

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



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Period of report and claim	Period: Q3 2020-21
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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, Annex A and Annex B.
- Only expenditure that has a full audit trail to prove defrayment can be claimed. You will be certifying that you have checked and approved all expenditure, including the audit trail for each organisation included in this claim.
- 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:

<p>Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Team Community Safety Division Welsh Government Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 1UZ</p> <p>via the VAWDASV mailbox VAWDASV@gov.wales</p>
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OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITY PROGRESS

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

Survivor Engagement and Strategic Priority 1

Intended Activity	Intended Outcomes	Progress Made
Develop a framework for survivor engagement	<p>A regional VAWDASV survivor engagement framework</p> <p>Survivors have a consistent, cohesive mechanism to have their voices heard and to inform policy and practice improvements.</p>	<p>Task and finish group is established.</p> <p>Regional 16 Days of Activism Communication Campaign agreed and circulated.</p> <p>Key communication themes have been agreed in relation to a Regional DHR virtual learning event and supporting materials.</p>
Develop a clear VAWDASV communication strategy, informed by survivors and stakeholders that will support coordinated and consistent messages for individuals, families, professionals, employers and communities	<p>A regional communication strategy</p> <p>Consistent regional messaging for VAWDASV and Equality</p> <p>Communication strategy that is informed and supported by evidence and resources</p>	<p>Discussion around Regional and National review of good practice and existing frameworks for survivor engagement is in progress with an independent consultant who will support us to work on development of a Regional framework for consultation and engagement.</p>

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Governance and Leadership

Intended Activity	Intended Outcomes	Progress Made
Develop a Regional Framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region	A consistent framework for the commissioning, quality assurance and oversight of DHRs across the region	The draft MWW Regional Indicators and data set to be amended following review of the National Indicator set. The Regional Adviser is engaged with this work with Welsh Government.
Develop a regional set of outcomes and indicators to measure the progress of the regional strategy, including a consistent indicator set.	An agreed set of regional indicators, aligned to the National Indicator set, that measure the progress and success of the strategy An agreed Regional Data Set that supports the monitoring framework	Regional MWW Representatives are continuing to work on the National work towards a consistent and best practice model for DHRs in line with the SUSR.

Strategic Priority 2

Intended Activity	Intended Outcomes	Progress Made
Education Safeguarding Leads from the four Local Authorities to carry out a second mapping exercise across a sample of schools in each area	Full analysis report and recommendations to the Strategic Group and Safeguarding Executive	Michael Gedrim (Powys) and Rhona Evans (Carmarthen) have been nominated as leads on this area and have met to discuss next steps in moving this work along.
Agree a monitoring framework that will enable the region to meet reporting requirements contained within the Act	Monitoring framework in place to enable the region to meet reporting requirements within the Act	All other Education Safeguarding leads also agreed to the next steps in terms of confirming what is currently delivered and identifying best practice. Work under this area specifically has been postponed due to the impact of Covid-19 and the focus of Education Safeguarding leads on the return to school following lockdown restrictions. We have re-targeted work to support schools to do this and provide ongoing support to children and

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		families impacted by VAWDASV.
Strategic Priority 3		
Intended Activity	Intended Outcomes	Progress Made
<p>Completion of the Data Cymru Evaluation of the Regional Daily Discussion Process.</p> <p>Analyse findings from Stalking Perpetrator Intervention Pilot to inform recommendations on the continuation of the provision.</p> <p>Pilot a digital Perpetrator Intervention in Powys.</p>	<p>Opportunities identified for earlier intervention with perpetrators and those demonstrating abusive behaviours</p> <p>Evidence of the effectiveness of process review and the impact on experiences of survivors</p> <p>Evidence to inform resource allocation and Commissioning planning across the region in terms of perpetrator intervention</p> <p>Opportunity to identify options for perpetrator intervention across Mid and West Wales to address the geographical spread of the region and rural nature of the communities we work with</p>	<p>The Regional Daily Discussion Process has been in place since November 2019.</p> <p>Data Cymru are working on the Daily Discussion evaluation report which will be complete by March 2021.</p> <p>The Regional Stalking Perpetrator Intervention is currently running and being delivered across the region.</p> <p>Professor Jane Monkton Smith is completing the evaluation work to be finalised by March.</p> <p>The Powys pilot has been running since July and has been extended until the end of the financial year due to funding from Powys CC.</p> <p>This pilot, along with the Threshold DAS Choices programme, have both now been extended across the whole of the region and until the end of the financial year. This is due to funding secured from the NPS and OPCC.</p> <p>This now means that as a Region, we have a consistent and varied offer of perpetrator intervention.</p>

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		<p>The Regional Adviser will take a proposal to Januarys VAWDASV Board, to ask for support from all partners to sustain this regional provision into the next financial year.</p> <p>The partnership has submitted a bid to the Home Office research fund, in relation to female perpetrators, in partnership with Professor Marianne Hester, Respect and WWA.</p>
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Strategic Priority 4

Intended Activity	Intended Outcomes	Progress Made
<p>VAWDASV stakeholders are invited to review existing threshold documents to strengthen understanding and inclusion of VAWDASV as safeguarding</p> <p>Identify resource sources for an IRIS pilot within the Region</p>	<p>A consistent safeguarding response to domestic abuse, sexual violence and violence against women across the region</p>	<p>This work has sat with the RSB Policies and Procedures subgroup and will now be transferred to the Delivery Group.</p>
<p>Agree a project implementation plan with IRIS and GP cluster</p> <p>Communication with GP clusters regarding IRIS</p>	<p>Pilot Project for delivery of IRIS in Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>Established HDUHB as intended pilot area. Have worked with Assistant Director of safeguarding on logistics and business case. Liaised with IRIS-I team on project implementation planning. Presentation delivered to HDUHB Primary Care Locality Leads meeting. Expressions of interest from GPs have been submitted.</p>

Strategic Priority 5

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<p>Monitor the delivery of the Regional Training Plan centrally across all relevant authorities in the region</p>	<p>Centralised coordination and reporting framework for the delivery and monitoring of the Regional Training Plan</p>	<p>Centralised reporting framework is in place.</p>
<p>Coordinate the co-delivery of training with specialist providers centrally</p>	<p>Implementation of Groups 1 and 6 to staff across Relevant Authorities</p>	<p>Implementation of groups 1,2,3 and 6 are underway across the region.</p>
<p>Report centrally to Welsh Government on the delivery of the Regional Training Plan</p>		<p>Ask and Act delivery has continued via virtual delivery and a Regional package that we have designed.</p>
<p>Delivery of Regional Train the Trainer events to ensure consistent delivery across the Region</p>	<p>Implementation of Ask and Act to relevant staff across the region</p>	
<p>Conduct a regional TNA with specialist services in order to identify training gaps and training needs, in relation to achievement of groups 4 and 5</p>	<p>Support the specialist providers to achieve groups 4 and 5 under the National Training Framework</p>	<p>We have also carried out a regional TNA in relation to Groups 4 and 5 across all Regional specialist providers.</p>
<p>Mapping of current VAWDASV training available in the region</p>	<p>Understanding of the current multi agency VAWDASV training provision in the region</p>	<p>The TNA will inform investment in training in our 2021-22 Delivery Plan.</p>
<p>Consider a model of delivery across the whole region, to ensure accessibility for multi-agencies to meet the specialist syllabus</p>	<p>Suggested delivery model of multi-agency training, meeting the specialist syllabus, across the region</p>	<p>Training has been commissioned by Welsh Government funded by Revenue Funding in response to Covid-19.</p>
<p>Deliver recommended model to the Delivery Group and Commissioning Subgroup for consideration of resourcing in 2021-22</p>		<p>Further progress on our regional mapping will now be carried forward in to 2021-22 as Covid-19 delayed our progress in this year.</p>

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Intended Activity	Intended Outcomes	Progress Made
<p>Establish a MWW Regional Commissioning Document</p> <p>Establish TOR for the Regional Commissioning Subgroup</p> <p>Establish a clear action plan for the work of the Regional Commissioning Subgroup for 2020-21</p> <p>Establish action plan for the consideration of a joint commissioning exercise across Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire in relation to VAWDASV service provision</p>	<p>Establishment of a robust Regional Commissioning Subgroup with a Regional Commissioning Document and action plan in relation to VAWDASV Commissioning across Mid and West Wales</p>	<p>Subgroup is established with Chair and TOR drafted and agreed.</p> <p>The Regional Commissioning Document has been published on the RSB website.</p> <p>Due to the impact of Covid-19 it was decided that a recommissioning exercise would not be in the best interests of service users or service providers at this time.</p> <p>The focus of the Commissioning Subgroup is now the development of a Regional Service Specification in respect of VAWDASV service delivery across Mid and West Wales.</p> <p>We are now working with Oxford Brookes, in a number of scheduled workshops, on the development of a Regional 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 outlined in our revised delivery plan for 2020-21, we are still on course to deliver in line with the intended objectives. Given the impact of Covid-19 the Regional Partnership has done well to continue to deliver in line with the Delivery Plan and the partnership has worked collaborative to limit the hinderance of the pandemic on our regional work.

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3. Details of any key risks identified for the next quarter and how these will be mitigated:
None

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DELIVERY OF OUTCOMES AND WORK PROGRAMME

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

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

4. PROGRESS REPORT	
Commissioning VAWDASV Services	
What services have been delivered in the region, including responsibilities?	<p>The MWW Regional IDVA Service is the only service delivered and resourced directly from the VAWDASV Grant.</p> <p>The Service is Commissioned jointly via the OPCC and Regional Grant. Hafan Cymru and Pobl deliver the contract which has been in place since 2018.</p>
Provide an update on the how the region’s needs assessment is impacting on services.	<p>The 2018 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>
Provide an update on gap analysis.	<p>The work around our Regional Commissioning Strategy further assessed the needs of the region in response to VAWDASV. This produced our Regional Commissioning Document which informed a gap analysis.</p> <p>These pieces of work continue to underpin the work of the Regional Partnership and informs the annual delivery plan objectives.</p>
Provide details on how a continued and consistent service for service users has been ensured.	<p>Following the work around our approach to Commissioning, all commissioning activities will now be overseen by the MWW Commissioning Subgroup.</p> <p>This will ensure that all activities will consistently meet the Welsh Government guidance in terms of Commissioning VAWDASV Services.</p> <p>Our regional commissioning document recognises the importance of consideration given to continuation and consistency of service provision for survivors across MWW.</p>

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<p>Provide details on how the Regional Partnership has provided support for all service user groups.</p>	<p>The work of the regional survivor engagement and communication subgroup are clear on the need for us to be innovative and creative in how we engage with the diverse groups and communities across the region.</p> <p>This approach is consistent and will underpin the work within all of our regional work and delivery plan. The representation of survivors and their experiences is central to our approach.</p> <p>We aim to explore diverse options for engagement, that are unique and effective in capturing the needs of the population across the region.</p> <p>This will form part of the work we have commissioned to complete in line with the development of our Regional Survivor Engagement Framework.</p>
<p>5. Partnership and Collaboration</p>	
<p>Provide an update on the collaboration development of the Regional Partnership Board</p>	<p>The MWW Regional Partnership commissioned an independent review of the governance arrangements around the Regional Strategy.</p> <p>The resulting recommendations were accepted by the Board and saw a review of the TOR and membership of the Regional Strategic Board and the development of the Delivery Group.</p> <p>These arrangements have now been in place since October 2019 and are working well. The coordinated response to Covid-19 across the region is evidence of this and how effective the partnership has become.</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.</p> <p>Membership of the VAWDASV strategic group includes representatives from all relevant authorities including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All four local authorities • Dyfed Powys Police • OPCC • Both health boards • Business Manager from the Regional Safeguarding Board Three nominated representatives from the specialist sector • NPS • CSPs <p>As well as the three specialist provider reps on the strategic board, all providers are individually invited to sit on the Delivery Group. The specialist providers forum also meet prior to the Strategic Group to discuss the papers and feed</p>

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	<p>back directly to the Regional Adviser.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I also sit regularly on; each of the Local Authority Safeguarding Operational Groups in each of the four areas where I deliver a full update report.</p> <p>The membership of the Delivery Group also goes further and includes partners such as; YOS, Education Safeguarding Leads and research projects.</p>
<p>Provide an update on partnership working (Third sector, specialist VAWDASV services, survivors, service users)</p>	<p>As identified above, the partnership with the specialist sector in and around our regional strategy is very strong.</p> <p>The Specialist Sector Providers are core to our Regional Strategic Board and Delivery Group. We have specialist sector reps as Deputy Chairs on both boards and the sector are well represented at each meeting.</p> <p>We are also working hard within our Communication and Engagement Group, as well as all areas of the Delivery Plan, to ensure the experiences of survivors are key and underpin the whole regional plan.</p> <p>The work we have commissioned, with an independent consultant, on the development of our Regional Survivor Engagement Framework will also look to build and improve on this.</p>
<p>6. 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 supports the Welsh Government Communication strategy and its awareness raising campaigns via our whole Regional Partnership and the extended networks.</p> <p>The MWW Regional Communication Strategy and our survivor engagement framework is being worked towards within the established subgroup and with support from a specific commissioned piece of work looking at best practice and existing processes.</p> <p>As well as the key communication areas we have identified and the regional DHR learning resources we are developing, the group is also considering how we can consistently and effectively share the work of Welsh Government in raising awareness of VAWDASV.</p> <p>Welsh Government Promotional materials are held centrally and distributed across the region; including pop up banners, leaflets and posters.</p>
<p>worked towards a</p>	<p>Hafan Cymru and the four local authority Education</p>

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<p>whole school approach to healthy relationships and worked with Hafan Cymru to promote and deliver the Spectrum programme?</p>	<p>Safeguarding leads are represented on the regional partnership and specifically on the Delivery Group.</p> <p>We have identified key activities, under Strategic Priority 2 of our regional strategy and delivery plan, specifically aimed at achieving a whole school approach and a consistent and high quality approach to healthy relationships within the schools across MWW.</p> <p>Work outlined in the delivery plan looks to assess what the current delivery of Spectrum looks like across the schools in MWW and what more needs to be done to promote this across all schools consistently.</p> <p>Due to Covid-19 we have had to postpone activity under this area due to partners focus on return to school. However since the pandemic we have continued to work closely with all education leads and specialist services, including Hafan Cymru’s Spectrum Programme, to ensure children and families impacted by VAWDASV are supported appropriately.</p>
<p>7. Monitoring and Evaluation</p>	
<p>Update on monitoring arrangements.</p>	<p>We have clear reporting arrangements via the governance structure around our regional strategy.</p> <p>As Regional Adviser I monitor and report on our progress against the Regional Delivery Plan at several points throughout the financial year via;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Regional Safeguarding Board- Full Quarterly RAG Rated reports • The Regional Strategic VAWDASV Board- Full Quarterly update reports. • The Delivery Group- Bi-monthly progress update reports • The Four Local Authority Safeguarding Group meetings- Quarterly progress update reports <p>We also have reporting arrangements with the four PSB leads via the CSPs and clear links to the RPB leads.</p>
<p>Update on plans to evaluate performance against the delivery plan</p>	<p>As outlined in the strategy and regional delivery plans, we aim to develop our own Regional Indicator Set that measures the impact of the Regional Strategy and the difference the strategy is making.</p> <p>This will also be informed by a Regional Data Set.</p> <p>The Welsh Government VAWDASV Team are working to review the National Indicators and as Regional Adviser I attend the workshops to review the National Indicators and</p>

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	<p>ensure MWW is fully represented in response.</p> <p>This work is now postponed due to Covid-19. However, once this work is finalised the regional task and finish group with reconvene to review the draft regional indicators.</p>
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8. OUTCOMES AND OUTPUTS

Details of the outcomes/outputs achieved in this reporting period	<p>The MWW Regional 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 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 Q3						
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	23	5	9	3	209
Men	18	2	3	5	0	28
Non Binary / Trans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0
TOTALS	187	25	8	14	3	237

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 Q3						
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	164	16	2	8	3	190

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Men	13	4	3	3	0	23
Non Binary / Trans	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Specified/prefer not to say	0	0	0	0	0	0
Children						0
TOTALS	177	20	5	11	3	213

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

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

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Aims/ Objectives and Outcomes of the Pilot					
Specific	Measurable	Achievable	Realistic	Time bound	Update
All MFCC and Calan DVS staff to be trained on the DA Hub	Staff to be trained by June 2020	The Intervention Hub have agreed to train the staff members virtually	MFCC and Calan DVS have identified their staff members to be trained and will ensure they attend the training session	by June 2020	This has been completed
Intervention Hub to provide guidance on Partner Link Worker role within the project	Intervention Hub to share this with all partners by June 2020	The Intervention Hub have guidance documents in place and will share via email	The Intervention Hub have this document developed and have contact emails for all partners	By June 2020	This has been provided and is in place
Content for Press Release and supporting media to be agreed and released	Intervention Hub to draft press release and media documents for team to comment on and agree content.	Intervention Hub have templates to work from. Content will be agreed with all partners coordinated by Regional Adviser	Intervention Hub have experience in this area. Regional Adviser has established effective working group.	By June 2020	This has been agreed and released
SLA to be agreed with Powys County Council and Intervention Hub	SLA to be agreed and signed by Powys County Council	Intervention Hub have drafted the SLA for Powys CC to agree	Powys CC have consulted legal on the SLA	By June 2020	This has been signed
Evaluation of the Pilot to be completed by the Intervention Hub Team	Evaluation Report to be produced by Intervention Hub Psychologist at the end of the Pilot	Monthly Management Reports based on psychometrics, will be produced and shared with all partners throughout the course of the pilot	Intervention Hub have completed several similar evaluations previously.	October 2020	Monthly management reports have been produced. The full evaluation report will not be completed in line with the full 9 month period of the pilot as the pilot has been extended
Delivery Staff to receive specific training on delivery of perpetrator intervention/ risk management tool	Training to be delivered by Respect/ Accredited Organisation	Training options have been established and limitations due to Covid-19 have been identified	Virtual training options and contingency planning have been considered to ensure staff receive training	By June 2020	Training has been delivered by Threshold DAS. We are awaiting confirmation of virtual training to be made available.
DA Intervention to be delivered to individuals within Powys LA area	Intervention to be delivered to 9 individuals	Average of 1.5 individuals to be worked with per organisation per month	This is manageable with the identified staffing hours and considering this is a new intervention to the region	By 30 th September 2020	The pilot launched from the 1 st July and the initial 3 month period is now complete. 6 individuals were supported and funding has now been secured to extend the pilot until the end of the financial year

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

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

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

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

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

- *Inform the commissioning of effective and sustainable VAWDASV perpetrator services*

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

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

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

- *Develop prevention and early intervention approaches*

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

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

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

- *Improve service links, communication and effective practice*

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The pilot is fully supported by all regional partners including Powys CC and Dyfed Powys Police (DPP) Force. These service links are essential to the success of the pilot in terms of integration into referral pathways, social services assessments and the sharing and promotion of best practice modelling.

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

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

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

- *Develop a skilled and resilient workforce*

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

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

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

- *What is the identified need*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1. Provide an update on the

Priority Area	DELIVERY of each of the applicable Priority Areas delivered by your Regional Partnership	Progress made towards the EXIT STRATEGY for each area Delivered
1. Services that are preventative or support victims and survivors of domestic abuse	<p>Our regional proposal for the MWW allocation increased the capacity within all existing VAWDASV specialist services across the region. To date this has included increased capacity for the staffing teams across the eight specialist VAWDASV providers in MWW, specifically delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased hours of Specialist SV counselling • Case management support to release support workers to provide specialist support • Specific VAWDASV Training • Increased hours in Specialist DV and SV support • Additional hours in delivery of the Spectrum programme • Increased capacity in the Choices Perpetrator intervention • Additional hours of specific Children and Young people support 	In terms of the extension in capacity across all of our existing commissioned specialist services, we do not intend on decreasing this.
2. Services that are preventative or support children and young people suffering domestic abuse and sexual violence		We have monitored the demand on specialist service provision closely since March 2020.
3. Services that are preventative or support older people suffering domestic abuse and sexual violence		With the changes in lock-down restrictions, we have seen significant increases in demand across our specialist provision that has reached over 100% on the same period last year.
4. Services that are preventative or support victims and survivors of sexual violence		With the impact of Covid-19 continuing, the anticipated effect this will have on the rise of VAWDASV across our communities and the delay this may have on individuals reporting or accessing support is still unknown. However, after consultation with the specialist providers, it is a real concern that this upward turn in demand will continue and be a lasting consequence of the pandemic.
5. Services that are preventative or support victims and survivors of Honour Based Abuse, including FGM and Forced Marriage		For this reason, we intend to invest the allocated £198,000 of needs based funding within the Mid and West Wales 2021-22 Revenue Grant, into continuing this extension of capacity across all of our commissioned VAWDASV services.
6. Services that support behavioural change in perpetrators of abuse		
7. Staff training to provide cover for members of staff who are shielding, and to meet increased staffing needs due to demand		
8. Training required (e.g. vicarious trauma) that is not covered under the Welsh Government co-ordinated training.	Specialist providers in each local authority area have delivered or are in the process of delivering VAWDASV specific training for identified education-based	This training will be delivered by the end of March 2021. This will support and compliment the implementation of our Regional NTF delivery

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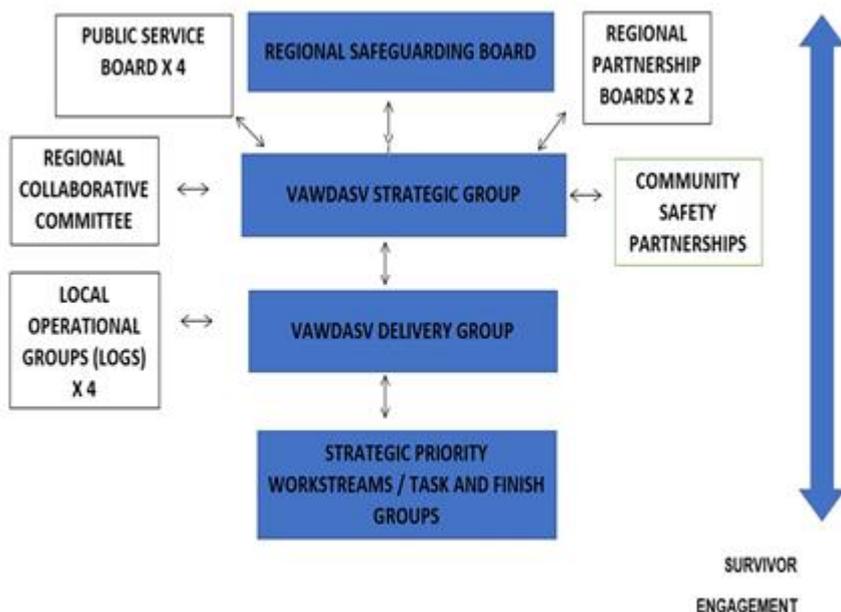
	<p>staff.</p> <p>This is intended to improve the response to disclosures of abuse and to ensure the return to school, following Covid-19 restrictions, is fully supported by appropriate specialist support.</p> <p>This will also build on the links between education staff and the specialist service provision within their area.</p>	<p>plan.</p> <p>When this training is complete our Regional Training Plan, specifically in relation to groups 2 and 3, will continue momentum in relation to appropriate responses to VAWDASV across all relevant authorities.</p>
<p>9. Additional resources to reduce backlogs and free up capacity for those needing urgent support</p>	<p>As outlined above, our regional allocation has been used to increase capacity across all of our currently commissioned specialist services.</p> <p>This includes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased SV Counselling hours • Case management functions to free up support workers • Increased CYP support hours <p>This increase in capacity has ensured that we are meeting the demand as it presents to us. This ensures support is provided at the right time and we can respond to need in the best way.</p> <p>By doing this we are able to avoid waiting lists and clear current backlogs, in order to ensure access to services are not hindered or delayed.</p>	<p>As outlined above, we will be allocating the £198,000 of the MWW 2021-22 Needs Based Support allocation to continuation of this increased capacity across all current commissioned services.</p>
<p>10. Support for VAWDASV service providers to prepare for and meet additional demand for support as lockdown measures are eased, including taking precautions against the spread of</p>	<p>Our MWWW allocation has increased the capacity within all existing VAWDASV specialist services across the region.</p> <p>To date this has included increased capacity for the</p>	

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Covid-19	<p>staffing teams across the eight specialist VAWDASV providers in MWW, specifically delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased hours of Specialist SV counselling • Case management support to release support workers to provide specialist support • Specific VAWDASV Training • Increased hours in Specialist DV and SV support • Additional hours in delivery of the Spectrum programme • Increased capacity in the Choices Perpetrator intervention • Additional hours of specific Children and Young people support 	
11. Other, please describe	NA	NA

SECTION 6: GOVERNANCE – For whole of the VAWDASV Grant, including Annex A and Annex B

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



As mentioned previously, the above governance structure is now in place.

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

- Regional Partnership Boards- As Regional Adviser I have made links with the representatives for both boards which allows opportunities for us to identify commonalities in work under the both agendas. This is now being further enhanced with work on aligning work more closely.
- The HSCG- HSG- Representation from this board sits on the Regional VAWDASV Board. As regional Adviser I also sit on the HSCG group to ensure co-ordination of work is consistent and aligns with the work of the regional VAWDASV strategy.
- The DCI leading on VAWDASV for Dyfed Powys Police is the Chair of the VAWDASV Strategic Board and the Director of Commissioning for the Police and Crime Commissioner sits on the VAWDASV Strategic Board. We also have a DI leading on priority 3 workstream within the delivery plan.
- The Regional Adviser reports directly into the Local Criminal Justice Board in order to ensure that the priorities of the LCJB are represented at the VAWDASV Board.

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- The Regional Advisor attends the Regional Specialist Service Providers Forum routinely to provide update and consultation on the work under the regional strategy.

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

The key subgroups under the MWW Strategy are;

- Survivor Engagement and Communication
 - TOR established
 - Updated membership
 - Revised action plan
- Priority 2 Subgroup
 - LA Education Safeguarding reps have been nominated from the RSB to lead on this are of work.
 - Agreement was for the education leads to take forward work to analyse at the self-assessment of schools- this has been postponed due to Covid-19. Activity was re-focussed on ensure support is provided to children and families impacted by VAWDASV.
- Priority 3 Subgroup Holding Perpetrators to account
This subgroup is well established and oversees the work under priority 3 including Regional Daily Discussion Process, Revenue and Capital Grant Award and two pilots of perpetrator intervention.
- Training Subgroup
All Training relevant authorities and specialist providers are members of this well-established subgroup.
 - Revised Regional virtual package of Ask and Act Delivery
 - Revised 2020-21 Regional Training Plan
- VAWDASV Commissioning Subgroup
 - Commissioning Subgroup and membership established with TOR
 - Commissioning document is now published on the WMM RSB website
 - Revised Action Plan to focus on consistent Regional VAWDASV Service Specification

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

No risks identified

SECTION 7: CERTIFICATION