

**Audit of Regional Working - People Directorate**

Name of Regional Group / Working	Which Partners are involved?	What is the remit?	What are the Benefits to Swansea Council of this Group?
WB Regional Partnership Board	Leaders, Portfolio holders, Chief executives and Director/Chief Social Services officer of Swansea Council, Neath Port Talbot CBC, Bridgend CBC, Chairman and Executive leads for ABMU HB, directors/executives of 3rd Sector representatives, CVS's, Citizens panel and Carers partnership representatives, independent sector, Western Bay Programme Director (Councillor R Jones NPT CBC Chair, Andrew Davies Chairman ABMU HB Vice Chair)	Statutory requirement. Provides a senior forum to oversee the discharge of duties under Part 9 of the Social Services Wellbeing Act; agree Regional priorities; identify and respond to opportunities for collaboration and integration of Health, social care and wellbeing. Oversee the delivery of the Regional programme and 'unblock' obstacles to collaborative working	Significant influence around the discharge of duties and delivery of integrated Health Social and wellbeing activity for the citizens of Swansea; ensuring collaboration and co-production through economies of scale resulting from regional partnership working. Working in partnership to respond and lobby WG and respond to new legislation
ERW (Education through Regional Working)	Leaders, Portfolio holders, Chief executives and Directors/Chief Education Officers of Swansea Council, NPTCBC, Cymarthenshire, Powys, Pembrokeshire, Ceredigion. School staff, governors and local authority education department staff.	School improvement – which is defined as challenge and support strategies delivered by regional consortia that improve the teaching and learning in classrooms and lead to improved pupil attainment and progress at all levels and in all contexts. Delivery of the national system for categorising schools, which has been co-constructed by Welsh Government, local authorities, consortia, unions and the profession. This system has replaced the previous individual systems developed by each consortium. This consistent national approach supports schools in their self-evaluation and development planning via a core entitlement to support. Supporting the development of school leadership at all levels – which includes developing opportunities for emerging and senior leaders to develop their experience and expertise by having assignment and secondments in other schools, in addition to commissioning, and co-ordinating the provision of training and development programmes.	Consortium working has ensured greater challenge to Swansea schools, a consistent application of the national categorisation system (where support is proportionate to need). Support for new qualifications in secondary schools has been provided and there has been suitable support to prepare schools for greater digital competence. Schools now benefit from a range of virtual networks, consistent guidance on Welsh as a second language within and outside the classroom. Support for vulnerable learners has been co-ordinated by the regional service via training for attachment aware schools. Joint conferences and training between Neath Port Talbot and Swansea are arranged to reduce duplication and pool resources. Most functions that ERW has been asked to undertake have been delivered well for Swansea by utilising existing staff within Swansea and across the Hub.
ERW Joint Committee	The Joint Committee is made up of the six Local Authority leaders and is advised by the Executive Board of Directors, external school improvement experts, Headteacher representatives and the Managing Director.	The Joint Committee provides strategic direction, financial oversight and ensures effective and efficient delivery of the service.	Consortium working has ensured greater challenge to Swansea schools, a consistent application of the national categorisation system (where support is proportionate to need).
ERW Executive Board	The Executive Board is made up of the Directors of Education from each of the six Local Authorities within the consortium, and external members.	The Board meets monthly to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor progress against the Business Plan</li> <li>• Hold Delivery Board to account against the Business Plan</li> <li>• Financial planning and accountability</li> </ul>	
<b>Tier 1</b>			
Leadership Group	Chief executives, Directors and Chief social services officers Swansea Council, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMUHB Directors of services; (Swansea Council Chief Exec Chair)	Provides strategic direction and leadership to ensure effective partnership working; provides commitment and endorsement of programme objectives at Executive level; review, challenge and ratification of business plans/proposals;	Enables Swansea to ensure on going strategic alignment of WB programme with SC strategic direction and ensuring decisions are progressed through the appropriate Cabinet/Board; a focus for strategic planning on a cross boundary basis in the interests of securing improved and sustainable performance, efficiency savings and a reduction in service costs.
Programme Team	LA directors, Heads of Adult Services, 1 Head of Childrens services representative, CVC senior representative; ABMU HB Assistant Director of Strategy and partnerships.	Champion, direct and drive the Regional Programme forward	Enables Swansea to ensure on going strategic alignment of WB programme with SC strategic direction and influence the direction of the programme and commitment from partners
Finance and Legal group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB	Ensure a common understanding of WB Programme including financial commitments required from each partner organisation and ensure collective financial governance	Ensure financial commitment is in line and aligned to SC budget; realising financial economy of scale in delivery of Section 9 of the Act by working regionally and in partnership
HR leads group and Regional Trade Union forum	SC, NPTBC, BCBC, ABMUHB, Unison, GMB, RCN BMA and UNITE	Have good working relations for the mutual benefit of statutory partners in the effective delivery of the WB Programme. To share relevant information and intelligence including any workforce matters which may impact on the partners	Positive workforce engagement in relation to regional working

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Community Services Planning and Delivery Board	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, 3rd Sector	Planning and commissioning of services for older people that require a common approach across the region. Provide strategic cross challenge around performance and delivery. To oversee the implementation of the social services element of the SS Wellbeing Act regional implementation plan	The Board provides a focus for strategic planning on a cross boundary basis and ensures that best practice is identified and shared in the interests of securing improved and sustainable performance, efficiency savings and a reduction in service costs. Shared knowledge, resources and good practice, standardised ways of working
Community Services Performance sub group	SC NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB	Standardised data collection and reporting infrastructures across the region; ensure comparable data from each of the 3 LA's is provided to the Operational sub group and to Community Services Planning and delivery Board	Enables SC to monitor key performance measures around older peoples services; benchmarking against partner LA's and re design services as needed based on sharing of best practice and improved outcomes; ensuring regionally citizens have access to the same high quality services
Community Services Operational Sub group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, 3rd Sector	Ensure the delivery of a consistent whole system service model, including primary, core and secondary care services across all work streams in Western Bay Community Services Programme; To act as main operational group across Western Bay Community Services for all work streams in the programme	Taking a regional approach enables best practice to be shared across Western Bay improving outcomes for the citizens of Swansea; taking a regional approach to quality frameworks, performance and evaluation
Care Homes sub group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, 3rd Sector	Oversight of implementation of legislation and strategies relating to care homes for older people across the Western Bay region, including the progress of WB care homes commissioning strategy	Taking a regional approach enables best practice to be shared across Western Bay improving outcomes for the citizens of Swansea; taking a regional approach to quality frameworks, performance and evaluation
Care and Support at Home Task and Finish Group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, 3rd Sector	Explore strategically and operationally across Western Bay, the provision of all long-term services delivered to citizens in their home setting; Review the themes highlighted in the Domiciliary Care Position Statement and equally apply to all provision of domiciliary care and all provision of direct payments for older people.	Taking a regional approach enables best practice to be shared across Western Bay improving outcomes for the citizens of Swansea; taking a regional approach to provision of services, quality frameworks, performance and evaluation
Pooled fund for Care Homes Task and Finish Group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB,	Oversight of the development and implementation of a pooled fund for care homes for older people as required by the Social Services & Wellbeing (Wales) Act	The development of a Regional pooled fund for care home provision across Western Bay is requirement outlined in SSW Act therefore a statutory requirement; Swansea will directly benefit by being part of this to ensure they have influence over the development of the fund and also long term ability to influence and shape the care home provision across Swansea.
Anticipatory care sub group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB,	Develop a process to implement Anticipatory care planning across Western Bay based on the 'What Matters To Me' model; sharing what is developed and tested. With a long term view that this becomes part of core services	Sharing best practice around service delivery to improve outcomes
Commissioning for Complex Needs Board	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB,	To develop and implement outcomes based commissioning to secure accommodation and support for Adults and Children with complex needs; to implement a Regional Quality Framework	Taking a regional approach enables best practice to be shared across Western Bay improving outcome based commissioning for the citizens of Swansea; taking a regional approach to commissioning, a quality framework, and evaluation. The strength of a collective voice in negotiating providers
Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS)	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, NWIS	Ensure that the implementation, development and use of WCCIS supports the local and regional requirements for the ongoing transformation of the delivery of integrated health and social services	Sharing learning and experiences to ensure that Swansea's implementation and development of WCCIS is supported and strategically developed to achieve the ambitions for integrated Health and Social Care working. Therefore the real benefits for Swansea will be to call on the experience and networking available in the Regional Team which includes their ability to coordinate, develop and support best practice to implement consistent approaches and thereby minimising duplication, and the need to "re-invent the wheel".
Workforce development steering group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, Social Care Wales	Identify and support key workforce issues from the sector in each region: Recruitment and Retention to promote careers within social care sector; Education and Training Provision ensuring a qualified, competent and confident workforce	Swansea will benefit from taking a regional approach by having a skilled workforce in place and for the care sector to be viewed positively by those considering this sector as a career option; an ability to influence a much wider audience who may consider working across the Swansea area.

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Area Planning steering group	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, 3rd Sector, Carers partnership	To ensure the development and production of an area plan for integration of Health and Social care which responds to the findings of the Population assessment.	Sharing resources across Western Bay to develop and deliver an area plan in response to the population assessment; economies of scale and influence
Heads of Childrens services	ABMU HB, BCBC, SC, NPTCBC	Ensure the delivery of key priorities for children with complex needs	The group provides a focus for strategic planning on a cross boundary basis and ensures that best practice is identified and shared in the interests of securing improved and sustainable performance, efficiency savings and a reduction in service costs. Shared knowledge, resources and good practice, standardised ways of working
Integrated Autism Service	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, ASD info Wales	Oversee the development of a Regional integrated Autism service	Swansea benefit from a wide range of expertise with the sharing of ideas and best practice and informing the development of the service
ICF - grant allocation process	SC NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, 3rd Sector, Carers partnership	To oversee the allocation of Integrated Care Fund funding held by ABMU HB on behalf of the Region; Administered by WB programme office. Western Bay programme office support all aspects and gather quarterly reports for submission to WG	Oversight and influence of projects that are funded across WB.
Citizens Panel	Citizens from across Western Bay; BCBC, ABMUHB	To inform and engage with Citizens around the work of Western bay and provide link to the Regional Partnership Board.	Gives a voice to citizens across Swansea engaging, informing and enabling them to understand the processes and services being taken through regional partnership board and enabling them to be part of the decision making process
Carers Partnership Board	Representatives form carers groups across Western Bay; Swansea, NPT and Bridgend CVCs, ABMU HB, SC, NPTCB, BCBC, 3rd Sector	Improve the lives of Carers across the WB area by building on the progress achieved as a result of the Valuing Carers Strategy; maintain the momentum of Carers awareness and provide a framework for partner organisations to respond to Carers within the remit of the Social Services and Well-Being Act 2014 (Wales)	Ensuring Swansea's duty to carers as outlined in the SS Well Being Act (2014) is fulfilled; enabling best practice around the support of carers to be shared
Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Commissioning Board	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMUHB, 3rd Sector	To ensure the delivery of key priorities for mental health and learning disability services for adults and their families; to lead the development of strategies and commissioning priorities to inform the co-production of proposals to redesign or create new models of	A forum to share best practice around commissioning services and enables Swansea to contribute to the development and influence new models of care
<b>Tier 2</b>			
Regional Adoption Service	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, Independent and 3rd Sector	The aim of this group is to develop a new regional adoption service collaborating across all 3 local authority adoption agencies.	Ability to influence the development of the regional adoption service
Regional safeguarding Children	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMUHB, police, probationary service, WAST, independent and 3rd sector	SCBs are the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the relevant organisations in each area will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do. Western Bay Safeguarding Children Board is committed to the UNCRC and believes in the 7 Core Aims for all children and young people which state that they should: have a flying start in life have a comprehensive range of education, training and learning opportunities have the best possible health, free from abuse, victimisation and exploitation have access to play, leisure, sporting and cultural activities be treated with respect and have their race and cultural identity recognised have a safe home and community that supports physical and emotional wellbeing not be disadvantaged by poverty	Ability to influence and share best practice around safeguarding children across Swansea
Regional safeguarding Adults	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMUHB, police, probationary service, WAST, independent and 3rd sector	SCBs are the key statutory mechanism for agreeing how the relevant organisations in each area will cooperate to safeguard and promote the welfare of Adults, and for ensuring the effectiveness of what they do.	Ability to influence and share best practice around safeguarding Adults across Swansea

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Area Planning Board for substance misuse	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMUHB, police, probationary service, WAST, independent and 3rd sector	The APB wants to make sure there are a wide range of integrated services that meet the needs of residents and which improve people's wellbeing, preventing people from using drugs and alcohol harmfully and providing services for those who do need to access specialist service provision, "where service users move seamlessly between services, or access a number of mutually supportive services without necessarily being aware that they are provided by different service providers or service sectors." (Welsh Government)	Ability to influence the development of substance misuse services regionally and also share best practice.
Integrated Family Support Service	SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMUHB	To develop an integrated family support team for referrals when there are concerns about the welfare of children, such as: substance misuse, Domestic violence or abuse, a history of violent or abusive behaviour; mental health issues. Families who experience such difficulties might be at risk of having their children placed into care or having their names put on the Child Protection Register. IFSS work with families to help them to make positive changes, so that any concerns are lessened and children can stay safely at home. IFSS teams provide targeted support and help connect children and adult services, focusing on the family as a unit	Ability to influence the development of IFS services regionally and also share best practice.
Regional collaborative committee for supporting people	Councillors from NPTCBC, SC, BCBC, independent and 3rd sector provider representatives, probation services and substance misuse representatives, ABMU HB Assistant director of Strategy and Partnerships, SPNAB rep	The Supporting People Programme was launched in 2003 and brought together housing-related funding streams from across central government. The Supporting People Programme Grant (SPPG) provides housing-related support to help vulnerable people avoid homelessness and allows them to live as independently as possible. This could be in people's own homes or in hostels, sheltered housing, or other specialist supported housing. The Programme has close policy links across the Welsh Government e.g. Social Services, Health, Probation and Community Safety, Tackling Poverty and Public Service Policy. Whilst the Supporting People Programme can help vulnerable people with housing related matters, Social Services Departments can help with personal care.	
Youth Justice and intervention service	Police, Probation Service, SC, NPTCBC, BCBC, ABMU HB, Education, Substance Misuse Agencies and Housing	The service works with young people aged 10-17 and has 3 main areas of work: Preventing Offending: A large area of work centres around preventing young people from committing an offence and getting involved in the youth justice system. Offenders: The service works with work with young people who have come to the attention of the police and the courts because of their offending. Depending on their sentence, the Youth Justice Service has to supervise the young person throughout their order. During this time the service looks at how it can assist the young person to stop re-offending. Community Safety : A small number of young people continue to reoffend and some young people commit very serious offences. The Service is responsible for working with the young person during their time in prison and when they are released back into the community.	

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Western Bay Regional CONTEST Board	SC, BCBC, NPTCBC, ABMU, SWP, MWWFRS, WECTU, National Probation Service, Wales Community Rehabilitation Company, WG, WAST, Home Office	<p>The Western Bay Regional CONTEST Board's primary role is to progress the delivery of the Wales CONTEST Strategy by ensuring effective multi agency partnership working</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <p>Ensure that local PREVENT action plans are developed and delivered across the partnership area and, where possible, mainstreaming into everyday service delivery;</p> <p>Establish local partnership governance arrangements that identify officers within partner agencies leading on PREVENT and their roles and responsibilities;</p> <p>Establish a process for the formal evaluation of the outputs, outcomes and benefits of relevant local PREVENT projects;</p> <p>Ensure that local PROTECT and PREPARE action plans are developed and delivered across the partnership area and, where possible, mainstreaming into everyday service delivery;</p> <p>Establish local partnership governance arrangements that identify officers within partner agencies leading on PROTECT and PREPARE and their roles and responsibilities;</p> <p>Establish a process for the formal evaluation of the outputs, outcomes and benefits of relevant local PROTECT and PREPARE projects;</p> <hr/> <p>Ensure information sharing protocols enable the sensitive and confidential sharing of intelligence and/or sensitive information between Police and other partners, particularly with regard to individuals/institutions vulnerable to radicalisation and the exchange of information on risk levels, threats and mitigating actions.</p> <p>To be responsible for providing an annual report to the Wales CONTEST Board on progress, developments and emerging best practice.</p>	<p>Significant influence around the discharge of duties and delivery of CONTEST activity for Swansea and ensuring collaboration and multi agency regional partnership working. Opportunity to chair the board as this responsibility is rotated between the 3 local authorities on an annual basis. Collaborate with the Home Office and Welsh Government on the Dovetail Pilot (Swansea the only local authority in Wales and one of 9 nationally) to develop a sustainable Channel model for Wales</p>