievement of the Regional Delivery Plan, I have included the below RAG Rated overview.	
The Covid-19 impact has created some issues and barriers in us fully achieving all activities, however as a partnership and with Welsh Government, we are working hard to overcome this and limit the impact this will have on our aspirations for 2020-21.	
Key	Rag Rating
Fully achieved	
Partially achieve	

Not achieved

Survivor Engagement

Intended Outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
<p>A regional VAWDASV survivor engagement framework</p> <p>Survivors have a consistent, cohesive mechanism to have their voices heard and to inform policy and practice improvements.</p>	<p>Establish a task and finish group to consider survivor engagement to include membership for stakeholders and survivors</p> <p>Review any existing frameworks / good practice</p> <p>Consult with survivors to better understand how they wish to be engaged</p> <p>Draft a recommended framework for survivor engagement for agreement by the VAWDASV Strategic Board</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regional Adviser has and will continue to meet with existing survivor groups in the region who are keen and willing to engage with the work of the subgroup• Established subgroup to agree a clear TOR and plan to address actions identified in the strategic delivery plan• Regional Adviser to continue to work with the WG VAWDASV Team in their review of the survivor engagement panel pilot and National Framework.

Governance

Intended outcomes	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
<p>Robust governance framework for the delivery and monitoring of the regional strategy</p> <p>Appropriate membership and representation on the Strategic Group</p>	<p>Review Terms of Reference for the Strategic Group</p> <p>Identify and strengthen local and regional reporting structures</p>		<p>Governance to remain on the agenda for the Strategic Board as a standard item.</p>

and relevant task
and finish groups

Agreed reporting
structures to other
key local and
regional Boards



<p>An agreed set regional indicators aligned to and complementing wider programmes of work in the region and nationally, that measure the progress and success of this strategy</p> <p>An agreed Regional Data Set that supports the monitoring framework</p>	<p>Review current VAWDASV related data collation throughout the region</p> <p>Develop regional outcomes and indicators to measure the progress of this strategy</p> <p>Identify alignments between the outcomes and indicators of this strategy and other regional / local programmes of work</p>		<p>The Regional Adviser to re-convene the task and finish group following the completion of the Welsh Government workshops to review the National Indicators.</p>
<p>A consistent framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region</p>	<p>Review existing arrangements across the four CSPs</p> <p>Review good practice across England and Wales.</p> <p>Draft a Regional Framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region</p>		<p>NH to represent the Region from the VAWDASV partnership.</p>

Adult to Parent Abuse

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next steps
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<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.</p>
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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</p>		<p>VF and MW will now establish an initial subgroup meeting with representatives from across the partnership.</p>

	<p>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>		
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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		Work to review initial survey with schools has commenced but is currently on hold due to Covid-19 measures. NH to recommence work in due course.
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
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<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>Established mechanism to monitor and scrutiny of prosecutions using section 23 (3) (b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1998 cross Dyfed Powys</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. 3. A set of offender qualification criteria for the newly created categories in line with the new arrangements. 4. A new set of Risk Assessment management frameworks across the region. <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>Continued work in the Evaluation of the Daily Discussion Process.</p> <p>Evaluation of Stalking Perpetrator Pilot to commence following return to work after Covid-19 measures.</p> <p>NH to liaise with WG to manage risk to project delivery as a result of Covid-19 and implications on funding awards.</p>
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	Establish a reporting mechanism from CPS to the Mid and West Wales VAWDASV Strategic Board regarding 'victimless prosecutions' across the region.		
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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 models</p>		Literature review of evidence and good practice relating to VAWDASV community based early intervention and prevention models and recommendations report to be delivered to Board.
<p>Increase opportunities for informal, community-based responses to VAWDASV via the implementation of the Ask me project across Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>Meeting with Welsh Women's Aid to discuss detailed requirements of the 'Ask Me' project and agree project implementation plan</p> <p>Resources to implement the project be secured from Welsh Government VAWDASV Grant 2019/20</p> <p>Establish a task and finish group to oversee the implementation of</p>		<p>Resourcing 'Ask Me' across the whole region to be considered by the Commissioning Subgroup in their work around a Regional Commissioning Framework.</p> <p>NH to continue to work with WWA on the Big Lottery Grant.</p>

	the project		
Pembrokeshire to become 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 following Covid-19 Impact.

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 e.g. Regional Safeguarding Board and Regional Partnership Board		Regional Training Subgroup to monitor delivery of the Regional Training Plan. Regional Adviser to support all regions to meet requirements under the Act for the NTF implementation.

<p>An agreed regional approach to the implementation of the NTF</p> <p>Implementation of Groups 1 and 6 to staff across Relevant Authorities</p> <p>Implementation of Ask and Act to relevant staff across the region</p> <p>Support to specialist providers to achieve groups 4 and 5</p>	<p>Collate the individual training plans of relevant authorities and develop an overarching regional plan</p> <p>Develop Regional Training Consortium</p>		
<p>Clarification from Welsh Government if key themes are included within the NTF.</p> <p>If not- identified training to address the gaps within the regional training plan</p>	<p>Clarify with Welsh Government if the National Training Framework includes identified themes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult to parent violence • Older people's experiences of domestic abuse • Harassment • Coercive and Controlling behaviours • Working with perpetrators of abuse 		<p>The Regional Adviser to monitor this with HB safeguarding leads.</p>
<p>Phased regional implementation of Ask and Act for GPs starting in Pembrokeshire</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</p>		

	for GPs starting in Pembrokeshire		
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.		Regional Adviser to take this forward with workstream lead and Training Subgroup.

Strategic Priority 6

Intended outcome	Actions required	RAG Rating	Next Steps
Commissioned analysis of current commissioning arrangements cross referenced against the strategic priorities to inform a gap analysis to inform the development of a regional “one public service” VAWDASV commissioning strategy	<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 is now established and has met.</p> <p>Initial activities for consideration have been established and work towards these has commenced.</p>

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

N/A

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>A significant update for the IDVA service this quarter is the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, and how the service has adjusted.</p> <p>The same level of service is being provided to clients, but now carried out remotely. Assessments, Referrals and Safety planning is still being completed, and clients continue to be fully supported.</p> <p>Measures to contain the spread of Covid-19 has occasioned office closure for all staff, and telephone contact in all but those cases whereby circumstances and a dynamic risk assessment dictate otherwise.</p> <p>Staff have been trained and equipped with all necessary PPE to deal with these instances. To date, it has not been necessary to implement that procedure. In terms of the effectiveness of working from home, staff have all the necessary equipment to facilitate this method of service delivery.</p> <p>The MARAC and Daily Discussion continued to be a challenging process for the IDVA service since the last quarterly update. However, as IDVAs have settled into the Daily Discussions, and the direct communication between the IDVA manager and the MARAC Coordinator has been firmly established, these are now working well.</p> <p>This process is reducing the number of cases progressing to MARAC and also ensures the clients are being offered direct support from the most appropriate service. During this time of isolation (Covid-19), the IDVA service are fully expectant</p>

	<p>and prepared for an increase of referrals.</p> <p>Training The IDVA's and Idva manager have all participated in the VAWDASV and Dyfed Powys Stalking and Harassment training with Professor Jayne Monckton-Smith, which they found invaluable to their work. Online training has commenced since the isolation in which all IDVAs participate in for approximately two hours a week.</p>
<p>Provide an update on the how the region's needs assessment is impacting on services.</p>	<p>The MWW Regional VAWDASV Strategy was informed by an initial assessment of need and current provision in the region as well as the wider wellbeing and population plans throughout Mid and West Wales.</p> <p>As reported previously, the Regional Needs Assessment is now being strengthened and reinforced by the work of the Regional Commissioning Subgroup.</p> <p>The independent review of commissioning arrangements across the region re-explored the findings of the initial Needs Assessment by providing updated data and analysis of need and demand.</p> <p>Recommendations and actions from the above review have now been implemented and the resulting actions will inform the work of the Commissioning Subgroup.</p> <p>It is within this subgroup where we will build a Regional Approach to Commissioning a sustainable and accessible service for VAWDASV across MWW. This will look to address gaps in provision and access to services across the region.</p>
<p>Provide an update on gap analysis.</p>	<p>As mentioned above, the Commissioning Review has further explored the gap analysis across MWW and the resulting document gave guidance in how to address this lack of provision.</p> <p>This work and the resulting actions are now complete and now informs the work of the Regional Commissioning Subgroup, as well as the Regional Delivery Plan for 2020-21 and had oversight from the Regional VAWDASV Delivery Group.</p>
<p>Provide details on how a continued and consistent service for service users has been ensured.</p>	<p>The commitment to ensure that a holistic provision of VAWDASV support is available and accessible across the region, has been reinforced by the work to review the commissioning landscape mentioned above.</p> <p>Commissioning activities will now all be overseen by the Commissioning Subgroup, which ensures all activities will</p>

	<p>meet the Welsh Government guidance in terms of Commissioning VAWDASV Services.</p> <p>This will also be carried forward from the full MWW Regional Commissioning Report which has been accepted by the partnership in bringing together an agreed set of principles for commissioning VAWDASV across MWW, this has now been published on the RSB Website.</p>
<p>Provide details on how the Regional Partnership has provided support for all service user groups.</p>	<p>This is specifically relevant to the development of the ‘One Public Service’ Commissioning Plan. The work around communication and engagement will be used to inform commissioning activity and service design across the region.</p> <p>Our communities in Mid and West Wales are diverse and the Public-Sector Equality Duty ensures that equality considerations are built into everything that we do.</p> <p>When considering our regional response VAWDASV, the regional strategy 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>The above points will be taken forward by the survivor engagement and communication subgroup and considerations on how we make sure all communities are reached will be of specific importance.</p> <p>Representation of survivors from existing survivor groups, and outside of, will be key in the membership of the subgroup. To ensure the work carried out is relevant and effective in practice.</p> <p>The aim within the subgroup workplan will explore diversifying how we engage and communicate with all communities within MWW by looking to provide a range of opportunities for engagement and communication via a range of accessible mechanisms.</p>
<p>Partnership and Collaboration</p>	
<p>Provide an update on the collaboration development of the Regional Partnership Board</p>	<p>Following the commissioned review to critically look at the governance arrangements around the MWW Regional Strategy and implementation, the resulting recommendations have now been implemented as of October 2019.</p> <p>All members of the partnership were involved in the review and their input and evaluation of previous arrangements were considered in developing the new governance structure.</p> <p>One of the key themes identified was the lack of local and operational delivery of the strategy due to the high level representation of the Strategic Board.</p>

	<p>As a result, the Delivery Group was formed and has been very beneficial, especially during the challenging times of Covid-19.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference and membership for both Strategic Board and Delivery group have also been reviewed to clearly define the purpose and outline the roles and responsibilities of members and the regional partnership.</p>
<p>Provide an update on collaboration with other stakeholders (Police, PCCs, education services, housing organisations, HMPPS and non devolved crime and justice agencies)</p>	<p>The Regional governance review strengthened the membership and collaboration with key stakeholders across the region. This also achieved a 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 all four local authorities, Dyfed Powys Police, both health boards, Business Manager from the Regional Safeguarding Board and nominated representatives of the specialist sector.</p> <p>The specialist services have nominated 3 reps to sit on the strategic group and are all individually invited to sit on the Delivery Group. The specialist providers forum also meet prior to the Strategic Group to discuss the papers and feed back via the Regional Adviser as well as the reps.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I also sit regularly on; each of the Local Operational Groups in each of the four areas where I deliver a full update report.</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 Specialist 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. Any new resources developed by the WG team are shared via the Regional partnership.</p> <p>The MWW Regional Communication Strategy, as discussed earlier, is still under development. However, the work of the subgroup will consider how coordination and promotion of awareness campaigns can be consistently promoted across</p>

	<p>the region and within all communities.</p> <p>We hold Welsh Government Promotional materials centrally 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>Education Safeguarding leads from the four local authorities have conducted a mapping exercise based on an agreed survey template. The template focuses on support for CYP in relation to VAWDASV in order to identify best practice and available resource in the region. Leads have agreed to analyse findings from the above work following Covid-19.</p> <p>Alongside the work 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>Monitoring and Evaluation</p>	
<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>Further development of these arrangements including the introduction of the Delivery Group has also continued to strengthen partnership and collaboration on delivering the outcomes under the Regional Strategy.</p> <p>The improved governance structure enables the Regional Strategic Board to influence and underpin the work of the other local and regional boards within Mid and West Wales.</p> <p>Improved reporting arrangements with the four PSB leads to via the CSPs and clear links to the RPB leads has meant that we have more synergy across the annual plans and the VAWDASV Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Regular updates to the LCJB and working closely with OPCC colleagues is also bringing the both Boards and their objectives closer together.</p> <p>I regularly attend the Local Operational Boards in each Local Authority area as an agenda item with a full update on the delivery plan. I 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</p>	<p>The aim of the regional strategy is to develop an outcomes-based performance framework that collates consistent data</p>

against the delivery plan	<p>from across organisations in the region.</p> <p>The above is intended to measure progress against the strategy which will enable stakeholders understand the difference the strategy is making.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, a regional Task and Finish Group has been established and oversaw a regional data mapping exercise. The group also drafted a Regional set of indicators which were mapped against the VAWDASV National Indicators and now form the Draft MWW Regional Indicators document.</p> <p>The Welsh Government VAWDASV Team are now working to review the National Indicators. As Regional Adviser I attend the workshops to review the National Indicators and ensure MWW is fully represented in response.</p> <p>Once these are finalised the regional task and finish group will reconvene to review the draft regional indicators.</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 -Based on all New Referrals where contact made in Q4						
TARGET GROUP	High	Medium MARAC thresh met	Medium MARAC thresh NOT met	Standard MARAC thresh met	Standard MARAC thresh NOT met	TOTAL NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES REPORTING PERIOD
Women	143	34	24	23	16	240
Men	7	5	1	6	1	20
Non Binary / Trans	0	0	0	1	0	1
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0

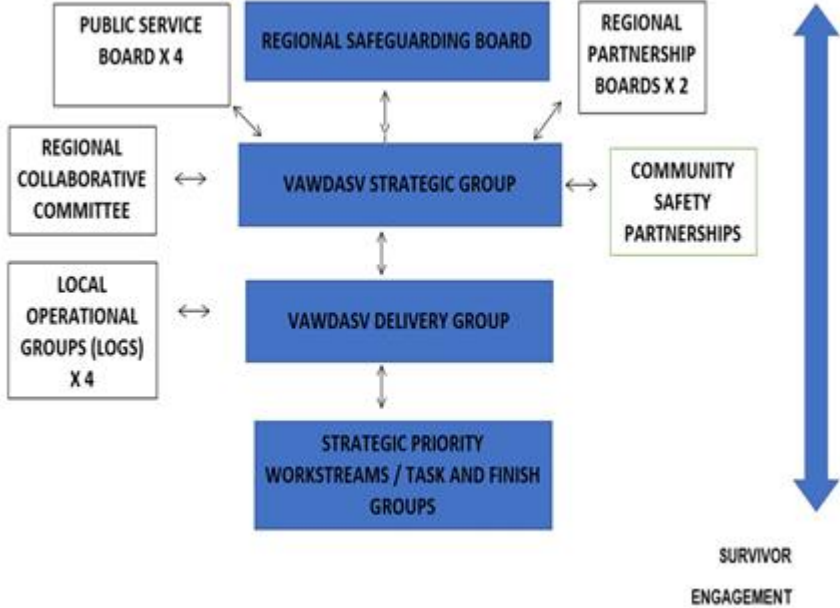
TOTALS	150	39	25	30	17	261
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People reporting that they have been provided with the information and advice they need to access services and support able to make informed choices - **Based on clients who have exited the service in Q4**

Target Group	High	Medium MARAC thresh met	Medium MARAC thresh NOT met	Standard MARAC thresh met	Standard MARAC thresh NOT met	Total number of beneficiaries reporting period
Women	169	43	16	19	10	247
Men	9	7	2	1	1	19
Non Binary / Trans	2	0	0	0	0	2
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0
TOTALS	180	50	18	20	11	268

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

SECTION 5: GOVERNANCE

<p>Provide an update on the development of the regional governance structures,</p>	<p>The reviewed governance structure below has now been implemented since October 2019. On review of the structure the partnership feel extremely positive and enthusiastic about the new structure and its impact on strategy implementation.</p> <p><u>The below Governance structure is now in place:</u></p>  <p>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.</p> <p>Clarity of focus and clear TOR has ensured all partners are focussed and sure of their responsibility within the partnership and the delivery of the strategy.</p>
<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 Partnership Boards- As Regional Adviser I have made links with the representatives for both boards which allows opportunities for us to identify commonalities in work under the both agendas. This will allow us create opportunities for better use of resource. ➤ The SP RCC- now reviewed under the introduction of the HSG- Representation from this board is consistent on the Regional VAWDASV Board. As regional Adviser

	<p>I also sit on the board to ensure co-ordination of work is consistent and aligns with the work of the regional VAWDASV strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The DCI leading on VAWDASV for Dyfed Powys Police is now the Chair of the VAWDASV Strategic Board and the Director of Commissioning for the Police and Crime Commissioner sits on the VAWDASV Strategic Board. We also have a DI leading on priority 3 workstream within the delivery plan. ➤ The Regional Adviser is now reporting directly into the Local Criminal Justice Board in order to ensure that the priorities of the LCJB are represented at the VAWDASV Board. ➤ The Regional Advisor attends the Regional Specialist Service Providers Forum routinely to provide update and consultation on the work under the regional strategy.
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<p>Provide an update on any sub groups that support the Governance structure</p>	<p>The key subgroups under the MWW Strategy are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survivor Engagement and Communication – new workstream leads nominated and membership of subgroup now established. Work to continue following Covid-19. • Early intervention and Prevention- Initial meeting with the LA Education Safeguarding reps nominated from the RSB was held. Agreement was for the education leads to take forward work to analyse at the self assessment of schools. However due to current circumstances education leads have asked for this to be paused until they have a period of stability. • Holding Perpetrators to account- This subgroup is well established and has overseen the work under priority 3, including Regional MARAC review, Revenue and Capital Grant Award. • 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. All Training reps throughout the region have been or are focussed on re-deployment. We are going to forecast a training plan for 2020-21, however there will be significant delay on this due to Covid-19. • VAWDASV Commissioning- Commissioning Subgroup is now established. We are currently
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	<p>focussed on coordinating regional responses to funding opportunities in response to Covid-19</p> <p>a</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		13,661.65	13,615.21		£53,800.23
Business Support		5,453.77		6,096.85	5,843.63		£23,585.28
			13,447.75				
			6,191.03				
Line Management					3,487.46		3,487.46
IDVA					149,980.50		199,974
			49,993.50				
Strategic Delivery		400.00		2535.42	56.75		£5,308.67
			2,316.50				
Survivor Engagement					607.37		607.37
Training					7,300.00		7,300.00
Service Delivery					3,742.21		3,742.21
Priority 3					£15,436		£15,436
Totals		18,929.39	71,948.78	22,293.92	200,069.13		£313,241.22

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

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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	200,069.13
Total Spend:		£313,241.22

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	200,069.13
CUMULATIVE AMOUNT CLAIMED TO DATE	18,929.39	£90,878.17	£113,172.09	313,241.22

FORECAST EXPENDITURE FOR FY 2019 - 20	N/A
GRANT STILL OUTSTANDING / UNDERSPEND FORECAST:	£158.78

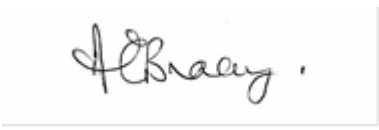
If there is underspend, please provide an explanation as to how this has occurred and any proposals for reallocating the funding.

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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: 14/4/20
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