



To: Members of the Partnerships
Scrutiny Committee

Date: 21 September 2012

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **THURSDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2012** in **COUNTY HALL, RUTHIN.**

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

AGENDA

PART 1 - THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS PART OF THE MEETING

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

Notice of items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (Pages 5 - 16)

To receive the minutes of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12th July 2012 (copy attached).

5 REVIEW OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN NORTH EAST WALES (Pages 17 - 22)

To consider a report (copy enclosed) which asks the Committee to provide comments and observations which will inform Denbighshire County Council's submission to the Independent Review Panel established to review the provision of higher education in North East Wales.

9:45am

For business item 6 the Committee will be sitting as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee in accordance with the Police and Justice Act 2006 ss.19 and 20

6 COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (Pages 23 - 46)

To receive a report (copy enclosed) from the Community Safety Manager which details the progress made in delivering the Community Safety Partnership's Action Plan 2011/12, and invites the Committee to comment on the Partnership's capacity to deliver the remainder of the three year statutory plan.

10:15am

BREAK

10:45am

7 NORTH EAST WALES HUB FOOD WASTE PROJECT (Pages 47 - 50)

To consider and comment on a report (copy enclosed) from the Waste and Recycling Manager which gives an update of the progress of the North East Wales Hub Food Waste Project and the potential implications that the change of preferred bidder might have on the project.

11:00am

8 CONWY AND DENBIGHSHIRE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN'S BOARD (LSCB) ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 51 - 96)

To consider and scrutinise the Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report for 2011-12, providing observations on the Board's governance and financial arrangements and monitoring progress against the LSCB's key priorities. An update of developments made against the Business Plan for 2012-13 in the first quarter of the year (April – June 2012) will also be given and the Committee is invited to make recommendations as appropriate.

11:30am

9 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 97 - 116)

To consider a report by the Scrutiny Coordinator (copy enclosed) seeking a review of the committee's forward work programme and updating members on relevant issues.

12:00pm

10 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

To receive any updates from Committee representatives on various Council Boards and Groups.

PART 2 - CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

No items.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Brian Blakeley
Ann Davies
Meirick Davies
Alice Jones
Pat Jones

Margaret McCarroll
Dewi Owens
Merfyn Parry
Bill Tasker
Huw Williams

Voting Co-opted Members for Education (Agenda Item No. X only)

Ms C. Burgess
Mrs. G. Greenland

Ms. D. Houghton
Dr. D. Marjoram

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PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held in Conference Room 1a, County Hall, Ruthin on Thursday, 12 July 2012 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillors Brian Blakeley (Chair), Alice Jones (Vice-Chair), Pat Jones, Margaret McCarroll, Merfyn Parry and Bill Tasker.

Councillors Raymond Bartley, Bobby Feeley (Lead Member for Social Care and Children's Services) and Colin Hughes attended as Observers.

ALSO PRESENT

Assistant Director for Community Partnership, BCUHB (WT); Head of Children and Family Services (LR); Head of Adult and Business Services (PG); Head of Business Planning and Performance (AS), Commissioning and Evaluation Officer (JJH); Strategic Regeneration Manager (MD); Regional Manager, New Work Connections (ME); Senior European and External Funding Officer (SM-J); Regional Finance Officer, New Work Connections (HW); External Funding Claims Manager (AB); Scrutiny Co-ordinator (RE) and Committee Administrator (SLW).

1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Davies, Meirick Davies, Peter Evans and Dewi Owens.

Apologies for absence were also received from the Corporate Director of Modernising and Wellbeing (SE).

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No Members declared any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at the meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS AS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

No items were raised which in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of a meeting of the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee held on 31st May 2012 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the Minutes be received and approved as a correct record.

5 AGREEMENT OF A JOINT SCHEME FOR THE PROVISION OF LOCAL PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

The Head of Adult and Business Services (HABS) presented a report (previously circulated) for the Committee to agree a joint scheme for the provision of Local Primary Mental Health Support Services (LPMHSS) in North Wales, as required under Part 1 of the Mental Health (Wales) Measure 2010. HABS introduced the Assistant Director for Community Partnership Development, BCUHB, (AD:CPD) Wyn Thomas who was leading on the scheme on behalf of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB) and the Head of Children and Family Services (HCFS) who was also involved with the scheme.

AD:CPD gave a résumé of the report. The Measure did not deal with compulsory admission and treatment of people, but dealt with the assessing and receiving of care and treatment within primary and secondary mental health services. The Measure was to strengthen the role of primary care in delivering effective mental health care and treatment and set out the requirement that LPMHSS would be provided throughout Wales by October 2012.

The Measure was in four parts:-

- Part 1 – Local Primary Mental Health Support Services (LPMHSS) (October 2012)
- Part 2 – Care co-ordination and care and treatment planning (June 2012)
- Part 3 – Assessments of former users of secondary mental health services (June 2012)
- Part 4 – Mental Health Advocacy (January and April 2012).

The report presented related to Part 1 of the Measure.

Local Authorities across North Wales were working together with BCU on this Measure. A number of questions on various aspects of the information contained in the report were raised by members and officers responded as follows:-

- AD:CPD gave an explanation regarding the levels of staffing. Conwy and Denbighshire already had in place the structure to assist with the Measure but, for example, Gwynedd did not. The guidance was for 1 worker per 20,000 population. Therefore, Conwy and Denbighshire did not require a high number of new staff as the model was virtually in place, whereas Gwynedd required an additional number of new staff.
- AD:CPD clarified that regarding the overall Measure, there had been consultation with various stakeholders, including some service users and the proposed North Wales implementation had been included as part of the consultation. The draft Scheme and its implementation was a requirement of Welsh Government (WG) legislation and the WG had developed a national service model for LPMHSS. There were service users who were members on the Project Board and, therefore, any information could be passed on from those meetings. Future engagement of service users was being investigated and a full review was taking place. The Scheme itself would be reviewed on a quarterly basis by the North Wales Mental Health Collaborative.

- The Head of Children and Family Services (HCFS) stated in his experience there had been service users involved as part of the overall process of drawing up the scheme.
- The emphasis of the Scheme was early intervention aimed at preventing service users being admitted into care and an element of any care plans drawn up would include the involvement of close family members and carers for the service users, as per Part 2 of the Measure. Occasionally, service users did not want family members to be involved. Whereas some service users with wider support, often felt able to cope if family members were more involved. The best care provided was not only professional but also when included family support as it was the family who noticed changes, however slight, with the service user.
- AD:CPD stated in theory the Measure should alleviate some of the pressure on GP surgeries as the Measure should give GPs quicker access to mental health treatment. Workers would spend time within the GP Practice assessing and referring cases. GP accommodation though, could be a problem, as if GP's could not provide the service within their premises, then the service would have to be provided elsewhere. The knowledge of both the GP's and the Practice staff would be improved by working closely with the staff involved with the assessments. Monitoring of the referrals and demands on the LPMHSS and their associated activities would take place as, if demand increased, there would be service implications. The monitoring would be carried out jointly by BCU and the local authority. BCU currently monitor elements within various Measures and the results are reported to the WG.

The Lead Member for Social Care and Children's Services stated overall the Measure was a good one. She could see initially that the Service may identify more people as needing these services, particularly with people living longer and the increase in the number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, therefore, she was concerned about the potential cost and how this would be met in future across the region.

The Vice-Chair stated one in four people in the county suffer from mental health problems and GP's would require training on this scheme. In response to a question about the qualifications of the workers carrying out the assessments the AD:CPD confirmed that the Health Board would employ primary health workers. Psychiatric nurses, social workers, qualified therapists etc., who were recruited within defined professions and possessed the required qualifications to carry out the assessments. They would work in GP surgeries part-time, possibly one day per week and assess a person's needs. If a person had more serious mental health needs, a referral would be made.

In response to other questions the AD:CPD advised that:-

- With respect to the take up of beds within the Ablett Unit which was an acute ward, with a limit of six weeks for a service user to have the use of the bed, the occupancy figures were high, 80% and pressure regarding take up of beds did exist.

- Unllais was a voluntary organisation which gave advice, and undertook training for voluntary sector organisations. Unllais also dealt with advocacy services and supported a range of other organisations.
- GP's were being encouraged to prescribe anti-depressant drugs effectively. There was a service in North Wales for people taking prescription drugs to assist them to eventually come off these. Occasionally, drugs were prescribed in the absence of intervention.

The Chair expressed concern regarding the help offered to carers and questioned whether sufficient help was offered. The AD:CPD clarified that the Measure did not directly affect carers but that the Carers Strategies (Wales) Measure 2010 which required NHS authorities in Wales to develop Carers Strategies which have to be approved by WG Ministers by the end October, 2012 should ensure that carers needs are met. The Committee:-

Resolved that :

- (a) *subject to the above observations, to agree with the requirement to have a scheme in place for Part 1 of the Measure and the arrangements to develop and agree the regional scheme which has been established;*
- (b) *the Lead Member keep Partnerships Scrutiny Committee updated regarding the progress with the implementation and the monitoring of the Scheme; and*
- (c) *an update report of the progress with the implementation of the Joint Scheme be presented at future Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting in either March/April 2013.*

6 TENDERING AND AWARD PROCESS FOR THE FAMILIES FIRST PROGRAMME FUNDING FROM APRIL 2012

The Head of Business Planning and Performance (HBPP) presented a report (previously circulated) to provide the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee with detail of the tendering and award process for the commissioning of services to support the Families First Programme in Denbighshire and to update the Committee on the current position in relation to the commissioning of Families First Strategic Projects for the 2012-2014 financial period.

HBPP gave some background to the process.

In 2011/2012 funding was secured from Cymorth and the method for its distribution had been decided by the partners of Children and Young People's Strategic Partnerships Programme Board (CYPSPPB) of which Denbighshire County Council was a lead partner. The majority of the funds were given in small grants to groups, some of whom successfully utilised the money. However, 2011/2012 was a transition year between the former Cymorth funding and the new Families First initiative and the projects who successfully bid for funding in 2011/2012 were made aware from the outset that the funding would cease at the end of March 2012. Because of this, each organisation had been encouraged and assisted to develop an exit strategy to assist them to manage the changes ahead. The Welsh Government had closely monitored where the funding had been allocated in previous years and the rules around the new Families First initiative were quite stringent and specific that monies allocated in future would have to be for the

purpose of alleviating and combating child poverty and to support vulnerable families. In the past it had been extremely difficult to monitor a larger number of organisations who had received funding and this had caused major problems.

As lead partner it was Denbighshire's job to switch where funds had been spent over the last 5 years to new priorities. This had been controversial and very difficult to do. It meant some organisations could no longer bid for funding as they did not meet the criteria. To qualify for Families First Programme funding bids had to demonstrate that they would support the delivery of Outcome 4 of the Local Service Board's Single Integrated Plan, the BIG Plan, which was that "vulnerable families in Denbighshire are supported to live a life free from poverty, where they can be independent and flourish."

The CYPSPPB had established a multi-agency Project Board to manage and commission bids for funding. It had decided on the nine funding streams that would help deliver the above outcome. The Board had also decided to use a tendering process for allocation of the funds. There was a clear criteria of what was being done and how the money was to be distributed. Support and information was also given to potential providers to assist them with the tendering process.

A large number of tenders were received and at the end, out of 9 themes/strands, 7 were commissioned and in place by April 2012.

Family Support and Disability service elements were unable to be commissioned at that time as the Panel was not convinced that the tenders received could deliver what was required. Consequently, it was decided to go out to re-tender on the Family Support element to enable the scale of services to be upgraded as this element would continue for another 3-4 years. Funding was available for the upkeep of services until a new service was in place in September 2012. This funding and the service level agreement in place with Denbighshire Homestart would assist with caseloads and working through the transition process. Eligible clients would be moved into new services following the letting of the successful tender. The whole process had been more complicated than originally planned but overall it meant improved value for money and improved services for clients. The whole programme was planned to be in place by September, 2012.

With respect to the Disability element, as the funding was only available up to 2014, the Disability Panel had recently concluded that provision of 4 out of 6 of the original areas could be covered, therefore, the amount paid would be reduced to take into account the interim provision provided by Cyfle Barnardo's Cymru.

In response to members' questions officers advised that:-

- They were working with the Partnerships and Communities Manager to see if the take up of free school meals, which would draw down a premium entitlement, could be improved and worked into the scheme.
- With respect to the decision not to let the 'Family Support' tender to Homestart, which had been a huge disappointment to a number of councillors, £20,000 had been given to Homestart to carry on working for the first quarter and this had now been extended until the end of August to cover

the summer period – the funding would be in place until the tender was let in order to assist with the transition and not to affect or disrupt the lives of the families in need of support.

- The issue with Homestart was that it only dealt with children under 5 and even though it mainly operated using volunteers, its running costs were extremely high. There was a need to work with a whole age range of children not just the under 5's. Homestart had submitted a tender for the work they currently carried out and not for services which were to be commissioned as per the tender specification.
- It was emphasised that every organisation had been given more than one year's notice for the changes. The objective of seeking tenders was to improve the service.
- Measurable outcomes had been devised for each of the contracts and these could be reported on to the Committee in future. The HBPP agreed to attend a future Partnership Scrutiny Meeting in January 2013 to update the Committee.

Following a detailed discussion it was:-

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) *subject to the above observations, the Committee supported the processes and decisions recommended by the Families First Project Board as endorsed at special meetings of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP); and*
- (b) *the Head of Business Planning and Performance reports back to the Committee in January 2013 on the progress achieved in implementing and delivering the services commissioned and consequently outcome 4 of the BIG Plan.*

7 NEW WORK CONNECTIONS REPORT

The Regional Manager of New Work Connections (RM) presented a report (previously circulated) and gave a presentation providing information to the Committee regarding the New Work Connections Project. Further information relating to the Project's performance, expenditure profile and risk management measures were circulated to members at the meeting. RM introduced colleagues who were also in attendance:-

- Sian Morgan-Jones, Senior European and External Funding Officer
- Helen Whitear, Regional Finance Officer, New Work Connections and
- Andy Brackley, External Funding Claims Manager

New Work Connections project was supporting a range of disadvantaged people into education, training and employment. The project covered the four local authority areas of Anglesey, Conwy, Denbighshire and Gwynedd (part of the former Objective 1 area and now part of the area entitled to Convergence funding) with Denbighshire as the Lead Sponsor. RM informed the Committee of the context of the project, what New Work Connections were aiming to do and what outcomes they were aiming to achieve.

Within Denbighshire £4,160,000 had been secured from European Social Funding and £2,906,000 match funding. A Partnership Agreement was in place to make sure of compliance with the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO) rules.

The project's aim was to reduce economic inactivity and to improve employment levels and individuals' skills sets. It helped people overcome barriers and achieve goals for sustainable employment. New Work Connections had an agreement with Job Centre Plus whereby New Work Connections were on the top of their list to work with.

New Work Connections reported to:-

- Welsh European Funding Office
- were included in the Council's Corporate Plan
- Service Business Plan
- North Wales Social Services Improvement Collaborative within Denbighshire and other local authorities.

In response to members' questions officers advised that:-

- the impact of the Department of Work & Pension's "Work Programme" had meant that the project had had to reprofile its outputs and expenditure.
- the project also fitted in with a number of the Council's regeneration and other priorities e.g. Rhyl Going Forward and Rhyl City Strategy and in recent months the project had been active in the south of the county as well as the north.
- whilst there was always an element of risk that WEFO could clawback some of the grant funding WEFO officials were always keen to stress that this risk was reduced as long as the Project could evidence with data that all reasonable steps had been taken to deliver the fundings objectives i.e. the delivery of better outcomes for individuals;
- an exit strategy was currently under development in readiness for when the funding would come to an end in the spring of 2014, as there was some considerable level of uncertainty on what exactly would come in its place.

Following detailed discussion, it was:-

Resolved that:-

- (a) *subject to the above observations, the Committee was satisfied that all areas listed in paragraph 3 of the report were being complied with; and*
- (b) *the Regional Manager of New Work Connections report back to the Committee in June 2013 on the Project's progress in delivering positive sustainable outcomes for the county's residents and for the Council itself as the project's lead sponsor.*

8 REGIONAL COLLABORATION ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Strategic Regeneration Manager (SRM) presented a report (previously circulated) setting out the development of a strategy to address the relative performance of the economy of North Wales compared to that of the other parts of Wales and the UK, and the creation by the region's six unitary authorities of a Board which will oversee the delivery of the strategy. North Wales economy had a low productivity (71% of the UK average), low levels of new firm formation and high levels of youth unemployment.

The report looked at how Denbighshire County Council engaged with other stakeholders and voluntary sectors. There was a proposal to have a business charter and to reinvigorate Denbighshire's approach to investment.

Three things had emerged from the workshops and discussions held across the region and the proposal was to focus on these themes and incorporate them into an action plan. The themes being:-

- Environment and Energy sector
- Advanced manufacturing
- "Destination North Wales" – how to promote the area

The first job for the Board would be to develop a Business Plan, and by working together there would be a stronger unified voice. In terms of taking it forward, the report was to be presented at Cabinet on 17th July 2012. All other five local authorities were also presenting their reports to their various Cabinets.

The North Wales Economic ambition Board would comprise of elected members from each authority and it seemed that the portfolio holder with responsibility for regeneration would be an appropriate member to serve on the Board. Each Council's member on the Board would be expected to communicate information on the Board's work and discussions to their respective authority. If Denbighshire, when deciding on its corporate priorities for the next Council term, did decide that economic ambition was to be one of its priorities, an internal programme board would most likely be established and there could potentially be scrutiny members serving on that internal board.

The Vice-Chair raised the issue of whether St. Asaph Business Park could be considered a success. She stated that half of the business units appeared to be empty and there were 50,000 square metres of vacant space available to let. Companies had originally moved on to the business park having been enticed by grant funding, but when the grant funding coming to an end, some companies had relocated. There was an urgent need to encourage private companies to the area, encourage the establishment and growth of local businesses and boost youth employment.

The SRM confirmed the approach being proposed would address the following issues:-

- Whether buildings were available and in the most appropriate locations

- Was the required infrastructure available
- Prospective employers needed to know if there were people with the relevant skills etc.

The Committee agreed that it wanted to see a holistic approach developed for economic development, which had regard for local needs, looking at the infrastructure of the region, the skills base and opportunities available in order to build upon them and improve skills (particularly young people's skills and qualifications). Greater emphasis should be placed in future on attracting private sector investment and on nurturing local people/businesses to consider establishing or expanding their businesses so that a much broader range of opportunities were available for people of all ages in the area. In addition a balance needed to be struck between inward investment, ambition, innovation and regulation in order to develop a sustainable economy for the long term. There was a strong feeling that regulation at present stifled private businesses and innovation. It was:-

Resolved that subject to the above the Committee support:-

- the principals of the Economic Ambition – a Strategy of Change document as presented with the report;*
- the proposal to form the Economic Ambition Board and its draft constitution as set out in appendix 2 to the report; and*
- that an update on the Strategy for Change document and the establishment of a Regional Economic Ambition Board be provided to the Committee in early 2013.*

9 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator presented a report (previously circulated) seeking the Committee to review the draft Forward Work Programme which provided an update on relevant issues.

An amended Forward Work Programme had been distributed at the meeting following changes since the previous circulation. The following changes were agreed to the forward work programme:-

27 September:-

- Regional Collaboration Project on CCTV – to be deferred to a future meeting, date to be confirmed.
- Youth Justice Service – to be moved to 8th November meeting.

8 November:-

- N E Wales Hub Food Waste Project – to be moved to 27 September meeting.
- Conwy & Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) Annual Report - The Scrutiny Co-ordinator to confirm whether this could be moved forward to 27 September meeting

The National Health Service Strategic Reviews were to be published that day (12th July 2012), therefore the Scrutiny Co-ordinator recommended a Workshop Group

as previously agreed by the Committee to discuss the findings. Two dates were agreed:-

- 20th July 2012 @ 3.30pm
- 8th August @ 9.30am

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator informed the Committee that every six months, Partnerships Scrutiny meet with BCU to discuss issues, usually 2 or 3 subjects. It was suggested a special meeting be organised to deal with this in either October or November. All present agreed the date of 11th October at 9.30am for the meeting.

Member representatives for Service Challenge Group were required for 4 vacancies as follows:-

- Adult & Business Services – Councillor Alice Jones volunteered.
- Business Planning & Performance - vacancy
- Finance & Assets – Councillor Merfyn Parry volunteered
- Strategic Human Resources – vacancy

A representative was also required for the Conwy and Denbighshire Collaboration Programme Board for which Councillor Pat Jones volunteered.

RESOLVED that subject to the above:-

- (a) The Forward Work Programme be approved;*
- (b) The above named members be appointed to serve as the Committee's representatives on the Service Challenge Groups and the Conwy and Denbighshire Collaboration Programme Board.*

10 FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Councillor Alice Jones confirmed she had been appointed on the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and on its Executive Panel. She had also attended a meeting of the Strategic Investment Group (SIG) which had discussed the proposed developments for Ruthin Leisure Centre and Prestatyn Library.

The meeting concluded at 1.20pm

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 27th September 2012

Lead Officer: Head of Housing & Community Development

Report Author: Strategic Regeneration Manager

Title: Review of Higher Education in North East Wales

1. What is the report about?

To provide observations to the Panel tasked with undertaking the review of Higher Education provision in North East Wales

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To engage with an important review with a view to influencing future provision of Higher Education in North East Wales

3. What are the recommendations?

To consider how to respond to the Panel in order to influence the outcome of the Review in the best interests of the residents and communities of Denbighshire

4. Report details

In July 2011 the Minister for Education and Skills published the Higher Education Council for Wales' (HEFCW's) advice on the recommended structure of the higher education sector set out in the *Future Structure of Higher Education in Wales* report. This report contained the recommendation that Glyndwr University should develop strong structural relationships with a range of further education colleges within a group structure led by Aberystwyth and Bangor Universities.

After considering the issues raised during the subsequent written engagement exercise, the Minister made a statement to the Assembly on 29 November informing Members that he had not accepted HEFCW's advice with regard to North Wales. In keeping with the arguments expressed by a number of stakeholders, he considered that there was a case for considering more closely the existing pattern of provision in North East Wales and for examining further the options for securing greater regional coherence in the delivery of further and higher education.

An independent Review Panel was established under the Chairmanship of Professor Sir Adrian Webb to undertake a review of Higher Education Provision in North East Wales. The objectives and timescale for the Review and details of the membership of the Review Panel are set out in the Annex to the report.

The Vice Chancellor of Glyndwr University, Professor Mike Scott, has kindly agreed to make a presentation to the Committee about the University and its role in North East Wales.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The decision would contribute towards the proposed corporate priority for economic ambition. The proportion of Denbighshire residents educated to NVQ level 4 is lower than the equivalent figure for Wales and for neighbouring authority areas in England. Improving the educational attainment, employability and earnings of the county's residents ought therefore be a key outcome for any strategy which is developed for addressing this priority. The availability of Higher Education provision in the sub-region will be critical for achieving such an outcome and influencing future provision by responding to the current Review make a major contribution to the proposed corporate priority.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Not applicable

7. What consultations have been carried out?

The Review Panel has already held meetings with the Leader/Lead Member for Economic Development, the Deputy Leader/Lead Member for Education, the Corporate Director for Customers and the Strategic Regeneration Manager. The Chair of the review panel has been made aware of the committee's interest in this matter and has confirmed that any recommendations made will be considered as part of the review.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Not applicable

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

There is a risk that if the committee did not provide observations to the Review Panel, its recommendations to the Minister may not fully take into account the Council's views about the future arrangements for the provision of Higher Education in North East Wales.

10. Power to make the Decision

Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 gives the Council the power to do anything which it considers is likely to promote or improve the economic well-being of the area.

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**WRITTEN STATEMENT
BY
THE WELSH GOVERNMENT**

TITLE **Statement on the Review of Higher Education Provision in North East Wales**

DATE **9 February 2012**

BY **Leighton Andrews, Minister for Education and Skills**

In July 2011 I published the Higher Education Council for Wales' (HEFCW's) advice on the recommended structure of the higher education sector set out in the *Future Structure of Higher Education in Wales* report. This report contained the recommendation that Glyndwr University should develop strong structural relationships with a range of further education colleges within a group structure led by Aberystwyth and Bangor Universities.

After considering the issues raised during the subsequent written engagement exercise, I made a statement to the Assembly on 29 November informing Members that I had not accepted HEFCW's advice with regard to North Wales. In keeping with the arguments expressed by a number of stakeholders, I considered that there was a case for considering more closely the existing pattern of provision in North East Wales and for examining further the options for securing greater regional coherence in the delivery of further and higher education.

I am now able to confirm that an independent Review Panel is to be established under the Chairmanship of Professor Sir Adrian Webb that will undertake the "Review of Higher Education Provision in North East Wales".

I have tasked the Panel with providing an informed, clear and unbiased opinion on what form of HE provision will best service the economic, social and learner needs of the region. Key objectives for the review will be:

- to establish what a comprehensive HE offering in North East Wales should look like;
- to determine the extent to which the existing pattern of HE provision reflects this offering; and
- to recommend new or improved models for delivery that take into account the demographic, social and economic profile of North East Wales and the need for there to be greater coherence in the delivery of further and higher education.

I will expect the Panel to gather and evaluate the best data, research and other evidence available. This will include gathering evidence from local stakeholders, including relevant trades unions and students.

The membership of the Review Panel will consist of individuals who are expert and experienced in their field, have a deep understanding of the breadth of HE provision (from international research to work based learning and widening access), together with an understanding of HE links with further education (FE) and employer needs and demands.

The members of the Review Panel will be:

- **Professor Sir Adrian Webb / Chair.** (Former Vice Chancellor University of Glamorgan; led a five star research facility and Chair of the Wales Employment and Skills Board; has also undertaken a wide range of high profile public service roles in Wales and Whitehall; Chair of the Independent Review of the Mission and Purpose of Further Education in Wales known as the “Webb Review” and member of the “Beecham Review” of the machinery of government in Wales);
- **Professor Mari Lloyd Williams** (Professor and Director of Academic Palliative and Supportive Care Studies and Honorary Consultant in Palliative Medicine at the University of Liverpool; Chair of Tenovus Psychosocial Advisory Committee; HEFCW Council member and member of the McCormick Review of Higher Education (HE) Governance); Past Member of General Medical Council Fitness to Practise Committee; Fellow Learned Society of Wales)
- **Professor Geraint Johnes** (Dean of Graduate Studies and Professor of Economics at the University of Lancaster; leading academic conducts research into labour economics and has a particular interest and expertise in the economics of education; also founding editor of the journal *Education Economics*);
- **John Stephenson** (Former Principal of Coleg Powys, Vice Principal of Beverley College and Head of Technology and Science East Yorkshire College; former Director and Chair of Fforwm and former Chair of the Welsh European Programme Executive).
- **Rt Hon Lord Jones PC** (MP for Alyn and Deeside and East Flint 1970 – 2001; former President Glyndwr University; numerous Parliamentary roles including Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales 1974-79; Shadow Secretary of State for Wales 1983-92; member of House of Commons Chairman’s Panel; prior to becoming an MP was Head of English at Deeside Secondary School);
- **Gary Griffiths** (Airbus UK Head of Apprenticeship Programmes; member of the “Webb Review” Panel; sits on a number of advisory bodies including the Aerospace Sector Skills Strategy Group, Airbus Strategic International Project for Skills, UK Higher Engineering Apprenticeship Group, and SEMTA’s 4 Nations Group and Credit Qualifications Framework Group);

- **Rachel Clacher** (Co-founder and Director of Wrexham based “Money Penny” the largest outsourced telephone answering service in UK and recipient of the Queens Award for Enterprise; regular speaker at business and industry events on business culture, growth and skills requirements); and
- **Gill Atkinson** (Chartered Accountant and Partner/Director of Wrexham based Accountants MD Coxley; actively mentors local businesses; helped launch Wrexham Business Professional group).

The Review Panel will report its findings and recommendations to me by 30 April 2013.

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Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 27th September 2012

Lead Member/Officer: Lead Member for Public Realm

Report Author: Community Safety Manager (Conwy and Denbighshire)

Title: Community Safety Partnership 2011-2012
Action Plan Review

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 To present details on Conwy and Denbighshire's Community Safety Partnership's (CSP) performance in delivering its Community Safety Action Plan for 2011-2012.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 To seek Scrutiny's observations on the CSP's performance to date in delivering its three year action plan and seek the Committee's support for the continuation of the delivery of the Action plan for the duration of the statutory plan (2011-2014).
- 2.2 In considering the information presented the Committee can evaluate the effectiveness of the actions taken to date to deliver the Action Plan and identify any areas of weakness or concern with a view to recommending actions to redress performance in those areas.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- That the Committee:
- 3.1 considers and comments on the Community Safety Partnership's activity and performance during 2011-2012 in delivering its three year plan (Appendix A); and
- 3.2 having considered the performance summary (Appendix A), determines whether any specific priorities or areas merit further in-depth scrutiny, targeted actions or recommendations to Cabinet or Council.

4. Report details

Focus of Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

- 4.1 Legislation gives Scrutiny powers to scrutinise Denbighshire's CSP, rather than the individual partners – this supports a focus based on policy and finding solutions.

- 4.2 In addition, any Member of the Council can refer a local community safety matter to the Scrutiny Committee, and have it considered (through the Forward Work Programme process). This new provision is also intended to facilitate consideration of local crime and disorder matters raised by people living or working in a Councillor's Electoral Division (ward).
- 4.3 Community Safety Partnerships were created to develop and implement strategies to reduce crime and disorder.
- 4.4 The CSP has established 5 delivery groups to meet its priorities, as shown in the table below:

Priorities Areas

Priorities	Reduce crime and the impact on the community	Reduce re-offending	Effectively tackle ASB and behaviour adversely affecting the environment	Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse	Effectively tackle domestic abuse
Outcomes	Reduce crime	Reduce re-offending	Reduce crime linked to licensed premises	Increase new contacts by Harm Reduction service	Monitor domestic incidents and domestic crime
	Reduce violent crime	Reduce re-offending amongst the most prolific offenders	Reduce availability of alcohol to young people	Increase the number of people referred to structured treatment and reduce repeat referrals	Improving the response to victims of domestic abuse by all agencies involved
	Monitor serious sexual offences	Reduce offending amongst under 18s	Reduce reports of ASB	Increase intervention by alcohol support team in police custody	Raise awareness of violence against women and domestic abuse
	Reduce serious acquisitive crime		Increase prosecutions for environmental crime	Reduce alcohol and drug misuse per 100,000 residents	Monitor domestic violent crime
	Reduce the number of people who are a repeat			Reduce hospital admissions for drugs &	Provide support for victims and children

	victim of crime			alcohol at YGC	involved
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5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

- 5.1 The work of the Community Safety Partnership delivers on the priorities of the Integrated Big Plan.
- 5.2 The work also contributes towards the service priorities of Planning and Public Protection.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

- 6.1 The Activity within the Action Plan is fully grant funded.
- 6.2 The Community Safety Partnership receives ring-fenced grant funding to deliver the Community Safety Plan. This plan is approved by all Responsible Authorities who sit on the Strategic Group of the CSP. Denbighshire CSP funding is as follows:
 - (a) Substance Misuse Action Fund- £683,511- Welsh Government Funding. This fund is aimed at commissioning treatment services for substance misuse.
 - (b) Safer Communities Fund- £168,875 - Welsh Government Funding - aimed at reducing youth offending.
 - (c) Home Office Crime Fund- £42,356 – Central Government Funding - aimed at antisocial behaviour and local issues.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

- 7.1 The CSP consulted in 2010 on the 2011-2014 action plans via all responsible Authorities (Local Authority Director, Fire, Police, Probation, Health and Police Authority)

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The cost of delivering the Plan should be contained within the external funding available.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

- 9.1 The main risk is that the community safety funding for 2013-2014 is currently unknown. The introduction of Police Crime Commissioners in November 2012 will see our Home Office funding transfer to the Commissioner in 2013. We will be able to apply for funding but the ultimate decision will rest with the Commissioner and he/she will have to balance the requests for North Wales. To mitigate the risk we will ensure all our business cases are robust and each project will have clear outcomes.

10. Power to make the Decision

- i 2009 Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- ii Police Reform Act 2002
- iii Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act
- iv Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009
- Article 6.3.5 of the Council's Constitution

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Appendix A

Conwy & Denbighshire Community Safety Partnership 2011/12 Performance Summary

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Priorities Areas



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	Reduce the number of people who are a repeat victim of crime			Reduce hospital admissions for drugs & alcohol at YGC	Provide support for victims and children involved

Priority Area A: Reduce crime and the impact on the community

Outcomes

- Reduce crime and the fear of crime by working with the community
- Fewer violent crimes and alcohol related violent crimes
- Proactively tackle serious sexual crime
- Fewer burglaries, robberies and vehicle crime
- Fewer people who are a repeat victim of crime

Measures	Target	Period	Conwy			Denbighshire		
			2011/12	2010/11	% Change	2011/12	2010/11	% Change
All crime recorded by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	1634	1545	5.8%	1571	1662	-5.5%
		YTD	6860	7105	-3.4%	6782	6669	1.7%
Crime recorded as violent by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	429	432	-0.7%	512	490	4.5%
		YTD	1818	1868	-2.7%	2050	2038	0.6%
Crime recorded as most serious violence by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	16	8	100.0%	17	16	6.3%
		YTD	75	59	27.1%	84	76	10.5%
Crime recorded as violence against the person by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	Q4	407	-1.7%	468	444	5.4%
		YTD	YTD	1760	-3.7%	1869	1878	-0.5%
Crime recorded as violent by North Wales Police where the offender was under the influence of alcohol	Reduce	Q4	103	133	-22.6%	117	119	-1.7%
		YTD	403	663	-39.2%	438	642	-31.8%
Crime recorded as a serious sexual offence by North Wales Police	Monitor	Q4	18	19	-5.3%	24	25	-4.0%
		YTD	83	77	7.8%	107	96	11.5%
Crime recorded as domestic burglary by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	66	50	32.0%	51	72	-29.2%
		YTD	255	265	-3.8%	312	254	22.8%
Crime recorded as robbery by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	5	3	66.7%	8	16	-50.0%
		YTD	17	9	88.9%	40	39	2.6%
Crime recorded as vehicle crime by North Wales Police, excluding vehicle interference	Reduce	Q4	69	94	-26.6%	85	105	-19.0%
		YTD	395	427	-7.5%	415	374	11.0%
The number of people who have been a victim of crime 3 or more times in 12 months	Reduce	12m (Q3)	116	120	-3.3%	137	105	30.5%
		12m (Q4)	119	105	13.3%	135	117	15.4%

Action Plan - Reduce crime and the impact on the community

Smartwater

Smartwater is a chemical that glows green under UV light. Smartwater has a unique chemical composition that will link intruders, sprayed with the liquid when they break into premises, to the scene of the crime. It can be used to tackle areas with a high rate of vehicle crime by use of a 'trap' car. Landlord /Tenant kits are used in high burglary rate areas to encourage those who own bedsits (who are often victims of burglary) to work with their tenants to increase their joint security.

Safer Towns Award

The standard required is an effective radio link between participating business, an information protocol that allows business to put effective control measure in place to combat crime, and a system for excluding those who put the safety and security of business, their staff and their customers at risk.

Neighbourhood Watch

Working with residents to reduce crime and the fear of crime locally.

Secure by Design

Making interventions at an early stage in the building and development programme in Conwy & Denbighshire.

Operation SANTA

When our retail premises are at their busiest, around Christmas and the New Year, they are also most vulnerable and this is about ensuring that the increase in resources is commensurate with the risk.

Emrys Ap Iwan

Partnership working between the CSP and Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan. The School drama group produce and deliver educational plays based on sexual crime to help raise awareness amongst their peers.

Theft from Motor Vehicle Campaign

An Integrated Offender Management client (previously vehicle crime offender) has been involved in the production of a video which forms part of a campaign to raise awareness of how to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of vehicle crime.

http://www.north-wales.police.uk/news__appeals/latest_news/vehicle_crime_campaign.aspx

<http://www.heart.co.uk/northwest/news/local/former-criminal-speaks-heart-about-car-crime/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-18576210>

VCRAT (Vehicle Crime Action Team)

Under the slogan, "Leave it on show, expect it to go" the campaign runs in conjunction with the previous theft from motor vehicle campaign. It is aimed at reducing the number of thefts from vehicles across North Wales.

NWP officers and staff from partner organisations working together to identify vulnerable vehicles that have valuable items on display. Owners are later contacted and advised appropriately. Arrangements have been made to display vehicle crime advisory notices in car parks. Every car park which has been subject of crime has been visited by our Crime Reduction Officer and park managers spoken to.

Burglary reduction / prevention

The aim is twofold;

1) To engage with all second hand dealers in Conwy and Denbighshire initially and encourage them to sign up to a proposed property watch scheme which will be facilitated by OWL. Trading standards are working in partnership with us on this.

2) Following analytical work, to identify property types subject to burglaries and we are working with the landlords to look at opportunities as to how we can improve security. Conwy and Denbighshire Councils are looking at opportunities to include a lack of security at high risk premises as Cat 1 hazards under the additional licensing requirements. Blockage currently is lack of detail on crimes to identify HMOs / RSLs etc.

Caravan Watch

All caravan parks in Conwy and Denbighshire have been sent a bespoke crime prevention pack and covering letter inviting them to join the scheme, engage with VCRAT and to sign up to OWL following seasonal increase in thefts on sites. CCRAT (caravan crime reduction and targeting) also running in Denbighshire Coastal.

Taxi Watch

All taxi drivers / firms in Conwy and Denbighshire have been sent a bespoke crime prevention pack and covering letter inviting them to join the scheme, engage with VCRAT and to sign up to OWL in order to address reported thefts from taxis.

Community Safety QR Codes

Community Safety QR codes developed and incorporated in all literature to enable quick access to our websites.

Petrol Forecourt Watch

The CSP are working in partnership with BOSS (British Oil Security Syndicate). The initiative will be trailed in West Conwy and will focus on drive offs and 'no means of paying' incidents. The aim is to streamline and standardise processes across North Wales.

Operation House Watch

Operation House Watch is now up and running. Crime surveys are being conducted at vulnerable properties and target hardening carried out where appropriate.

School Watch

School Watch launched in Conwy and Denbighshire. There have been visits made to primary schools in Denbighshire that have been subject of criminal damage and assistance given in applying for a grant to install CCTV at three of them. Joint visits being made with Crime Reduction Officer and Arson Reduction.

Cold Calling Zones

There are currently over 400 cold calling zones in Conwy and 260 in Denbighshire. These are run in partnership with the CSP, Trading Standards, volunteers and PCSO's, we are working to increase this across the area.

Bike Watch

Bike Watch working in partnership with Bike Register the schemes purpose is to encourage bicycle owners to register their bikes onto the website. There is a media campaign accompanying this and a number of 'local' launches also took place.

http://www.north-wales.police.uk/advice_support/bicycle_security.aspx

OWL (Online Watch Link)

The system is now complete and is in full use. The home page of the OWL web site has been translated and is live. The sign up process is also bi-lingual. We have redeveloped the content of the homepage to allow the system to cater for all community groups / watches. This improvement was instigated by North Wales Police and has now been adopted by other Forces. There are over 500 registered members in Conwy and Denbighshire already.

Operation Tornado

The roll out of Operation Tornado in Wales to target metal thefts was delayed as a consequence of the Olympics due to the labour intense activity associated with the roll out once it commences and the fact Operation Tornado in Wales differs from that elsewhere in the country.

In Wales, all Councils have been approached to register itinerant dealers and provide them with a photo ID and a book in which they will record all transactions to include where they obtained metal, and a detailed description of the metal with a signature from whoever sold the metal to the itinerant dealer at the door.

Priority Area B: Reduce re-offending

Outcomes

- Reduce repeat offending
- Reduce repeat offending by the most prolific offenders
- Reduce offending amongst under 18s

Measures			Conwy			Denbighshire		
	Target	Period	Jan 11 – Dec 11	Jan 10 – Dec 10	% Change	Jan 11 – Dec 11	Jan 10 – Dec 10	% Change
The rate of re-offending measured by the Probation Service	Reduce	12m	8.72	9.60	-9.2	8.55	10.10	-15.3%
	Target	Period	Apr 10 – Mar 11	2009	% Change	Apr 10 – Mar 11	2009	% Change
The rate of re-offending amongst persistent and prolific offenders measured by the Probation Service	Reduce	12m						

Measures			Conwy			Denbighshire		
	Target	Period	2011/12	2010/11	% Change	2011/12	2010/11	% Change
The number of first time entrants to the youth justice service	Monitor	Q4	18	17	5.9%	15	28	-46.4%
		YTD	73	99	-26.3%	77	101	-23.8%
The number of yellow cards / alcohol confiscations issued	Increase	Q4	20	46	-56.5%	29	38	-23.7%
		YTD	99	228	-56.6%	113	255	-55.7%
The number of referrals to prevent and deter	Monitor	Q4						
		YTD						

Combined Performance for Conwy & Denbighshire

Measures	Target	Period	Apr 09 to Mar 10	Jul 09 to Jun 10	Oct 09 to Sep 10	Jan 10 to Dec 10	Apr 10 to Mar 11	Jul 09 to Jun 10
Proportion of young offenders who re-offend* (number of offenders)	Reduce	12m	15.8% (499)	15.1% (445)	16.3% (416)	15.2% (409)	14.3% (378)	10.8% (372)

*** This measure was previously the rate of youth re-offending measured by YJS however YJS have changed the process and are now using the above as an indicator.**

Action Plan - Reduce re-offending

Integrated Offender Management Unit

The Unit manages offenders in Conwy, Denbighshire, Anglesey and Gwynedd and is expanding soon to cover Flintshire and Wrexham.

In Conwy and Denbighshire, 50 offenders are managed in joint partnership with the Wales Probation Trust. Identifying offenders' reasons for committing crime is a critical role. Tackling these root causes and working with offenders has reduced the cohort's arrest and conviction rate by 75%. Since April 2011 the Unit has saved in excess of £300,000 in the reduced cost of crime to society.

Prevent and Deter

The primary aim of Prevent and Deter is to work intensively with those young offenders locally identified as being on the 'cusp' of becoming PPOs. The individuals within this Prevent and Deter Target Group will be identified in response to an escalation in their offending and/or the harm they are causing to their communities which - though not yet at a level which would make it appropriate for them to be targeted under Catch and Convict - has led local partners to identify them for management through the multi-agency PPO approach.

Warning Letters

Alerts alleged perpetrators to a complaint about their behaviour and warns about the possible consequences.

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts & ABC meetings

Perpetrators are made aware of the effects that their behaviour is having on others around them – the ABC gives them an opportunity to alter their behaviour and to discuss any difficulties they are having.

ASB Review Group meetings

Meet on a six weekly basis, cross agency attendance to discuss in form of case conferencing.

PPO housing projects (HAG) across North Wales

Assist service users/ex-offenders with community integration.

ONSET Assessment for Prevent. ASSET tool used for Deter cases.

Identification of risk and protective factors of the young person and those within their environment.

Motor Education Programme

Reduced likelihood of harm caused by car crime and injury from reckless driving. Increased awareness of First Aid.

Priority Area C: Effectively tackle ASB and behaviour adversely affecting the environment

Outcomes

- Fewer crimes in pubs and nightclubs
- Fewer incidents of arson, criminal damage and alcohol related criminal damage
- Proactively tackle incidents of antisocial behaviour
- More prosecutions for environmental crime
- Reduce availability of alcohol to young people

Measures	Target	Period	Conwy			Denbighshire		
			2011/12	2010/11	% Change	2011/12	2010/11	% Change
The number of recorded crimes linked to licensed premises, excluding acquisitive crime.	Reduce	Q4	44	80	-45.0%	92	70	31.4%
		YTD	233	343	-32.1%	259	269	-3.7%
The number of crimes recorded as criminal damage by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	336	347	-3.2%	290	295	-1.7%
		YTD	1369	1590	-13.9%	1304	1317	-1.0%
The number of crimes recorded as arson by North Wales Police	Reduce	Q4	10	17	-41.2%	9	6	50.0%
		YTD	35	64	-45.3%	41	39	5.1%
The number of crimes recorded as criminal damage by North Wales Police which are alcohol related	Reduce	Q4	17	23	-26.1%	20	17	17.6%
		YTD	75	127	-40.9%	86	141	-39.0%
Reports of ASB to North Wales Police*	Monitor	Q4	1155	1143	1.0%	1114	1155	-3.5%
		YTD	5272	6360	-17.1%	5054	6040	-16.3%
Reports of ASB to CCBC & DCC	Reduce	Q4	946	1011	-6.4%	328	481	-31.8%
		YTD	3269	3153	3.7%	1407	1575	-10.7%
Arson and deliberate fires reported to North Wales Fire and Rescue	Reduce	Q4	40	34	17.6%	29	25	16.0%
		YTD	184	210	-12.4%	150	133	12.8%
The number of prosecutions for environmental crime by DCC and CBCC	Increase	13	47	-72.3%	24	28	-14.3%	13
		147	286	-48.6%	319	255	25.1%	147
The number of test purchases carried out at licensed premises (alcohol)	Increase	Q4						
		YTD						

* Due to a change in the assessment and recording of ASB calls to North Wales Police it is not possible to draw a direct comparison to last year. 2011/12 will be monitored and used to set a baseline.

Action Plan - Effectively tackle ASB and behaviour adversely affecting the environment

Multiagency Visit to Licensed Premises

Local authority enforcement officers, police and fire officers carrying out intelligence led visits to licensed premises. The responsibility of licence operators and Designated Premises Supervisors, towards managing their premises is a key element in reducing alcohol related crime and disorder. Regulation and enforcement will be paramount in ensuring that operators and supervisors play their part.

Test purchasing

The injudicious supply of alcohol, and other age restricted products (Fireworks, Aerosol paints, Lighter fuel, etc.) contribute significantly to crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour. We will continue to have an effective and intelligence led programme of test purchasing, and seek to educate and enforce, as appropriate, those who fail the test.

Management of the night time economy

Controlling the night-time economy, ensuring that the insidious supply of alcohol to those already drunk, and that all the risk associated with 'binge drinking culture' are mitigated accordingly. It will include prevention and intervention work. A key element will be a robust and effective banning scheme for those who are identified as problematic.

Effective use of CCTV

CCTV has an important role to play in reducing crime in our town centres and we will seek to build on progress already made by working in partnership. The role of CCTV will also be extended to tackle anti social behaviour and other behaviour adversely affecting the environment, and will be an effective in tackling, littering, dog fouling, and fly posting.

Alcohol Controlled Areas

Three areas within the county are Alcohol controlled areas. We intend to explore the possibility of extending these areas to our identified problematic areas, and to any area where displacement of the problems is likely to take place. It gives police increased powers to deal effectively with 'Street and park drinkers', and we see denying such groups and individuals the opportunity to consume alcohol in an unsupervised environment a means of reducing not only crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour, but also the fear of crime.

Effective Signage

Rule setting is an effective crime prevention technique. Alcohol Controlled Areas, and hotspot areas for Environmental crime, such as littering, dog fouling, Fly posting and graffiti will be appropriately signed and enforced.

Anti Social Behaviour Officer

The Community Safety Partnership will fund a specialist Anti Social behaviour officer, who will work across partnership organizations to reduce anti social behaviour, with emphasis on those premises / streets that are renowned for repeat events.

Regular Environmental Visual Audits

Regular environmental Visual Audits will take place, and result in actions that will ensure that our environment is clean and safe, and does not look uncared for.

Graffiti Removal and Clean ups

We will provide resources to ensure that there is an appropriate response to tackling signal crimes, such as litter, dog fouling, graffiti and fly posting. STARS wardens working with and supervising persons on Community Punishment Orders will be engaged to provide a timely and appropriate response.

Community Mobilization

Extending the Neighbourhood watch network throughout the county, both in numbers and coverage to the role that is delivered. Not just crime focussed, but locally identifying a whole range of issues that give rise to the fear of crime, and make our communities appear unattractive and uncared for. Also includes the establishment of countywide pub watch, and business watch schemes.

Effective use of intelligence

Ensuring that through careful analysis community safety practitioners have access to appropriate and relevant multi organizational data and information that allows resources to be targeted on key issues that matter most.

Neighbourhood Management

Regular engagement with our communities. Mobilising support, and ensuring that actions taken and planned, and are communicated back. Making community safety practitioners accountable to the wider community for delivering the action plan. Being engaged will allow us to work in partnership with communities through schemes such as neighbourhood watch, and will be an effective mechanism for reducing the fear of crime.

School Community Police Officers

Continuous engagement within Schools. As part of the core programme, Officers deliver sessions to all pupils on the impact of anti-social behaviour and crime.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Licensing Tasking

The multiagency meeting is chaired by the local Chief Inspector every month. The meeting identifies both repeat victims and offenders of ASB, bringing together key partners to provide a multiagency

solution to those individuals and licensed premises causing the greatest harm to the community. The meeting coordinates test purchasing and the deployment of mobile CCTV cameras.

Priority Area D: Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse

Outcomes

- More support for people with drug and alcohol misuse issues
- More people discharged from support services free from drug and alcohol misuse issues
- More support for people arrested for alcohol related issues
- Fewer people admitted to hospital because of drugs & alcohol

Measures			Conwy			Denbighshire		
	Target	Period	2011/12	2010/11	% Change	2011/12	2010/11	% Change
The number of new contacts made by the Harm Reduction service	Increase	Q4	101	69	46.4%	37	71	-47.9%
		YTD	294	291	1.0%	177	215	-17.7%
The number of people referred to structured treatment for substance misuse	Increase	Q4	134	158	-15.2%	169	133	27.1%
		YTD	593	623	-4.8%	590	596	-1.0%
The number of repeat referrals to structured treatment for substance misuse	Reduce							

Combined Performance for Conwy & Denbighshire

Measures	Target	Period	2011/12	2010/11	Change
The percentage of initial contacts made by the alcohol arrest referral service that result in assessment	Increase	Q3	13.4%	27.5%	-14.1pp
		Q4	20.9%	22.2%	-1.3pp
Admissions to YGC for alcohol related issues	Reduce	Q4	64	83	-22.9%
		YTD	328	321	2.2%
Admissions to YGC for drugs related issues	Reduce	Q4	14	11	27.3%

	YTD	45	40	12.5%
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Action Plan - Reduce harm caused by alcohol and substance misuse

Delivery of Choose Life presentations

A presentation that can be delivered in the community by those who have been previously affected by substance misuse, recounting their experience through drama. Delivers a powerful message on the harm of substance misuse and also provides those involved motivation to remain free from addiction.

Young Persons substance Misuse Service

The YPSMS provides a specialist substance misuse treatment to young people allowing them to reduce their substance use or to become substance free. The service aims to reduce the harms caused by substance misuse to young people. This is done through:

- Providing multi-focal assessments to service users within 5 working days of referral.
- To commence treatment within 10 working days of assessment.
- To create robust care plans to counteract significant problems and disorders
- To provide information and advice on substances
- To support service users to access other appropriate services.
- Links to CYPSP

Motivational Enhancement Team Service

The Motivational Enhancement Service reduces substance misuse through the provision of a series of brief interventions to early stage drug and alcohol users. These interventions include:

- Brief Interventions
- Enhanced Brief Interventions
- Lifestyle Reviews

Harm Reduction Team Service

The harm reduction service provides a non-judgemental client-centred and confidential service. The service engages hard to reach non-engaged substance misusers. They work with these service users to reduce blood-borne viruses, drug related-deaths and promote harm reduction messages encouraging service users not to share injecting equipment and to try alternative to injecting. This will be achieved through:

- Distributing sterile injecting equipment
- Safe disposal of used injecting equipment
- Providing advice on alternative to injecting
- Providing risk reduction advice
- Hepatitis B vaccinations
- Screening for Hepatitis C
- Links to HSCWB plan

Shared Care Service

The shared care service provides structure treatment services within a primary care and community setting. The service aims to support substance misuser to become substance free. The service will:

- Provide assessments within 10 working days of referral
- Commence treatment within 10 working days of assessment
- Provide treatment care planning
- Provide Community Prescribing
- Provide Community Detoxification
- Support substance misusers to access other appropriate services
- Links to HSCWB plan.

Basic Drug and Alcohol Awareness Training

To provide basic drug and alcohol awareness training to partner agencies who come in contact with substance misusers.. Training will be delivered to 64 Tier 1 practitioners.

Night Shelter

There is an established link between Homelessness and substance misuse. Many of those waiting to access the Night Shelter are often involved in crime and disorder during this time or are victims of crime. By opening the Night Shelter two hours earlier each night the service will:

- Reduce crime and disorder in Crescent Road.
- Reduce the number of homeless people.
- Increase the number of homeless people who are supported to access substance misuse treatment services.
- Links to HSCWB and Supporting People Plans.

Dewi Sant Centre

The Dewi Sant is a day service provision for vulnerable adults in Rhyl. The service aims to reduce substance misuse, homelessness and substance related crime. It also works to improve the physical and mental well-being of service users and increase their employability. The service will:

- Provide advice and support on substance misuse and accessing substance misuse services
- Provide support and practical help with housing needs
- Provide a nutritionally balanced meal
- Provide access to showering, shaving and washing facilities
- Support service users to register with a dentist and GP
- Basic training
- Advice and awareness raising on benefits entitlements

Priority Area E: Effectively tackle domestic abuse

Outcomes

- Proactively tackle domestic incidents and domestic crime
- Improving the response to victims of domestic abuse
- Raise awareness of violence against women and domestic abuse
- Proactively tackle domestic violent crime
- Provide support for victims and children involved in domestic abuse

Measures	Target	Period	Conwy			Denbighshire		
			2011/12	2010/11	% Change	2011/12	2010/11	% Change
Incidents (non crimes) recorded by NWP and tagged at "Domestic"	Monitor	Q4	427	351	21.7%	352	316	11.4%
		YTD	1619	1393	16.2%	1496	1445	3.5%
Crimes recorded by NWP and tagged at "Domestic"	Monitor	Q4	185	156	18.6%	183	153	19.6%
		YTD	692	733	-5.6%	712	757	-5.9%
Increase the number of referrals to MARAC	Con Qtr = 48 (190/year) Den Qtr = 44 (170/year)	Q4	47	45	4.4%	35	49	-28.6%
		YTD	203	189	7.4%	199	188	5.9%
Violent crimes recorded by NWP and tagged at "Domestic"	Monitor	Q4	154	140	10.0%	164	141	16.3%
		YTD	575	593	-3.0%	591	616	-4.1%
The number of cases dealt with by the Independent Domestic Violence Advisor	90 per Qtr (360/year)	Q4	72	96	-25.0%	71	85	-16.5%
		YTD	334	219	52.5%	237	200	18.5%
Increase number of calls to domestic abuse helpline*	Increase							

*Based on calls from landlines within Conwy and Denbighshire; it does not include Women's Aid calls, or mobile calls.

Combined Performance for Conwy & Denbighshire

Measures	Target	Period	2011/12	2010/11	% Change
Increase agencies / staff trained to use CAADA DASH RIC	20 per Qtr (80/year)	Q4	101	20	405.0%
		YTD	190	212	-10.4%
Referrals completed by Safer Homes	Increase	Q4	47	43	9.3%

Action Plan - Effectively tackle domestic abuse

Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference

The Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) is part of a coordinated community response to domestic abuse, which aims to:

- Share information to increase the safety, health and well-being of victims/survivors - adults and their children;
- Determine whether the alleged perpetrator poses a significant risk to any particular individual or to the general community;
- Construct jointly and implement a risk management plan that provides professional support to all those at risk and that reduces the risk of harm;
- Reduce repeat victimisation;
- Improve agency accountability; and
- Improve support for staff involved in high-risk domestic abuse cases.

MARAC is held once a month in each county and manages over 200 cases per year per county.

Independent Domestic Violence Coordinator (IDVA)

The IDVA's role is to support victims of domestic violence through the criminal justice system from the point at which an arrest has been made up until the court proceedings have ended. The IDVA will keep victims updated about court dates, and court and bail application outcomes, and offer general support. There are two IDVAs in operation across Conwy and Denbighshire.

Teenage Relationship & Sexual Violence

Partnership working between the CSP and Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan. The School drama group produce and deliver educational plays based on sexual crime to help raise awareness amongst their peers. We are currently working with local Youth media group to produce Welsh Language version with the potential to include in future SLO education within schools.

Safer Homes

Safer Homes is a CSP initiative which provides free target hardening equipment and advice, provided by two trained members of staff. This support is provided to victims/survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence to help people feel safer in their own homes. In 2011/12 there were 183 homes made safer. North Wales Police, Womens Aid and Hafan Cymru are the main users of this service.

Reclaim the Night Domestic Abuse and Sexual Awareness Raising Event

This event was run in order to raise awareness within the community of domestic abuse and sexual violence. This was the second **RECLAIM THE NIGHT** event which was organised and held in Llandudno in November 2011 by the CSP Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator. The event was also supported by North Wales Police, North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Conwy and Denbighshire Domestic Abuse Forum and members of the public.

CAADA DASH RIC Agency Training

CAADA DASH RIC is a risk assessment process used to support the staff of frontline services in identifying all forms of abuse to enable intervention at the earliest stage. The CSP Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator has been responsible for organising and delivering training for this risk assessment processes to hundreds of members of staff within the health and social welfare services in Conwy and Denbighshire.

Domestic Abuse Forum

The Domestic Abuse Forum meets quarterly and oversees the delivery of a One Day Basic Domestic Abuse Awareness training approx. 3- 4 times per year. This meeting also provides the opportunity for practitioners to share good practice

Local Safeguarding Children Board

The Local Safeguarding Children Board is responsible for agreeing how local child protection services plan delivery and monitoring. The CSP Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Coordinator provides representation at the multiagency meeting taking actions as directed by the Senior Management Group.

White Ribbon Relay

Towns and cities across Great Britain took part in a national relay between 23rd June and 26th July 2012 to raise awareness of the relationship between violence against women and girls and major sporting events, such as Euro 2012 and the Olympic Games. Conwy and Denbighshire were chosen to represent North Wales and organized a marathon relay to carry the torch by road from St Asaph to Cheshire. More than 50 volunteers were involved and various agencies.

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Report to:	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	27th September 2012
Lead Member/Officer:	Lead Member for Public Realm/ Head of Environment
Report Author:	Waste and Recycling Manager
Title:	North East Hub Food Waste Project

1. What is the report about?

The NE Hub Food Waste project is a three authority partnership between Conwy, Denbighshire and Flintshire, to procure food waste treatment capacity.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To provide information regarding progress of the NE Hub Food Waste project.

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members consider and comment on the progress to date in realising this major collaboration project, including the change of preferred bidder, and the potential implications and impact of this change on the Project's delivery.

4. Report details.

In August 2011 the Hub had announced that the preferred bidder for the project was NEAT Biogas Limited ("NEAT"), a joint venture between TEG Environmental Limited and Alkane Energy Plc. The Preferred Bidder status was subject to NEAT securing satisfactory finance. Whilst NEAT had received an offer of bank finance for the project, it was not been possible to agree contractual terms with the funders that were satisfactory to the joint venture partners or the Hub and consequently, NEAT was unable to continue as Preferred Bidder and withdrew from the project in April 2012.

At the time of appointing the Preferred Bidder in August 2011, the decision was made to retain BiogenGreenfinch as the 'Reserve Bidder' for the project and should the need arise, they would be called upon.

When the TEG bid fell through, Cabinet / Executive approval to revert to the reserve bidder was sought from each Authority involved with the project and this permission was granted over March and April 2012.

BiogenGreenfinch has maintained its commitment to the project, and has the funding lines available to draw down in order to progress the project rapidly. BiogenGreenfinch is an independent anaerobic digestion (AD) specialist with experience and expertise in process engineering for the design and construction of AD plants. The company has built 16 plants across the UK and has won 2 other contracts in Wales under the Welsh Government's food waste Programme.

BiogenGreenfinch has six years experience in building and operating food waste anaerobic digestion plants. The company currently operates three such plants which account for approximately 10% of the UK's current total food waste AD processing capacity and provides food waste treatment services to many local authorities across England and Wales.

Biogen have submitted a planning application to construct the AD facility at the former abattoir, on Holywell Road, Waen.

Over the summer the Hub and Biogen have been working hard on finalising all the contractual documents (the "Project Agreement"). Financial close is scheduled to occur on 15th /16th October 2012.

After financial close, Biogen will immediately be responsible for treating the waste from the three counties (the interim services period). They will also begin to progress the planning permission, construction of the facility, commissioning and full service delivery. At the end of the contract the facility will revert to the Hub's ownership.

During the construction phase approximately 30 workers will be on site and local contractors will be used wherever possible.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Assessment of Impact on Corporate Priorities:

The effect of escalating waste costs, will have consequences for all departments of the Council.

Assessment of impact on the Vision, Community Strategy, Equalities and Sustainability:

The recommendation is consistent with the vision for Denbighshire 2025. In particular "Denbighshire will be an ideal place to live because":

- "we will recycle most of our waste and conserve energy".
- "we will respect and maintain our natural environment".

Assessment of Impact on Climate Change - Mitigation and Adaptation:

The food waste project will divert municipal waste away from landfill. This will have the impact of reducing landfill methane emissions (a greenhouse gas). In addition, the biogas captured through the anaerobic digestion process will be converted to energy (attracting payment through 'Feed in Tariffs' which then subsidise the gate fee).

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

The cost of the solution is below the 'Affordability Envelope' which was agreed by Cabinet in 2009.

It is important to note that the project has been subject to a high level of governance following the PRINCE2 Project management methodology. Two boards sit, a "Project Board" which consists of senior officer representatives from the three councils, and a "Management Board" which consists of 2 elected members from each of the councils. The Boards' role are to make key decisions on issues like affordability, endorsing the direction of the project etc.

7. What consultations have been carried out?

The draft municipal Waste Management Strategy was presented to Cabinet on 26 October 2004. The subsequent public consultation exercise finished on 30 April 2005, and the Strategy was formally adopted on 30 May 2005, via a Cabinet delegated decision.

In March 2008 Cabinet approved the purchase of the former abattoir site at Rhualt, as a potential location for an AD facility (using WG grant funding). Local town and Community Councils have been consulted about the possible use of the site for food waste treatment. The site is referred to as the 'Reference Site' and the solution of the Reserve Bidder will be developed at this site.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The project is Public Private Partnership (PPP) for a Design, Build, Fund & operate contract. The private sector partner will provide the capital investment needed in order to treat the food waste collected by the authorities making up the Hub.

The Business Case demonstrates that this is the most cost effective solution and supports the 3 authorities' joint bid for Assembly funding.

Failure to pursue this project will leave the Council exposed to major cost increases that will quickly become unaffordable.

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The risks associated with not agreeing to the recommendations are;

- ❖ That any such alternative short term solution would be uneconomic (would not attract WG revenue support, would not provide long term security on treatment costs exposing the Authority to budget uncertainty).

- ❖ That the other two councils would not be prepared to wait for Denbighshire to change its mind, and that Denbighshire would therefore face extra costs developing its own solution
- ❖ The WG would look unfavorably upon any councils opting out of their model of 'regional solutions'.

Due to the punitive level of WG fines for non-compliance; the 'do nothing option' is not really an option at all.

10. Power to make the Decision

Under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000, i.e. the promotion or improvement of the environment for the well-being of the area.

Article 6.1 of the Council's Constitution

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Report to:	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	27th September 2012
Lead Member:	Lead Member for Social Care and Children's Services
Lead Officer:	Head of Children & Family Services
Report Author:	Local Safeguarding Children's Board Business Manager
Title:	Conwy & Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) Annual report 2011-12 and first quarter update (April – June 2012)

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 Conwy & Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children Board's (LSCB) annual report is attached as Annex 1, Appendices 1-5. The Annual Report provides a brief overview of the functioning of the Conwy and Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), including its governance and financial arrangements. The report also provides a summary of the LSCB's key priorities for 2011-12, and its achievements against those priorities. Sections 4.2 to 4.5 of this report summarise the key points from the Annual Report.
- 1.2 The LSCB's Business Plan, June 2012 update, as reported to the LSCB Executive Board, is attached as Annex 2. The details of the LSCB's progress from April to June 2012 can be found there, and a brief summary is given in section 4.6 of this report.
- 1.3 Annex 3 provides contextual information by way of a structure chart which shows the LSCB's relationship to other partnerships and organisations.
- 1.4 Annex 4 provides a glossary of terms and abbreviations used in the report and its annexes.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1 This report provides the local authority with the information it needs in order to be able to discharge its responsibility for ensuring that the LSCB is properly established and working effectively. Section 4.24 of the Welsh Assembly Government's guidance 'Safeguarding Children: Working Together Under the Children Act 2004' states:

"Each local authority should take lead responsibility for the establishment and effective working of Local Safeguarding Children Boards, although main constituent agencies are

responsible for contributing fully and effectively to the work of the LSCB.”

3. What are the Recommendations?

That Members:

- 3.1 consider and scrutinise the Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and make recommendations as appropriate; and
- 3.2 consider and scrutinise the Local Safeguarding Children Board first quarter update and make recommendations as appropriate

4. Report details.

4.1 Background information

- 4.1.1 The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is the statutory body responsible for protecting children and young people from significant harm and for promoting their welfare, and is a multi-agency forum for agreeing how local child protection services should be planned, delivered and monitored.
- 4.1.2 The LSCB is funded by contributions from statutory agencies. The LSCB is supported by a business manager and part-time administrator, and consists of an Executive Board, Strategic Management Group, Serious Case Review Sub-committee and four sub-groups which deliver against the LSCB's business plan. Annex 1, Appendix 1 shows the LSCB's structure.

4.2 Key priorities (Annex1, section 3): the LSCB decided to focus its attention on achieving against four key priorities during 2011-12. In brief, these were:

- Through early intervention, to prevent families where the parents/carers have drug & alcohol, mental health or domestic violence problems escalating from safeguarding concerns to child protection issues.
- To ensure that the results of mapping work on vulnerable families are shared with partners; and to also ensure that the services that are planned in response to those results are shaped from a safeguarding perspective.
- Through early intervention, to prevent children exhibiting inappropriate sexualised behaviour becoming perpetrators of sexual offences.
- To ensure that the direction, work and review of the LSCB is informed by consultation and participation with children, young people, their parents and carers.

4.3 Governance and Accountability (Annex 1, section 4) : Membership of the LSCB is good, and membership has been stable over the past year. At 73%, attendance by Board members or their deputies was just below the 75% target. Attendance at the sub-groups was below target at 61%. Attendance is monitored and reported on regularly in order to identify and resolve any attendance issues.

4.4 Financial arrangements (Annex 1, section 5) : The LSCB asked for contributions of £61,060 from partners during 2011-12, and received £60,755. Wales Probation limited their contribution to a nationally set percentage of the LSCB's budget, and contributed £305 less than the £1,832 requested from them.

4.5 Key areas of Progress/achievement 2011-12: details of the LSCB's progress can be found in the business plan 'actions' section, which is given in as Annex 1, Appendix 4. Key achievements are highlighted in Annex 1, sections 6 and 7. A taster is given below:

- Two large events on 'Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour' were delivered to wide audiences in September 2011 and March 2012.
- A joint Conwy & Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership/Voluntary Sector Council and LSCB 'Safeguarding in the Voluntary Sector' event took place on 6th March 2012
- The LSCB's first conference, featuring two highly regarded speakers and several workshops, took place as planned

4.6 Six month update: The LSCB's priorities for 2012-13 are as follows:

- 1 Children exhibiting Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour are identified early and offered help, and children at risk of harm from other children are protected
- 2 The LSCB is assured that all available actions have been taken to reduce risks to children from unsafe staff
- 3 A common understanding of thresholds for intervention supports vulnerable families and helps identify children in need of protection
- 4 Children are safer because partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities work together to safeguard children

And, continuing from 2011-12

5. Children experiencing difficulties due to their parents'/carers' drug & alcohol, mental health or domestic violence problems are identified so that concerns do not escalate from safeguarding to child protection issues

6. To ensure that the direction, work and review of the LSCB is informed by consultation and participation with children, young people, their parents and carers
- 4.6.1 The LSCB is monitoring its achievement against nineteen indicators in 2012-13. At the end of the first quarter, 9 actions (47%) were not yet due to start; 6 actions (32%) were underway and 4 (21%) were behind schedule.
- 4.6.2 Two of the actions behind schedule related to tasks to be undertaken by the Practice Development Group. The actions had been delayed due to the cancellation of a meeting because of problems with the venue. Both tasks are now underway.
- 4.6.3 The remaining two actions behind schedule relate to LSCB partner agencies' annual audit of their arrangements to safeguard children. Some partners responses were delayed due to the audit now being aligned with the other North Wales LSCB's audits: the other NW LSCBs had a June deadline for the return of their audits, whilst Conwy & Denbighshire set a February deadline. The exercise is now complete.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The Local Safeguarding Children Board is a statutory requirement and contributes to the delivery of the Council's responsibilities for vulnerable children.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no specific financial obligations as a result of this report. Section 4.4 of this report outlines the funding arrangements for the LSCB, and further detail is provided in the Annual Report (Annex 1, section5)

7. What consultations have been carried out?

Preparations for consultation with children and parents on the child protection register were made during 2011-12, and the consultation is now underway during 2012-13. A questionnaire on wider safeguarding issues was also developed for use in schools: the questionnaire will be implemented during 2012-13. Eighteen staff teams were consulted during 2011-12, and their responses fed into the business planning process in October 2011.

8. Chief Finance Officer Statement

Not relevant

9. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

- 9.1 The biggest risk for the LSCB and the local Authority is the danger of a serious incident which finds that the LSCB or one or more of its partner agencies have failed in their duty to safeguard children. Whilst in social care there is no such thing as zero risk, the work of the LSCB is directed at ensuring that partner agencies take all reasonable steps to safeguard children. The LSCB's Risk Log can be found at page 40 of Annex 1, Appendix 5.

10. Power to make the Decision

Article 6.3.4(d) of the Council's Constitution

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Conwy & Denbighshire LSCB: Annual Report 2011-12



1. Chair's introduction

- 1.1 The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) across Conwy & Denbighshire has a crucial role to play in ensuring children's welfare is safeguarded and, as necessary, children are protected from significant harm
- 1.2 The LSCB holds to account partner agencies and partnerships in delivering the safeguarding and child protection agendas. It sets standards for performance and monitors their effectiveness.
- 1.3 I would like to compliment those involved in safeguarding children in this area for their efforts and expertise in ensuring children's welfare. Agencies across the two Counties strive to deliver services and responses that ensure that children are kept safe, and where possible this is within their natural family, however on occasion it is necessary to take action in order to ensure the children are protected.

2. Summary

- 2.1 This report provides a brief overview of the functioning of the Conwy and Denbighshire Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB), including its governance and financial arrangements. The report also provides a summary of the LSCB's key priorities for 2011-12, and its achievements against those priorities. Finally, the challenges remaining for 2012-13 and the LSCB's priorities for that year are outlined.

3. Key priorities 2011-12

- 3.1 Partners' annual reports to the LSCB were a valuable tool for raising issues with the Board, and these, alongside the results of the annual self-assessment process, informed the LSCB's priorities for 2011-12. Following consultation, where partners ranked what they thought the most important issues for the LSCB to address, the following priorities were identified for 2011-12:
 - a. Through early intervention, to prevent families where the parents/carers have drug & alcohol, mental health or domestic violence problems escalating from safeguarding concerns to child protection issues.
 - b. To ensure that the results of mapping work on vulnerable families are shared with partners; and to also ensure that the services that are planned in response to those results are shaped from a safeguarding perspective.
 - c. Through early intervention, to prevent children exhibiting inappropriate sexualised behaviour becoming perpetrators of sexual offences.

- d. To ensure that the direction, work and review of the LSCB is informed by consultation and participation with children, young people, their parents and carers.

3.2 Actions were allocated to the LSCB's various task groups and included in the 2011-12 business plan. Information about the progress the LSCB has made against its business can be found in section 7 of this report.

4. Governance and Accountability Arrangements

- 4.1 Current membership of the LSCB meets or exceeds the membership prescribed for LSCBs in the Welsh Statutory Instrument 2006 No. 1705 (W.167). Additional, non-prescribed members reflect local issues in Conwy and Denbighshire, and include, for example, representatives from CAF/CASS and the NSPCC. In addition to the prescribed and recommended members of the Board, the two Lead Elected Members for Children's Services from Conwy and Denbighshire sit on the Board.
- 4.2 In 2009-10, the LSCB Board set itself a target of 75% attendance at Board meetings. The Board's attendance rate for both 2010-11 and 2011-12 has now been calculated to include just the statutory representatives, and to also include deputies. Calculated in this way, attendance for 2010-11 was 74%, and for 2011-12, was 73%.
- 4.3 The structure of the LSCB remained stable during 2011-12, and is shown at Appendix 1. The Board's statutory partners are represented on the sub-groups, in addition to good support from voluntary and non-statutory agencies. For the LSCB's subgroups, attendance has remained fairly static compared to 2010-11, with statutory agencies achieving an average attendance rate of 60% in 2010-11, and 62% in 2011-12. Attendance by agency is shown in the table below.

Table 1: Attendance at LSCB sub-groups by agency (ranked by percentage attendance)

2011-12 attendance Statutory Agency	No. of representatives	Possible attendances	Actual attendances	Percentage attendance
PHW	1	15	12	80%
CCBC C&FS	10	59	45	76%
NW Police	4	29	21	72%
YJS	3	16	11	69%
CCBC Youth Service	2	11	7	64%
DCC C&FS	10	47	28	60%
BCUHB	11	77	44	57%
CCBC Ed	2	27	14	52%
Wales Probation	2	7	2	29%
DCC Ed	1	12	3	25%
Total		300	187	62%

4.4 The LSCB holds its partners to account via:

- An annual audit against the requirements of section 28 of the Children Act 2004
- An annual report on their safeguarding activities. A summary of the issues raised via these annual reports can be found at Appendix 4.

- An agreed set of safeguarding performance indicators. The end of year position on these indicators can be found at Appendix 3.

The Board considers the information provided via these mechanisms and takes action as appropriate.

5 Financial arrangements

5.1 The LSCB adopted a revised, reduced budget for 2011-12, in recognition of the financial constraints on partner agencies. The revised budget included just enough to cover the costs of the Business Manager, part-time administrative support, and the delivery of the Training Programme. The Chair wrote to partners in October 2012, requesting that they set aside the amount requested for this and future years, in order to give some stability to the LSCB. The level of contribution requested from each partner was calculated using the formula developed during 2010-11. Table 2, below shows the percentage contribution and the amount requested from each partner for 2011-12.

Table 2: Partners' Contributions to the LSCB.

LSCB Partner	Percentage contribution 2011-12		Requested Financial Contribution 2011-12
Denbighshire Social Services	12.50%	50%	£7,633
Denbighshire Education	12.50%		£7,633
Conwy Social Services	12.50%		£7,633
Conwy Education	12.50%		£7,633
Betsi Cadwaladr Local UHB		36%	£21,982
North Wales Police		11%	£6,714
Probation		3%	£1,832
Total		100%	£61,060

5.2 All agencies contributed the amount requested apart from Wales Probation. Wales Probation advised the LSCB that their level of contribution was set nationally at a payment equating to 2.5% of our actual budget up to a ceiling of £2,500, and that they were unable to pay more than £1,527. This meant that Wales Probation's contribution to the LSCB was £305 less than requested.

5.2 In return for their contribution, partners received:-

- assurance of the quality of safeguarding practice through multi-agency audits,
- regular performance information
- the driving through of the business plan, reflecting partners' priorities
- the delivery of a multi-agency training programme. Partners were not charged for places on these training courses from 2011/12.
- Information on the activities/challenges within individual agencies in Conwy & Denbighshire in fulfilling safeguarding responsibilities as well as joint performance information
- Collective opportunity to influence and develop policies, procedures and practice
- Collective opportunity to ensure coordinated responses, for Conwy & Denbighshire, to safeguarding issues arising in Wales and across the UK

5.3 The LSCB closed the year with an underspend of £5,777. The underspend was mainly due to having used balances brought over from 2010-11 to fund the training programme (including some of the costs of the conference), and lower than budgeted expenditure on

salaries. Expenditure on salaries was less than expected as the post of administrative assistant was vacant for six months. The costs of the Child 3C Serious Case Review were met from the money originally set aside for the training programme, instead of using the contingency fund, which remained untouched. The underspend was carried over into 2012-13. Table 3 summarises the 2011-12 budget outturn.

Table 3: 2011-12 Budget and outturn

Fund	2011-12 Budget	Actual expenditure	Balance 31 March 2012	Commitments 2012-13	Balance to carry forward
	£	£		£	£
General fund	60,755 ¹	51,159	9,596cr	1,395	8,201 cr
Training fund	8,437	7,743	694 cr	3,118	2,424 db
		Balance	10,288	4,513	5,777 cr
Contingency fund	39,719	0		0	39,719 cr

¹The budget was set at £61,060 but Wales Probation contributed £305 less than requested.

6 Key areas of progress/achievement

6.1. Training

6.1.1 A Training Needs Analysis was conducted in January 2011. The exercise identified a need for training on Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour, and also on Children living in Families with Domestic Violence, Drug or Alcohol, or Mental Health problems. In response to the needs analysis, and in recognition of the LSCB's priorities, two large events on 'Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour' were delivered to wide audiences in September 2011 and March 2012. An event on 'Compromised Parenting' has been carried over into the 2012-13 Training Programme.

6.1.2 Table 4 shows that the LSCB continued to support safeguarding training in the Voluntary Sector, with 30% of attendees on our training events coming from this area. However, it can also be seen some statutory partners are poorly represented in the overall attendance figures.

Table 4: LSCB Training Courses and Attendance by Agency

Training Course	BCUHB	CCBC - CFS	CCBS - Ed	DCC - CFS	DCC - Ed	Voluntary	Probation	YJS	NW Police	CCBC Youth	Private School	Totals
Child Protection (6 courses)	0	39	3	17	1	81	2	3	0	1	1	148
Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour	67	19	11	26	9	29	2	13	0	1	2	179
Legal Training	20	7	2	0	6	8	0	0	0	0	1	44
LSCB Annual Conference	23	11	32	7	2	29	0	2	4	1	4	115
Totals	110	76	48	50	18	147	4	18	4	3	8	486
Percentage	23%	15%	9%	10%	4%	30%	1%	4%	1%	1%	2%	100%

- 6.1.3 Although 486 people attended the training events, only 295 evaluation forms were available to collate. The LSCB's first conference evaluation was qualitative rather than quantitative, and therefore, this is not included in the evaluation figures. The evaluation form asks how beneficial the course was, and the available evaluation forms show that 91% of respondents found the LSCB's training courses useful or very useful.
- 6.1.4 During 2011-12, the LSCB began to work towards creating a picture of all staff in the area for whom safeguarding training is relevant, and who have had single-agency training. All partner agencies were asked to provide information to the LSCB, and the results of the exercise are shown in Table 5, below. However, no response was received from both Counties' Housing Services, or from Denbighshire Education and Youth Services; therefore these services are not represented in Table 5. In addition, of those agencies that did respond, there is recognition that, in some cases, not all training has been captured.

Table 5: Safeguarding Staff and Training

Staff Category	Code	Number of staff where safeguarding training is relevant	Single agency training places delivered
In regular contact with children & young people	A	5,530	1,503
Work regularly with children & young people	B	7,063	1,893
With particular responsibility for safeguarding children & young people	C	1,987	45
Combined groups B&C	B&C	40	112
	Total	14,620	3,553

- 6.1.5 The information gathered through this exercise will begin to provide the LSCB with the information it needs to assess whether single and multi-agency training is meeting the needs of those working in the area. Discussions on creating a database to manage this information also got underway during the year.

6.2 Audit and Quality Assurance

- 6.2.1 The LSCB conducted its second annual audit against Section 28 of the Children Act (2004). Partners were asked to complete the audit and identify areas for action. The 2011-12 audit has not yet been completed as not all responses have been received. In part, this is due to the pan-North Wales organisations' legitimate concern that they do not complete three different audits. For this reason, the Three North Wales LSCBs have worked together to agree a common format for the Section 28 audit, and from 2013, the timing of the exercise will be co-ordinated.
- 6.2.2 An audit of core groups was undertaken during 2011-12. The focus of the audit was to look at the quality of the core group work undertaken between the initial case conference and the first review conference, and to check whether the LSCB's practice guidelines on Core Groups were followed consistently. The findings were reported to the Practice Development Group and a task group is taking forward the work on the areas identified for improvement.

6.2.3 An internal management review was undertaken by Denbighshire's Children Services, following the arrest and subsequent conviction of both parents in a family where the children were neglected. The review recommended that an audit of re-registrations be undertaken, and this was completed during 2011-12 by Conwy and Denbighshire Children's Safeguarding Officers. The results of the audit were reported to the LSCB's Strategic Management Group, which has asked the Practice Development Group to consider the findings in depth, and devise a an action plan to address the areas for improvement.

6.3 Practice Development

6.3.1 Following an audit of referrals in 2012-11, the Practice Development Group developed a presentation for agencies to use to improve the quality of their referrals to Children's Services.

6.3.2 The 'Framework for Analysis', a tool for referring agencies to use when they are concerned about a child, was developed in Conwy and spread across the LSCB area with training support.

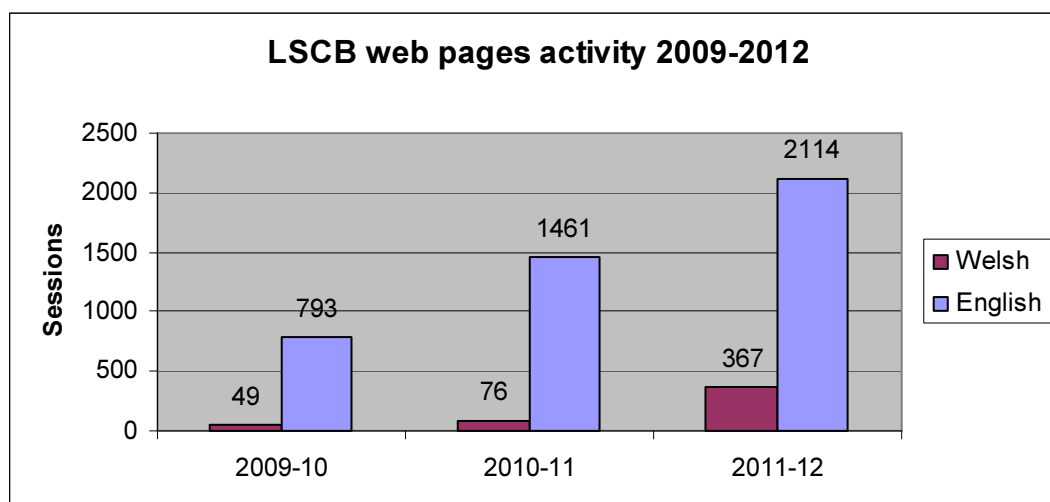
6.3.3 Task groups on Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour (ISB) and Domestic Abuse provided the Strategic Management Group with first reports on provision for children affected by these issues. Both task groups are continuing into 2012-13.

6.3.4 It is the Practice Development Group's role to consider performance information from partners, and identify and address and practice issues highlighted by the information. During 2011-12, partners have continued to improve the quality and quantity of performance information they provide, thus allowing the group to fulfil its role more effectively.

6.4 Communications and Consultation

6.4.1 The LSCB's webpages were updated to contain separate sections for professionals, parents/carers, and children & young people. There was a 45% increase in the number of website sessions during 2011-12 compared to 2010-11, and usage has been increasingly steadily since 2009-10. Chart 1, below, illustrates this increasing usage.

Chart 1: LSCB web pages user sessions



- 6.4.2 Several press articles were produced, and articles were included in the NYAS newsletter, & Denbighshire local paper The LSCB launched its own Facebook page during the year, and this received enough 'likes' to create its own Facebook website.
- 6.4.3 The LSCB's first conference, featuring two highly regarded speakers and several workshops, took place as planned. Feedback has been very positive
- 6.4.4 A joint Conwy & Denbighshire Children and Young People's Partnership / Voluntary Sector Council and LSCB 'Safeguarding in the Voluntary Sector' event took place on 6th March 2012. In addition to informing attendees about the LSCB, the event also provided an opportunity to consult with the voluntary sector on its safeguarding concerns. The event was well attended and received positive feedback.
- 6.4.3 Conwy conducted a new programme of consultation with families on the register during the year, and Denbighshire CYPP funded a consultant to conduct consultation with families on the register in Denbighshire. The Communication and Consultation sub-group considered the results of both Denbighshire & Conwy CYPPs' consultation exercises, increasing the ties between the partnerships, and the understanding of children's safeguarding concerns. A questionnaire on the wider safeguarding agenda has since been jointly developed by the LSCB and CYPP. The questionnaire will be used in schools during 2012-13.
- 6.4.4 Eighteen teams have been consulted, including teams from the local authorities, Health, Police and the Voluntary/third sector. The results from any consultation exercises that took place before October 2011 were fed in to the LSCB's business planning away day.
- 6.4.5 One 'post-it/ share-it was received during the year. The post-it drew the LSCB's attention to good practice between social workers and midwives at Glan Clwyd Hospital.

6.5 Serious Case Reviews (SCRs)

- 6.5.1 The LSCB Serious Case review sub-committee has manages the Serious Case Review process and monitors any action plans arising. Relevant Internal Management Reviews (IMRs) are also brought to the sub-committee and action plans arising from IMRs are also monitored. During the year, it was also agreed that a new process for 'Cases of Special Interest' would be introduced, looking at cases which do not meet the criteria for SCRs.
- 6.5.2 During 2011-12:
- A Serious Case Review relating to the possible ingestion of methadone by a two-day-old baby (Child 3C) was concluded during the year. No failure of multi-agency working was found, but an action plan to improve practice was agreed. All but one of the actions from the action plan have been completed. Work is on-going on the remaining action; to review the formats of reports to child protection conferences.
 - One review was begun during the year; the subject of which is the suicide of a young person (Child 4D). The Child 4D review met the criteria for a Serious Case Review, but is being conducted as a pilot for the Welsh Government's proposed Child Practice Review Process.

6.6 The Child Death Review Panel

- 6.6.1 Four Panel meetings were held to discuss the deaths of children within Conwy and Denbighshire in the year April 2011 to March 2012. A total of 20 deaths were discussed. The suicide of a young person is the subject of a Serious Case Review, although the review is being

conducted as a pilot for the Welsh Government's new Child Practice Review process. No safeguarding concerns were identified in respect of any of the other children.

Table 6: Children discussed at Child Death Review Panel 2011

Cause of Death	Number	Comments
Extreme Prematurity (less than 30 weeks)	7	
Infection	1	Meningitis
Terminal illness	4	
Severe congenital abnormality	2	
Accident	1	Fall from a height
Road Traffic Accident	3	Includes two siblings passengers in the same car
Suicide	1	The subject of a SCR / Child Practice Review
Unexpected death (other)	1	
Total	20	

7. Progress against the Business Plan

7.1.1 The Business Plan End of Year Update is attached at Appendix 1 to this report. Table 7 shows the number and percentage of actions completed/ slightly behind schedule/ where no progress has been made at the end of the year, and compares 2011-12 performance with that of previous years.

Table 7: Progress against the Business Plan

RAG status	Status	2009-10 Business Plan		2010-11 Business plan		2011-12 Business plan	
		Number of actions	Percentage of actions	Number of actions	Percentage of actions	Number of actions	Percentage of actions
Green	Completed	27	43%	23	79%	26	84%
Amber	In progress/ slightly behind schedule	15	28%	5	17%	4	13%
Red	No progress / significantly behind schedule	17	29%	1	4%	1	3%
Total		58	100%	29	100%	31	100%

7.1.2 Actions that were not completed during the year were:

- The Overarching Safeguarding Policy has not been reviewed with partners
- A complaints policy has been developed but is being re-drafted in a simpler form
- Training courses on 'Compromised Parenting' and 'Learning from Serious Case Reviews' did not take place and have been carried forward to 2012-13.
- The database of staff needing multi-disciplinary training has been started but needs further work before it becomes useful

No progress was made towards re-establishing the adult/child mental health interface meetings, which have faltered due to poor attendance.

7.1.3 All incomplete actions have been carried over for continued attention during 2012-13.

8. LSCB effectiveness

8.1 The Board undertook its annual self-assessment in October 2011, using the Welsh Assembly's approved Self Assessment and Improvement Tool (SAIT) for LSCBs. The tool assesses performance against five dimensions:

- establishing the Board's strategic direction;
- establishing effective governance;
- building capacity;
- delivering outputs; and
- improving safeguarding outcomes for children.

Within the SAIT's dimensions are 21 standards, and each standard has graded bands of achievement, from 0 to 3. The LSCB scores itself according to which band it falls into, allocating a fractional score, as relevant, if a band is partially achieved.

8.2 The 2011-12 overall score against the SAIT is shown in Table 8, below, compared to previous years. Changes in scores against the standards were as follows:

- In 16 of the 21 standards, the LSCB showed an improved score compared to 2010.
- Three standards scored the same as in 2010: business planning, safe recruitment and training.
- Two standards were scored lower than in 2010: resources and informing the community

Table 8: Self Assessment and Improvement Tool Scores

	2009	2010	2011
Total Score	23	33.25	41.5
Percentage of standards band 2 or above	10%	38%	67%
How confident do you feel about the prospects for the LSCB to become more effective? (group response)	Not recorded	Moderately	Moderately

9 Risk

9.1 The Board keeps its risk register under regular review, and a revised register was agreed at the end of 2011-12. Three new risks were added:

- The risk that poor co-ordination of sub-groups and lack of clarity over key tasks/ the outcomes sought hinders progress
- The risk that the Board is unable to demonstrate improved outcomes for children
- The risk that progress against the LSCB's business plan is disrupted as the regional integration and collaboration agenda diverts LSCB time from its core activities and delivery of its business plan

Controls are in place to manage all risks.

9.2 The risk that a Serious Case Review finds failure of multi-agency working has been on the LSCB's Risk Register since the register began. This risk remains critical due to the

serious nature of the effects such a failure could have, and the continuing possibility that despite best efforts, there is always the possibility that such an event could happen.

10 Priorities for 2012-13

10.1 Priorities for 2012-13 were discussed at the LSCB's Away Day, taking into account:

- issues raised via partners' and partnerships' annual reports to the LSCB,
- the results of the SAIT exercise (para 8) and of the Section 28 audit (para 6.2.1),
- staff consultation,
- and issues raised by representatives on the day.

Housing and Education were not represented at the Away Day.

10.2 An on-the-spot voting exercise took place, with four issues receiving the most votes and being agreed upon by the group as the priorities for the LSCB for 2012-13. Subsequent discussions resulted in two priorities from 2011-12 being carried forward into 2012-13. Priorities for 2012-13 are shown below:

- Inappropriate Sexualised behaviour -, to prevent children exhibiting inappropriate sexualised behaviour becoming perpetrators of sexual offences, and ensure that children at risk of harm are protected
- Safe employment – to ensure organisations within the LSCB area meet best practice standards in safe employment
- Thresholds – to establish clear and agreed thresholds for intervention which are widely understood and accepted across the LSCB area.
- Partnerships – to ensure that partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities work together to safeguard children

And, continuing from 2011-12

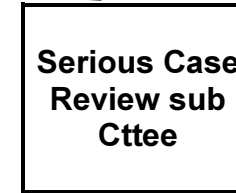
- To prevent families where the parents/carers have drug & alcohol, mental health or domestic violence problems escalating from safeguarding concerns to child protection issues
- To ensure that the direction, work and review of the LSCB is informed by consultation and participation with children, young people, their parents and carers

10.3 The LSCB's priorities have directed the LSCB's 2012-13 business plan.

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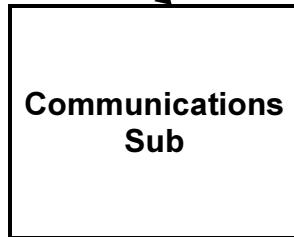
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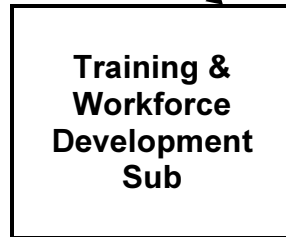


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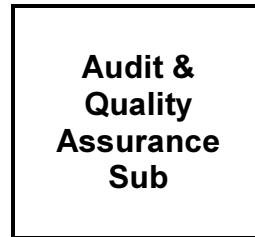
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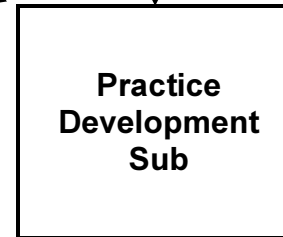
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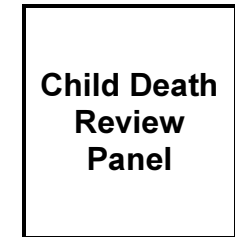
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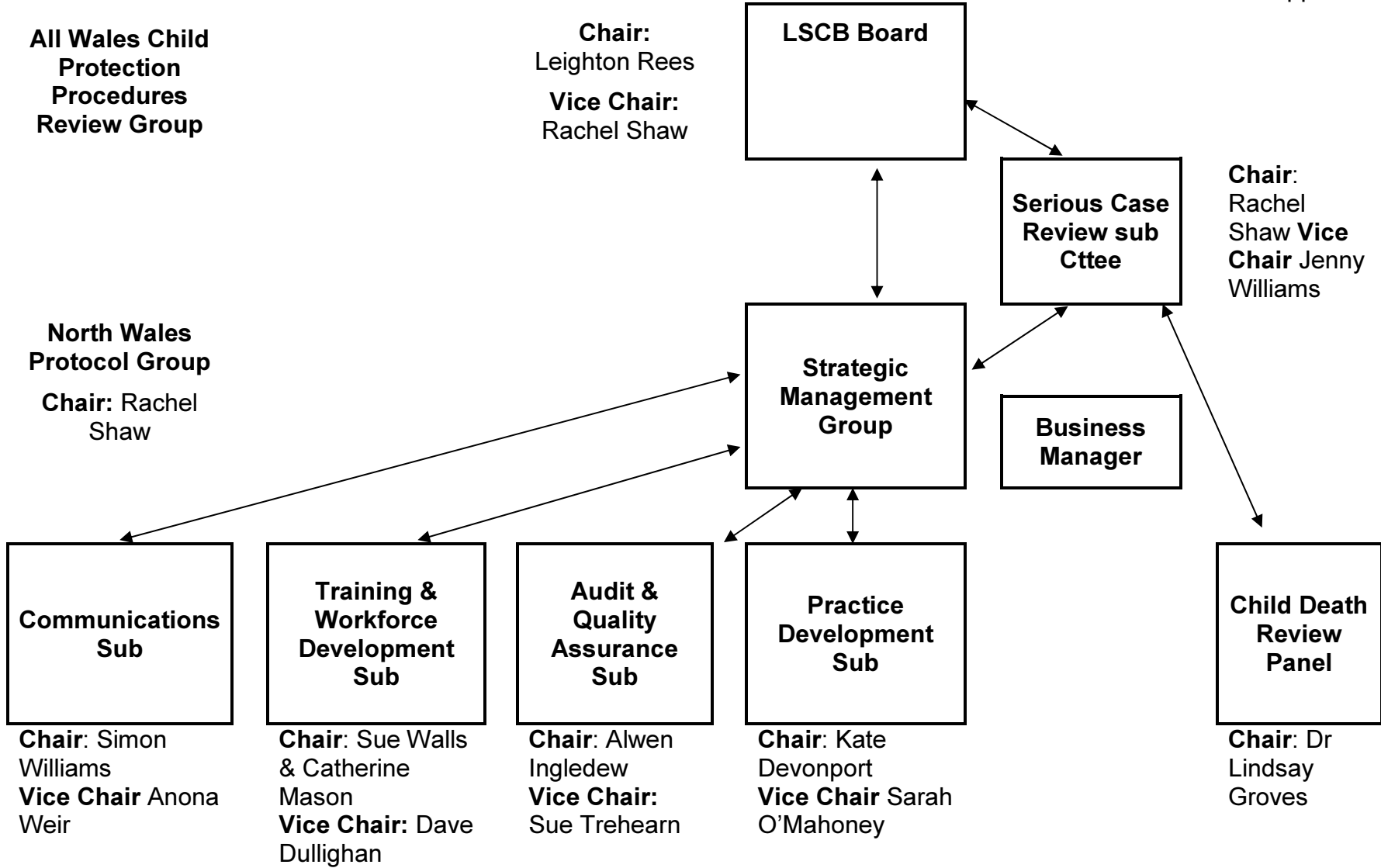
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Issues Raised via Partners' and Partnerships' Annual Reports to the LSCB

Partners'/ Partnerships' Issues/ priorities reported before October 2011: included in discussions for 2012-13 business plan

Key issues arising from partners' annual reports to LSCB

- Young people in custody
- Sexually harmful behaviour
- young people who pose a risk to other young children
- Young people in education who have committed sexual offences
- High rate of re-referrals to Children's Social Services
- Thresholds for intervention higher – impact on ESW service
- The need to improve core assessment quality & activity
- Awareness of & adherence to LSCB protocols
- Better joint working to deliver against shared priorities
- Police Protection Orders – 'central' district disparity
- CRB checks for school governors
- The effects of poor parental mental health on children
- Poor parental mental health that does not meet the threshold for MH services
- Pressure on housing for homeless families
- Registered Social Landlords: safeguarding awareness and promotion
- Bubble of debt in housing market which may cause pressures for all

Key issues arising from partnerships' annual reports to LSCB

- Childhood injuries
- Sexual Health
- How best to ensure a strong connection and accountability with the LSCB

Partners'/ Partnerships' Issues/ priorities reported in December and May
(The May meeting was the re-scheduled March/ end of year Board meeting)

Conwy CYPP

- Develop a service profile around child protection recruitment specifically on the voluntary sector
- Develop a 'Safeguarding Strategy a Guide for Volunteers'.
- Raise awareness of child protection through a 'Learning Exchange' event, provide a networking opportunity for organisations and promote the 'Safeguarding Strategy a Guide for Volunteers'.
- Priority Area 20.2 - Vulnerable young people within our communities have access to appropriate care and support to enable them to live independently and safely.
- Priority Area 22 - Children and young people in Conwy are free from accidents and injuries.

Denbighshire Big Plan:

- Reduce childhood injuries
- Raise awareness of abuse and neglect and
- reduce the risk of injury and death of
- vulnerable people
- Effectively tackle domestic abuse
- Prevent escalation to child protection issues
- Shape safeguarding service planning

NSPCC

- those who experience neglect
- physical abuse in high-risk families (those families with violent adults, alcohol and drug abuse and mental health issues)
- those who experience sexual abuse
- children under the age of one
- disabled children
- children from certain black and minority ethnic (BME) communities
- looked after children.
- create and deliver the services that are most effective at protecting children
- provide advice and support for adults and professionals worried about a child
- work with organisations to ensure they effectively protect children – and challenge those who do not
- campaign for changes to legislation, policy and practice in order to keep children safe.

Education:

- The challenge to deliver safeguarding training to diverse groups: School governors, school crossing patrols, contacted services, etc.
- Difficulties regarding CRB checks, changes to the process, and the use of the Chief Constable's discretion
- Continuing concern regarding parents whose mental health affects their parenting capacity.

NW Police: multi-agency work on

- The prevention of sexual offences against children and young persons.
- Reducing the number of occasions that children go missing from home or care and to prevent children being victims of child sexual exploitation
- Reporting and acting upon domestic abuse.

Wales Probation

- Domestic Violence and its affect on children
- Internet offending
- Offenders with substance misuse problems and their capacity to care for their children
- Protection and safeguarding of children of offenders, fo all offenders who have contact with children, not just those who have convictions against children

Conwy Children & Family Services

- Improve the identification of vulnerable and at risk children
- Improve early preventative service intervention
- Ensure children remain safely or are rehabilitated safely with their families
- Continued development of case management and decision making skills

Denbighshire Children & Family Services

- Vulnerable families provide stability and safe care for their children
- Looked after children are provided with permanent, stable, secure and loving families and become independent adults
- Vulnerable children are protected
- Children with complex additional needs are enabled to live stable, secure and inclusive family lives

Table 1: Multi-agency working: Child Protection Performance Indicators									
REF	Description	Frequency	Wales average 2010-11	Conwy			Denbighshire		
			%	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
SCC10	The percentage of referrals that are re-referrals within 12 months	Annual	28.61	20.6%	18.6%	13.9%	37.5%	38.8%	19.6%
SCC14	The percentage of initial CP conferences due held within 15 working days of the strategy discussion	Quarterly	84.99	81.18%	86.3%	89.2%	66.4%	73.2%	98.1%
SCC15	The percentage of initial core group meetings held within 10 working days of the initial CP conference	Quarterly	77.35	87.5%	95.7%	90.3%	85.2%	86.2%	89.1%
SCC34	The percentage of child protection reviews carried out within statutory timescales during the year.	Quarterly	96.89	99.41%	97.8%	100%	98%	100%	100%

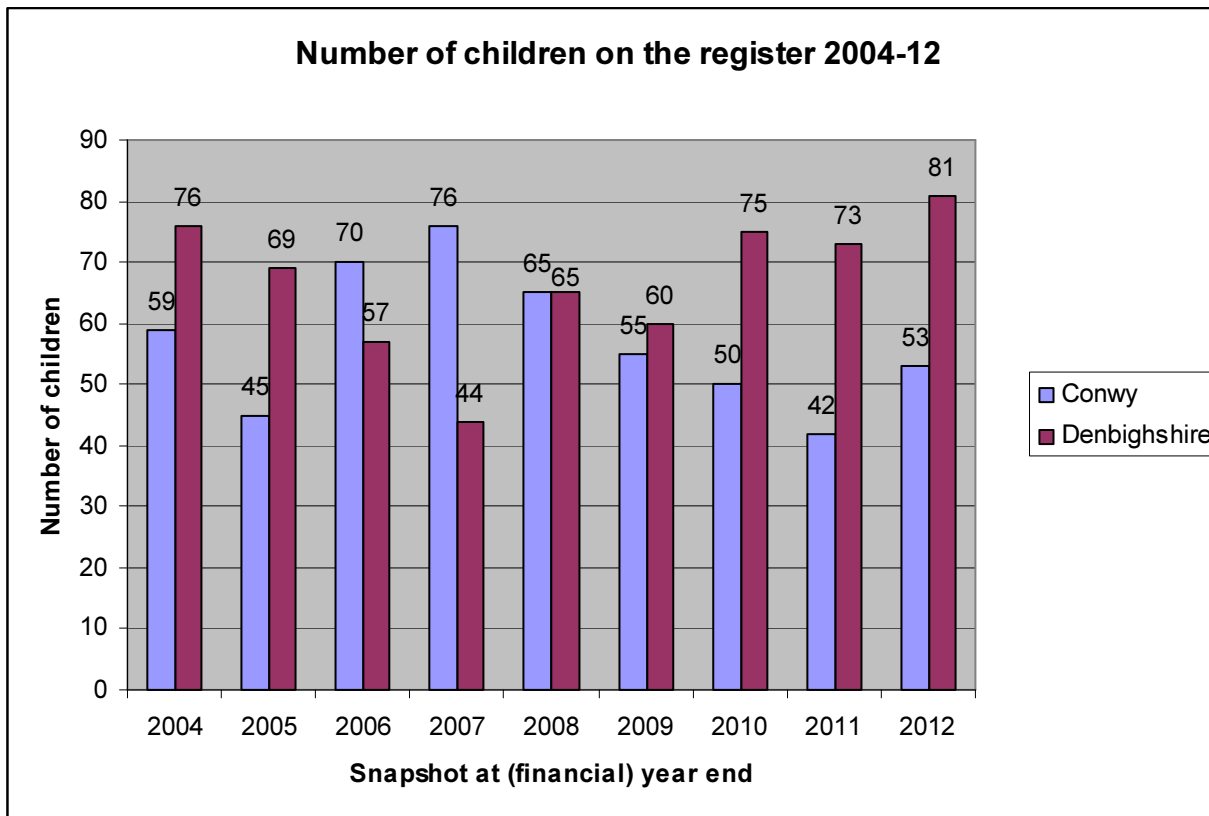


Table 3: Partners' Performance Indicators/ data. Children's Social Services									
				Conwy			Denbighshire		
REF	Description	Frequency	Wales average 2010-11	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
SCC06	The percentage of referrals on which a decision was made within 1 working day (cumulative)	Quarterly	95.4%	59%	96.1%	96.8%	94.5%	95.5%	98.4%
SCC 013 ai	The percentage of open cases of children on the CP register with an allocated social worker	Quarterly	99.69%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
	Total number of additions to the Child Protection Register during the year who had previously been on the register	Annual	n/a		10	19		23	21

Table 4: Partners' Performance Indicators/ data. Youth Justice Service									
REF	Description	Reporting Frequency	Wales average 2009-10	NW Average 2009-10	April – June 2011	July- sept 2011	Oct-Dec 2011	Jan- march 2012	Annual cumulative 2011-12
YJS1	Number of children in custody	quarterly	112	21	1	4	8	2	15
YJS1a	Custody rate: young people receiving a conviction in court who are sentenced to custody	quarterly	Wales average 2010-11 5.6%	NW average 2010-11 3.6%	2.2%	6.8%	15.4%	2.4%	9.26%
YJS2a	Number of children who pose a risk to other children: Category of risk a)Sexual	quarterly	Not yet published	Not yet published	2	2	2	3	3
YJS2b	Number of children who pose a risk to other children Category of risk Violence towards peers	quarterly			8	10	10	10	10
YJS2c	Number of children who pose a risk to other children_Category of risk Neglect of a baby	quarterly			0	0	0	0	0
YJS2d	Total number of children who pose a risk to other children	quarterly			8	10	10	10	10

	Table 5a: DA Crimes - Victims Aged 10-17	Per 1000	DA NC - Victims Aged 10-17	Per 1000	SSO Victims Aged 17 & Under	Per 1000	VAP Victims Aged 17 & Under	Per 1000	*PPO Per 1000
% Change	-6.0%		-25.7%		8.3%		-0.4%		-51.4%

Data on missing children will be available from 2012-13.

**These data refer to the number of occurrences with a PPO*

Table 5b Police Protection Orders

**These data refer to the number of occurrences with a PPO, and not the total number of PPOs. A breakdown is provided below:*

Area	LA	PPO Events	PPO Persons
Western	ANGLESEY	17	1
	GWYNEDD	10	1
	Western Total	27	2
Central	CONWY	18	0
	DENBIGHSHIRE	8	1
	Central Total	26	1
Eastern	FLINTSHIRE	15	2
	WREXHAM	8	6
	Eastern Total	23	8
Force Total		76	11

Notes:

*For Victims Aged 10-17 years per 1000 population, the 10-17 population has been applied
For Victims Aged 17 & Under per 1000 population, the 17 & Under population has been applied
For PPO per 1000 population, the entire population has been applied
Population data acquired from Stats Wales, and are Mid-Year Estimates for 2010*

Table 6: Partners' Performance Indicators/ data. BCUHB			
REF	Description	Reporting Frequency	2011-12
BCU1	Immunisation rates – pre-school children	Quarterly	See below
BCU 2	Number of referrals to MARAC from Emergency Departments	tbc	East 76
			Central 53
			West 73

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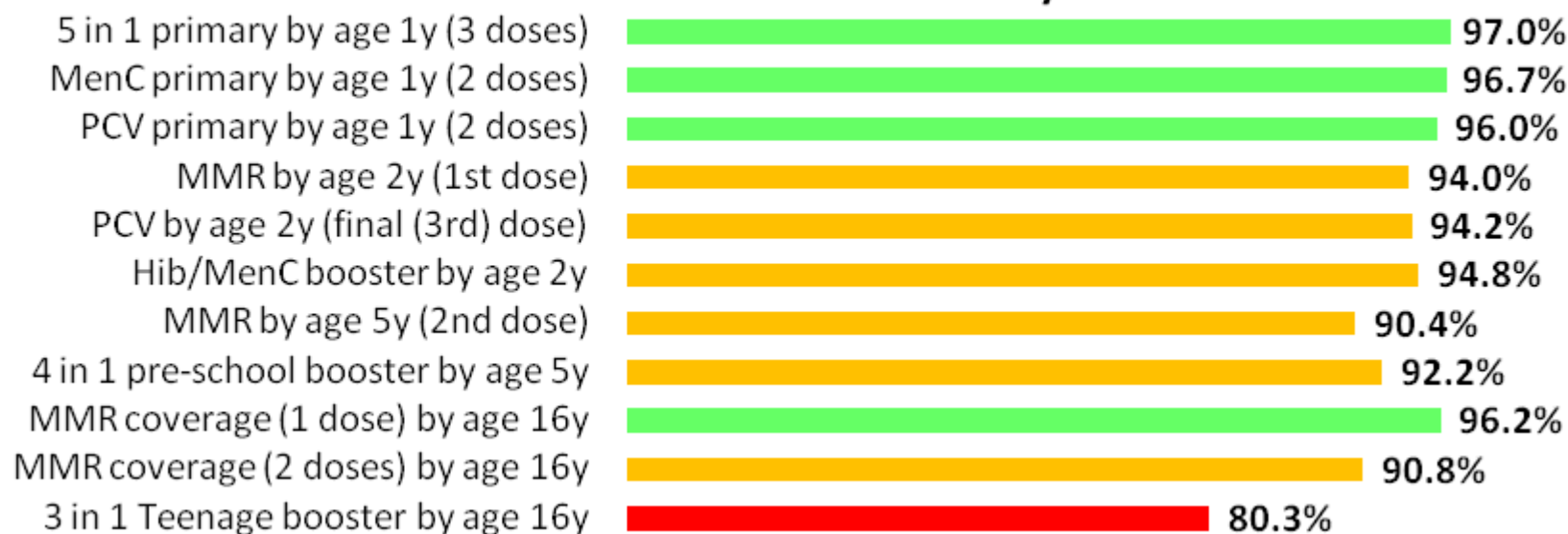


Table 7: Partners' Performance Indicators/ data Wales Probation (including MAPPA)

REF	Description DRAFT INDICATORS	Reporting Frequency	Wales/ UK average 2009-10 Number & (percentage of offenders)	Wales 2011-12 Number & (percentage of offenders)	Conwy & Denbighshire 2010-11 Number & (percentage of offenders)	Conwy & Denbighshire 2011-12 Number & (percentage of offenders)
WP1	Attendance by invited agencies at level 2 & 3 meetings, where the offender is under 18 years of age	Quarterly	Not available	Not available	93%	90%
WP2 (R2.1) ¹	Offenders, now or on release, likely to live with, or have frequent contact with, any child who is on the child protection register or is being looked after by the local authority.	Quarterly	1506 (8%)	1514 (9%)	104 (9%)	117 (10%)
WP3 (R2.2)	Offenders where there are any concerns in relation to children.	Quarterly	4666 (26%)	4767 (29%)	327 (28%)	383 (34%)
WP4	Offenders with a very high or high level of risk to children in the community	Quarterly	677 (4%)	686 (5%)	50 (5%)	48 (5%)
WP5 (R11.4)	Offenders disqualified from working with children	Quarterly	711 (4%)	729 (4%)	48 (4%)	55 (5%)
WP7 (r11.5)	Offender with a conviction against a child	Quarterly		1365 (12%) ²	Not yet available	114 (14%)
WP8 (R11.6)	Offenders presenting an ongoing risk to children	Quarterly		1755 (15%)	Not yet available	182 (22%)
WP9 (R7.1a)	Offenders presenting a risk to identifiable children	Quarterly	3526 (20%)	3621 (22%)	242 (21%)	274 (24%)
WP10 (R7.1b)	Offenders involved in a situation where there are identifiable children who are considered to be at risk from others	Quarterly	1,119 (6%)	1,157 (7%)	76 (7%)	82 (7%)
WP11	The number of offenders with children registered (current) with social services	Quarterly	Not available	Not yet available	Not yet available	260
WP12 (R7.3)	Child protection conferences or 'looked after children' reviews held	Quarterly	1504 (8%)	1489 (9%)	96 (8%)	93 (8%)

¹Numbers in brackets refer to Probation's reference ²Due to problems extracting data, the figures for this indicator are for the period Apr- Dec only.

Table 8 : Partners' Performance Indicators/ data MARAC			
REF	Description	2010-11	2011-12
MARAC 1a	The number of children living with domestic violence in cases referred to the MARAC: Conwy	284	232
MARAC 1b	The number of children living with domestic violence in cases referred to the MARAC: Denbighshire	283	282
Total		567	514

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
1	SAIT Standard 1 - The Board has a clear and shared understanding about which elements of safeguarding it is accountable for and for which it is holding others to account				
1a	Implement and review the Overarching Safeguarding Strategy for Conwy & Denbighshire (SMG 1) *	SMG members / partnership link members	SMG / Partnership Lead Members	The policy has now been taken to the relevant partnerships' Boards. Review of the policy has been hampered by difficulties getting senior representatives from the relevant partnerships together. The review of the policy will now take place in 2012-13.	AMBER
1b	Further develop the annual report template. Revision to address the promotion of organisational understanding and ownership of the agency's contribution to the work of the LSCB (SAIT 3), and to strengthen arrangements for partners' reporting of their internal audit programme and findings (SAIT 19) (SMG2)	BM time	BM / Audit sub	Revised template now in use	GREEN
2	SAIT Standard 2 - The LSCB has specific objectives which aim to improve the quality of safety for specific groups of children				
2a	Further develop actions to take forward the priorities for 2011-12. (SMG3)	SMG/ sub-groups/ link members	SMG/ BM	Actions have been taken forward via the Practice Development and Training sub-groups.	GREEN

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
2ai	Develop improved multi-agency skills to deal with cases of inappropriate sexualised behaviour Priority 3 (PD 5)	YJS CAMHS BCUHB NW Police DCC CCBC	Practice Development sub	<p>A training event on Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour took place on 30th September 2011, and a further event on 16th March 2012, which concentrated on inappropriate behaviour in the under 12s. .</p> <p>A task group was set up, and this has reported to SMG, in addition to contributing to the review of the All Wales Procedure on Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour.</p> <p>Following the report to SMG, the task group will continue during 2012-13, and report to SMG on gaps, services and models for the provision of services.</p>	GREEN
2aii	Work through the Adult/Child Mental Health interface meetings to look at cases where there have been low level mental health concerns, to inform a re-write of the mental health protocol and improved multi-agency practice. Priority 1 (PD6)	DCC CCBC BCUHB	Practice Development sub	<p>The first draft of the revised Mental Health Protocol has been produced. This is currently with the North Wales Protocols Group, and the final draft will be circulated for consultation when it is ready.</p> <p>The Strategic Interface meetings have faltered due to poor attendance. The matter is now being dealt with by the Heads of Service.</p>	RED

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
2aiii	Scope the multi-agency response to domestic violence via MARAC with a view to improving the effectiveness of preventing escalation to Child Protection Priority 1 (PD7)	DV CoOrdinator CCBC	Practice Development sub	<p>Agencies have been encouraged to refer cases in to the MARAC, and the practice development group will receive feedback from the DV CoOrdinator on this issue.</p> <p>A task group of the Practice Development group put a report to SMG which recommended that a strategic approach is needed to commission and deliver resources to children to ameliorate the impact of living with domestic abuse.</p> <p>The LSCB is now working with the Strategic MARAC to map existing services and develop a model of DV services for the future.</p>	GREEN
2av	Board to consider results from mapping exercises in Conwy & Denbighshire and ensure resulting services are planned from a safeguarding perspective Priority 2 (SMG 9)	Conwy CBC & Denbighshire CC staff time	Practice Development sub	<p>The results were considered by the Board on 26th of September</p> <p>The LSCB will ask the CYPPs to update the Board on how Families First / the Integrated Family support Service is supporting vulnerable families.</p>	GREEN

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
3	SAIT Standard 3 - The members have negotiated the terms of reference for the LSCB Standard 6 -The LSCB specifies the responsibilities, knowledge requirements and accountabilities of individual members who sit on the Board Standard 12 - LSCB members are clear about the roles, responsibilities and reporting arrangements of the chair				
3	Introduce an appraisal process for Board Members and the Chair. Ensure business manager's appraisal is informed by LSCB members (SMG 4)	BM time	BM /SMG	A draft appraisal process has been discussed by SMG. SMG did not consider the appraisal process to be suitable for the Board at this time.	GREEN
4	SAIT Standard 4 - The independent identity of the LSCB as a statutory body is recognised Standard 17 - The Board is active in informing all members of the community of the role they can play to make their community safer				
4	Deliver the communications programme, to include a safeguarding public awareness strategy and programme of events, and to include all relevant partnerships (C&C 1)	Agency reps on comms sub	Communications & Consultation sub	A 'stock' of press releases has been generated. Articles have been published in the County Voice and in the NYAS newsletter. A poster has been produced, which was widely distributed to partner agencies at the LSCB's first annual conference	GREEN
5	SAIT Standard 9 - The LSCB has developed systems for ensuring governance of multi-disciplinary practice				
5a	Implement the Framework for Analysis across the LSCB (PD3)	Conwy CBC, Training sub group	Practice Development & Training sub	Framework For Analysis training has been delivered to all agencies involved in child welfare (apart from the police) across Conwy. To date, 3 sessions have been delivered to Denbighshire Social Workers in Children and Family Services and it has been agreed to deliver a further session in May to their partner agencies	GREEN

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
5b	Improve the quality of referrals via agency action plans (PD2)	All agencies /Practice Development	Audit sub	Members of the Practice Development Group have been asked to develop action plans to improve referrals, and to give a progress report against them to the group. A task group has met and developed a 'Making an Effective Referral' presentation which has been delivered to the PD Subgroup Other agencies now need to take responsibility for the support and training they give to their staff and for quality assuring the referrals they make.	GREEN
5c	Develop a protocol & escalation process for evaluating compliance/ non-compliance with LSCB policies (A&QA1)	Business Manager, audit sub group	Audit sub group	A protocol and escalation process have been developed. Completed	GREEN
6	SAIT Standard 10 - The LSCB has developed systems to ensure safe recruitment in all member agencies				

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
6a	Develop a safe recruitment strategy including standards for safe recruitment. Strategy to include vulnerable staff on the edges of organisations, e.g. taxi drivers (PD1)	Human Resources staff PD rep staff	Practice Development sub	The Pembrokeshire inspection has highlighted CRB checks and other considerations so this area of the Practice Development work plan is now being dealt with corporately. Conwy and Denbighshire LEA's reported to the LSCB Executive Board in December on their response to the Pembrokeshire report. A joint Conwy & Denbighshire CYPP/ VSC/ LSCB 'Safeguarding in the Voluntary Sector' event took place on 6th March 2012. The event focussed on safe employment. Training for Licensing has taken place Following the Board's away day in October, an action to set up a task group on safe employment next year has been included in the LSCBs work plan	GREEN
6b	Review the management of allegations against professionals (PD4)	CCBC & DCC social services Recommendations may have further resource implications	Practice Development sub	An audit of cases across Conwy & Denbighshire has been completed and the detailed results reported to SMG. Work on this issue is underway on an all Wales basis.	GREEN
6c	Extend the CRB checks from Board members to sub-group members (SMG 5)	BM time	BM	CRB checks have been requested and the results reported to SMG.	GREEN
7	Standard 11 - The LSCB has a robust process for reviewing and learning from serious case reviews (SCRs) which leads to improvements				

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
7	Improve the speed at which lessons from SCRs are learnt & training delivered (SCR 1)	SCR sub member time	SCR sub	Following the away-day, the Serious Case Review Sub-Committee will now be responsible for examining Cases of Special Interest (CSI). A draft methodology for the CSI has been produced to be considered at the SCR meeting of 2nd December 2011. The LSCB has acted as a pilot for the new WG methodology for Concise Reviews, which are one of the approaches that are being proposed to replace Serious Case Reviews	GREEN
8	Standard 13 - The Board has effective sub-groups to deliver its work plan				
8	Develop links with CYPP and other partnerships' sub-groups (SMG 6)	BM time	BM	A joint Conwy & Denbighshire CYPP/ VSC/ LSCB 'Safeguarding in the Voluntary Sector' event took place on 6th March 2012. A safeguarding questionnaire to be used in schools has been developed in liaison with both CYPPs The LSCB's training programme and uptake figures have been reported to Conwy CYPP's Core Aim Group 3.	GREEN
9	Standard 15 - The Board actively consults with both children, young people and parents/carers in the development and review of its work Standard 8 - The LSCB has a business planning, review and improvement system linked to achieving its specific objectives and improving the cooperation and effectiveness of the Board				

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
9a	Develop an LSCB policy statement on complaints and strategy for dealing with them (C&C 2)	C&C sub member time	Communications & Consultation sub	The complaints policy has been considered by SMG and will be re-drafted to reflect the discussion.	AMBER
9b	Develop the public face of the web pages (C&C 3)	BM/ CCBC web support / NW Police PR	Communications & Consultation sub	A Facebook page has been developed, and has received enough 'likes' to create its own Facebook website. The webpages now have separate sections for parents/carers; children & young people; and professionals Website usage has increased by 45% compared to 2010-11.	GREEN
9c	Review the results of existing consultation exercises to inform actions to improve the quality of safety for LSCB priority groups of children Priority 4 (C&C 4)	Comms sub member time	Communications & Consultation sub	The Communications sub group have considered Conwy's 2008 consultation with families on the CP register Conwy's consultation with Looked After Children was reported to the sub-group in November Conwy began a new programme of consultation with families on the register during the year, and this remains on-going. Denbighshire CYPP is funding a consultant to conduct consultation with families on the register in Denbighshire.	GREEN

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
9d	Use the results/ opportunities from existing participation /consultation mechanisms to inform its work on the wider safeguarding agenda Priority 4 (C&C 5)	Comms sub member time	Communications & Consultation sub	The findings from consultation conducted by both Counties' Children and Young People's Partnerships have been considered by the group. A questionnaire on the wider safeguarding agenda has been jointly developed by the LSCB and both CYPPs for use in schools during 2012-13	GREEN
10	Standard 16 - The LSCB has an active multi-agency training and development programme that meets the requirements of Working Together				
10a	Deliver the agreed Training Strategy and programme (T&WD 2)	Trainers time, venue costs £5k Speaker costs £? Administrative time 2 to 3 days per course	Training sub	The Introduction to Child Protection Courses took place as planned, and an updated course has been running since November. The Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour event was over-subscribed and took place on in September 2011: a further event, focussing on behaviour in the under 12's took place in March 2012. The Training event on Compromised Parenting has been carried forward to 2012-13	AMBER
10b	Establish a database to identify those needing multi-disciplinary training (T&WD 3)	Administrative time	LSCB admin	The Training Needs Analysis was sent to partners on 25th November 2011. Information supplied in response to the Training needs analysis has provided the basis for the information database.	AMBER

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
10c	Report to SMG / the Board on Safeguarding Training across Conwy & Denbighshire, including through partners, e.g. Llandrillo college (T&WD 1)	Training sub group and all partners	Training sub group	The Training Needs analysis was sent out to partners before Christmas, but some partners have not been able to provide the information requested until recently. The report will now go to the next Board meeting	GREEN
11	Standard 18 - The LSCB actively promotes feedback to and from frontline staff about safeguarding policy and practice				
11a	Deliver the planned Workshop/conference for stakeholders & frontline staff (C&C 6)	Comms sub member time	Communication & Consultation sub & Training sub	The conference took place and feed back has been very positive.	GREEN
11b	Communicate with, support & involve frontline staff via a programme of monthly meetings (C&C 8)	BM time	BM	Eighteen teams have been consulted, including teams from the local authorities, Health, Police and the Voluntary/third sector. The results from the consultation were fed in to the business planning away day in October 2011	GREEN
12	Standard 19 - The LSCB knows about the quality of practice and actively works to improve this				
12a	Deliver schedule of multi-agency audits (A&QA 2)	Audit sub group members' time	Audit sub-group	Multi-agency audits of referrals and of core Groups have taken place, and action plans have been developed to address areas for improvement . . SMG have considered a summary of Part IV investigations, where there have been allegations against a professional. The Section 28 audit went ahead as planned.	GREEN

SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
12b	Review and address s28 audit findings (A&QA 3)	Audit sub, Practice dev. Sub member time	Audit sub, Practice Development sub	All agencies have had their s28 audits returned with comments. The in-depth review of s28 audit findings will be carried forward to 2011-13, and focus on safe employment	GREEN
13	Standard 20 - The LSCB can demonstrate improvements to the outcomes for children receiving child protection services				
13a	Audit sub group to receive regular reports from agencies on the results of their audits and the related action plans (A&QA 4)	Audit sub member time	Audit sub	The results of the following audits have fed back to the audit sub-group: Denbighshire children & Family Services' s case file audit Conwy Children & Family Services' Child Protection audit Re-registration audit Part 1Vs Education QA exercise	GREEN
13b	Further develop the core data set to include key data from partner agencies, and outcome focussed indicators, once the desired outcomes have been agreed. (SMG 7)	Business manager, member agencies	BM	The Partner's data set has been further developed, with Health and MARAC data now available. A discussion document on outcome indicators was considered by SMG in late 2011, but it was considered that further work need to be done on the 2011-12 priorities before outcome indicators could be useful.	GREEN
14	Standard 21 - The LSCB can show how its own work and work with other partnerships is improving safety for all children				

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SAIT Ref	Action and timescale	Resources	By whom	Progress	RAG status
14	With other partnerships, develop common programmes of work in support of overarching safeguarding priorities (eg Communications, Participation of CYP and families) (SMG 8)	b) Existing: Board and Partnership Lead Member time	SMG/ BM	LSCB Training information is now reported to the CAG3 group of Conwy CYPP. A joint CYPP and LSCB event for the Voluntary sector was delivered on 6th March 2012. A joint CYPP / LSCB safeguarding questionnaire has been developed for use in schools.	GREEN
A&QA – Audit & Quality Assurance C&C – communications & Consultation PD – Practice Development			SCR – Serious Case Review SMG – Strategic Management Group T&WD – Training & Workforce Development		

No	RISK	Risk Owner	Impact / consequence	SCORE without controls	Controls to manage risk	SCORE with controls
1	The risk that a Serious Case Review finds failure of multi-agency working	LSCB Board Board Executive Lead from each agency	Possible avoidable serious harm to child. Loss of reputation for agencies involved. Damaged public trust.	C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single and Multi-agency audits • Staff training & LSCB multi-agency training • Communication and promotion of policies and procedures • Holding agencies to account for their safeguarding activities • Cases of Special Interest procedure 	C1
2	The risk that the Board fails to hold member agencies to account, and the functioning and effectiveness of the LSCB is jeopardised by partners' unreliable commitment / excessive dependence on one or two partners	LSCB Board	<p>Failure in a member agency affects the reputation of the LSCB and all its members. The LSCB fails in its statutory duty. Loss of reputation and public confidence. A child suffers avoidable significant harm.</p> <p>Multi-agency perspectives on issues is not achieved. Protocols and procedures are not suitable for all agencies, and may not be followed. Training courses do not meet all agencies requirements. Children and Families may not receive the services and support they need because practitioners do not know about services and procedures, or because they are not as good as they could have been with multi-agency input.</p>	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partners' annual reports to the Board • Section 28 audit • Annual SAIT exercise • Trust and challenge • Monitoring of attendance at LSCB meetings 	C2

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No	RISK	Risk Owner	Impact / consequence	SCORE without controls	Controls to manage risk	SCORE with controls
3	The risk that the Board is unable to agree the relative roles and responsibilities of the various partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities, and the risk that this is exacerbated by the different arrangements for the CYPP in the two counties	LSCB Board / Board members with partnership liaison responsibilities	There are gaps in the safeguarding children agenda, as partnerships assume other partnerships are responsible for the missing area of service/policy. There is overlap in service/ policy and resources are wasted. Practitioners and the public are confused about where to go and who is responsible for what. Opportunities for shared projects are missed. Poor inspection results.	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnerships' annual report to the Board Implementation and review of the Overarching Safeguarding Policy Joint projects with other strategic partnerships 	C3
4	The risk that Partners are unable to agree a permanent budget to support the work plan.	LSCB Board	The objectives in the work plan are not achieved. Multi-agency working does not progress as quickly as it could. Sub-groups do not take place as planned. The business plan, attendance, the budget, etc. are not monitored and fall behind. SAIT standards are not met. Training courses are not delivered.	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early identification and notification of the LSCB's required budget Report (2010) showing research and basis for formula used for calculating partners' contributions. 	C2
5	The LSCB is unable to demonstrate progress	LSCB Board	The objectives in the work plan are not achieved. Multi-agency working does not progress as quickly as it could. Sub-groups do not take place as planned. SAIT scores remain static. Progress takes place but there are no mechanisms in place to demonstrate this. Poor inspection findings	C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-groups report to SMG every 2 months Quarterly reports to the Board against the Business Plan Performance indicators monitored over time 	D2

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No	RISK	Risk Owner	Impact / consequence	SCORE without controls	Controls to manage risk	SCORE with controls
6	The risk that poor co-ordination of sub-groups and lack of clarity over key tasks/ the outcomes sought hinders progress (new)	SMG	The LSCB's business plan is not delivered. Training courses do not take place, or training does not meet the Board's requirements. Audits are not conducted and the Board does not know about the quality of practice. People remain ignorant of the Board and its role, and safeguarding is not promoted in the community. Good practice is not shared, opportunities for improving practice are missed.	C2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sub-groups report on progress against their workplans to SMG every 2 months Sub-group Chairs report issues for clarification or direction to SMG every 2 months 	D2
7	The risk that public spending cuts reduce agencies' ability to respond to child protection and safeguarding cases	LSCB statutory agencies	A child suffers avoidable significant harm. Failure in a member agency affects the reputation of the LSCB and its member agencies.	C1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standing item on the Board agenda Regular updates from agencies to Practice Development Group. 	D1
8	The Board is unable to demonstrate improved outcomes for children (new)	Board	The changes that the LSCB makes do not have a positive effect on children's lives, but the LSCB does not know this because it has no mechanisms for demonstrating improved outcomes. The Board continues acting ineffectively. Or the changes made by the LSCB do have a positive effect on the lives of children, but the LSCB is unable to demonstrate this. Poor inspection results. Poor SAIT scores.	B3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance information is reported regularly to the Board and to the Practice Development Group 	C3

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
No	RISK	Risk Owner	Impact / consequence	SCORE without controls	Controls to manage risk	SCORE with controls
9	The risk that progress against the LSCB's business plan is disrupted as the regional integration and collaboration agenda diverts LSCB time from its core activities and delivery of its business plan. (new)	Board	The objectives in the business plan are not achieved. Multi-agency working does not progress as quickly as it could. Sub-groups do not take place as planned. SAIT scores remain static. Poor inspection findings	B2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move at a pace that we can deliver and that does not cause disruption to the core business. 	C2

Risk Assessment Criteria

LIKELIHOOD	Event is almost certain to occur in most circumstances	>70%	Almost Certain	A					
	Event likely to occur in most circumstances	30-70%	Likely	B					
	Event will possibly occur at some time	10-30%	Possible	C					
	Event unlikely and may occur at some time	1-10%	Unlikely	D					
	Event rare and may occur only in exceptional circumstances	<1%	Rare	E					
					5	4	3	2	1
					Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High
Service Performance	Minor errors or disruption	Some disruption to activities / customers	Disruption to core activities / customers	Significant disruption to core activities. Key targets missed	Unable to delivery core activities. Strategic aims compromised				
Reputation	Trust recoverable with little effort or cost	Trust recoverable at modest cost with resource allocation within budgets	Trust recovery demands cost authorisation beyond existing budgets	Trust recoverable at considerable cost and management attention	Trust severely damaged and full recovery questionable and costly				
Financial Cost (£)	<£50k	£50k - £250k	£250k - £1m	£1m - £5 m	>£5m				

IMPACT

Corporate Risk Severity Key

	Minor	Risk easily managed locally – no need to involve management
	Moderate	Risk containable at service level – senior management and SLT may need to be kept informed
	Major	Intervention by SLT and / or CET with Cabinet involvement
	Critical	Significant CET and Cabinet intervention



Conwy & Denbighshire LSCB Business Plan 2012-13

Priorities 2012-13

- 1 Children exhibiting Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour are identified early and offered help, and children at risk of harm from other children are protected
 - 2 The LSCB is assured that all available actions have been taken to reduce risks to children from unsafe staff
 - 3 A common understanding of thresholds for intervention supports vulnerable families and helps identify children in need of protection
 - 4 Children are safer because partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities work together to safeguard children
- and, continuing from 2011-12*
5. Children experiencing difficulties due to their parents'/carers' drug & alcohol, mental health or domestic violence problems are identified so that concerns do not escalate from safeguarding to child protection issues
 6. To ensure that the direction, work and review of the LSCB is informed by consultation and participation with children, young people, their parents and carers

KEY to subgroup abbreviations

A&QA – Audit & quality Assurance subgroup

C&C – communications & Consultation subgroup

PD – Practice Development subgroup

SCR – Serious Case Review sub-committee

SMG – Strategic Management Group

T&WD – Training and Workforce Development subgroup

**LSCB Business Plan 2012-13 First Quarter Update
Business Plan summary, July 2012**

Annex 2

RAG status	Status	June 2011-12 update		July 2012-13 update	
		Number of actions	Percentage of actions	Number of actions	Percentage of actions
Green	Completed	0	0%	0	0%
Amber	In progress/ slightly behind schedule	14	45%	6	32%
Red	No progress / significantly behind schedule	0	0	4	21%
Not yet due	Not yet scheduled to start	17	55%	9	47%
Total		31	100%	19	100%

Priority 1 - Children exhibiting Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour are identified early and offered help, and children at risk of harm from other children are protected. SAIT standard 2.

Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
1a	<p>The LSCB resources a task group which will consider current provision for children exhibiting Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour, and to develop a model for future provision</p> <p>By April 2012, a revived task group is established.</p> <p>Report to Board by December 2012,</p> <p>March 2013, actions included in LSCB partner agencies' annual reports.</p>	<p>Youth Justice Service / CAMHS plus other representatives</p> <p>PD subgroup*</p>	<p>Nominations to the task group have been slow, and the task group has not met.</p> <p>The March Practice Development Group meeting was cancelled due to the meeting room being double-booked.</p>	RED

Priority 1 - Children exhibiting Inappropriate Sexualised Behaviour are identified early and offered help, and children at risk of harm from other children are protected. SAIT standard 2.

Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
1b	<p>The LSCB ensures that children at risk of harm from ISB from other children are protected.</p> <p>From July 2012, partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities inform the Board what actions they are taking to help all children protect themselves from ISB via their annual reports</p>	<p>CYPP link Board Members HSCWB link Board Members</p>	<p>The CSP report to the Board July 2012 contains the following relevant references:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teenage Relationship & Sexual Violence: Partnership working between the CSP and Ysgol Emrys Ap Iwan. The School drama group produce and deliver educational plays based on sexual crime to help raise awareness amongst their peers. Currently working with local Youth media group to produce Welsh Language version with the potential to incl in future SLO education within schools. • Reduce offending amongst under 18s • Management of the night time economy • Controlling the night-time economy, ensuring that the insidious supply of alcohol to those already drunk, and that all the risk associated with 'binge drinking culture are mitigated accordingly • School Community Police Officer : Continuous engagement within Schools. As part of the core programme, Officers deliver sessions to all pupils on the impact of anti-social behaviour and crime. 	AMBER

Priority 2- The LSCB is assured that all available actions have been taken to reduce risks to children from unsafe staff. SAIT standard 10				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
2a	<p>The LSCB monitors partner agencies' procedures for safe recruitment and employment</p> <p>By July 2012, the Board is provided with information arising from in-depth consideration of partners' s28 audit responses around safe recruitment which allows the Board to be assured that procedures are in place and complied with, or that action plans are in place.</p>	A &QA sub-group	The Section 28 audit has not yet been completed,. Responses are still awaited from NW Police, and Housing in Conwy and Denbighshire.	RED

Priority 2- The LSCB is assured that all available actions have been taken to reduce risks to children from unsafe staff. SAIT standard 10

Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
2b	<p>The LSCB resources a task group which will identify best practice in safe recruitment and employment , including commissioned/ contracted services</p> <p>By April 2012, a task group on safe employment is set up</p> <p>By December 2012, , the Board is provided with the information it needs to be able to make recommendations on improving safe recruitment and working practice (to include Part IVs) .</p> <p>By March 2013, LSCB partner agencies' annual reports have begun to include information on what they are doing to respond to the Board's recommendations</p>	<p>Safe employment task group Practice Development subgroup</p>	<p>Nominations to the task group have been slow, and the task group has not met</p> <p>The March Practice Development Group meeting was cancelled due to the meeting room being double-booked.</p>	<p>RED</p>

Priority 2- The LSCB is assured that all available actions have been taken to reduce risks to children from unsafe staff. SAIT standard 10				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
2c	<p>The LSCB works with the C&YP Partnerships to improve safe employment practices in the voluntary sector</p> <p>From September 2012, via their annual reports, the C&YP partnerships inform the Board about the actions they are taking to help the voluntary sector improve its recruitment and employment /volunteering practices.</p>	<p>CYPP link Board Members</p> <p>CYPP co-ordinators</p>	<p>Reports are not yet due.</p>	<p>Not Yet Due</p>

Priority 3 - A common understanding of thresholds for intervention supports vulnerable families and helps identify children in need of protection
SAIT standard 2 & 21

Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
3a	<p>The LSCB resources a task group which will identify thresholds and access to different tiers of services (universal, targeted, statutory SSD) and the actions needed to develop a common understanding of them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By April 2012, the task group is established. • By September 2012, the Board is provided with the information it needs to be able to make recommendations on developing a common understanding of thresholds • By December 2012, LSCB partner agencies' annual reports have begun to include information on what they are doing to respond to the Board's recommendations. 	<p>Julie Moss / Denbighshire C&FS Practice Development subgroup</p>	<p>Work undertaken in Denbighshire is now ready for sharing across both Counties.</p> <p>The March Practice Development Group meeting was cancelled due to the meeting room being double-booked. This has delayed the establishment of the task group.</p>	<p>AMBER</p>

Priority 3 - A common understanding of thresholds for intervention supports vulnerable families and helps identify children in need of protection
SAIT standard 2 & 21

Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
3b	<p>The LSCB ensures that there are mechanisms in place to identify and support vulnerable families, children in need, and children in need of protection</p> <p>By March 2013, the Children & Young Peoples' Partnerships, via their annual reports or another mechanism, will have reported on how Families First / IFSS is supporting vulnerable families and helping to identify children in need of protection</p>	Board link CYPP members	Reports are not yet due.	Not Yet Due

Priority 4 - Children are safer because partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities work together to safeguard children SAIT standard 21				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
4a	<p>The LSCB brings together key people from partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities, and including Adult Services, from both counties to discuss safeguarding issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By June 2012 the meeting is arranged • By December 2012, the Board is provided with the information it needs to make recommendations on how partnerships can work together to safeguard children • Partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities report to the LSCB on their safeguarding activities via the annual rolling programme • By March 2013, partnerships' annual reports begin to include information on what they are doing to respond to the Board's recommendations. • The LSCB's annual report will include details on the collaborative joint events and common programmes of action undertaken with other Partnerships with safeguarding responsibilities 	LSCB Board	The meeting date has been set for 7 th September 2012.	AMBER

Priority 5 Children experiencing difficulties due to their parents'/carers' drug & alcohol, mental health or domestic violence problems are identified so that concerns do not escalate from safeguarding to child protection issues SAIT standard 2

Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
5a	<p>The LSCB works with/ via the MARAC Steering Group to map current provision for domestic abuse, and develop a model for future provision</p> <p>By December 2012, , the Board is provided with the information it needs to make recommendations to improve provision for domestic abuse.</p> <p>By March 2013, LSCB partner agencies' annual reports have begun to include information on what they are doing to respond to the Board's recommendations</p>	<p>S Williams Practice Development sub-group</p>	<p>Closer ties have been established between the MARAC and the LSCB</p>	<p>Not Yet Due</p>
5b	<p>The LSCB ensures that staff are aware of, and confident in using the revised NW Mental Health and Substance Abuse Protocol.</p> <p>By March 2013, the Board is provided with the information it needs to assess the awareness and confidence of staff in using the revised NW Mental Health and substance Abuse Protocol.</p>	<p>Practice Development subgroup / Communications & Consultation sub-group Training sub-group</p>	<p>The revised Mental Health Protocol has not yet been finalised.</p>	<p>Not Yet Due</p>

PRIORITY 6 - TO ENSURE THAT THE DIRECTION, WORK AND REVIEW OF THE LSCB IS INFORMED BY CONSULTATION AND PARTICIPATION WITH CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE, THEIR PARENTS AND CARERS(SAIT standards 8 & 15)				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
6a	<p>To review the results of consultation exercises with children and families who have been through the child protection process</p> <p>By September 2012, the results of consultation are reported to the Board.</p> <p>Issues concerning C&YP are taken into account when developing the LSCB's 2013-14 business plan.</p> <p>By December 2012, LSCB partner agencies' annual reports have begun to include information on what they are doing to respond to the Board's recommendations</p>	Communications & Consultation sub-group	<p>Consultation in Conwy is almost completed. The next step will be to report the findings to the Children & Family Services Management Team.</p> <p>Families have been identified for consultation with children on the child protection register in Denbighshire</p>	Not Yet Due
6b	<p>To work with the C&YP partnerships to consult with children on the wider safeguarding agenda</p> <p>By September 2012, the Board will have sufficient information about the issues of concern to C&YP, their parents and carers to make recommendations that begin to address those issues</p>	Communications & Consultation sub-group	A draft questionnaire has been produced for use in schools	Not Yet Due

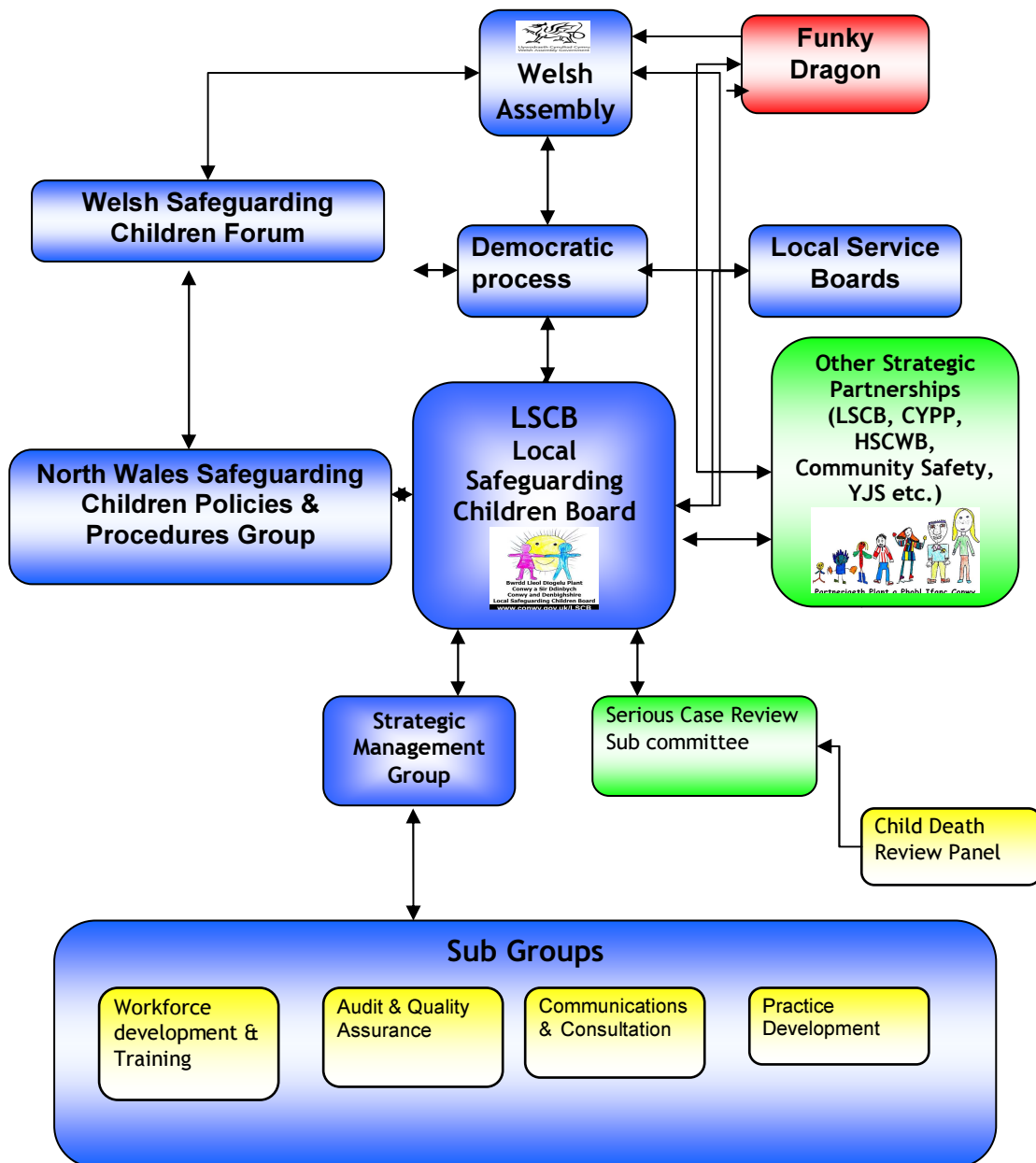
7. THE LSCB CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
7a	<p>The Board is assured that its members fulfil their duties under s28 of the Children Act 2004. (SAIT standard 7)</p> <p>By July 2012, the Board is provided with the information it needs to form a judgement on whether the s28 audit process gives the LSCB the assurance it needs that partners are fulfilling their duties</p> <p>The Board receives an annual report from each partner agency which outlines the agency's safeguarding priorities and any remaining challenges and issues, plus the contribution they have made to the LSCB's priorities.</p>	<p>Audit sub / the Board</p> <p>Audit sub-group</p> <p>All LSCB partner agencies represented on the Board</p>	The Section 28 audit has not yet been completed,. Responses are still awaited from NW Police, and Housing in Conwy and Denbighshire	RED
7b	<p>The Board is assured that policies and procedures are being implemented in practice. (SAIT standard 19)</p> <p>The Board is kept informed of any significant issues arising from multi-agency audits.</p>	Audit sub / the Board		Not Yet Due
7c	The Board is active in informing all members of the community of the role they can play in making their	Communication sub-group	A revised poster has been produced for wide distribution	Not Yet Due

7. THE LSCB CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
	<p>community safer. (SAIT standard 17)</p> <p>By December 2012, the Board is provided with the information it needs to allow Board members to make a judgement on how well the community is informed about their role in making their community safer</p>			
7d	<p>The LSCB actively promotes feedback to and from frontline staff about safeguarding policy and practice. (SAIT standard 18)</p> <p>By December 2012, the Board is provided with the information it needs to make a judgement on how well this objective has been achieved</p> <p>By March 2013 the LSCB's annual conference has been delivered</p>	<p>Communication sub-group</p> <p>£2.5k</p>	Feedback from the LSCB's conference is being collated	Not Yet Due
6e	<p>Key training/learning events are identified and delivered for all levels of staff</p> <p>By May 2012, the Board is provided with the information it needs to</p>	Training sub-group	The Board considered the Training Annual Report and Training Strategy at its meeting on 24 th May 2012	AMBER

7. THE LSCB CONTINUES TO IMPROVE ITS EFFECTIVENESS				
Ref	ACTIONS & MILESTONES	RESOURCES	PROGRESS	STATUS
	determine whether the LSCB's training programme meets the requirements of working together. The LSCB's 2012-13 Training programme is delivered	£7.5k		
6f	The LSCB has a robust process for learning The Board is regularly updated on any reviews underway, progress against action plans, and learning	Serious Case Review Sub-committee, PD , C& C subgroups	The Board considered the action plan update at its meeting on 24 th May 2012	AMBER
6g	Areas for collaboration and integration with the other NW LSCBs are identified and progressed. The WG is satisfied with the progress made towards integration and collaboration.	LSCB Chair and Vice Chair	The Board considered a report on North Wales Integration and Collaboration at its meeting on 24 th May 2012	AMBER

Annex 3 - LSCB Structure/Information flow chart

Local Safeguarding Children's Board Structure/Information Flow Diagram



Annex 4 - Glossary

BCUHB – Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board

BM – the LSCB's Business Manager

CP / Child Protection Child Protection is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity which is undertaken to protect specific children who are suffering or are at risk of suffering significant harm as a result of abuse or neglect.

Children A child is anyone who has not yet reached their 18th birthday. 'Children' therefore means 'children and young people' throughout. The fact that a child has become sixteen years of age, is living independently, is in Further Education, is a member of the armed forces, is in hospital, is in prison or a young offenders institution does not change their status or their entitlement to services or protection under the Children Act 1989.

CRB – Criminal Records Bureau check

CYPP /CYPSP – Children and Young People's Partnership / Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership.

LSCB (*Local Safeguarding Children Board*)

CSSIW Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales.

CSP Community Safety Partnership

MAPPA (*Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements*)

MARAC (*Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference*)

Partnerships Term used to describe structures e.g. Health and Well Being, Children and Young People's Partnerships, Community Safety Partnerships.

POVA Protection of Vulnerable Adults.

SAIT Self Assessment and Improvement Tool for LSCBs

SCR / SCR sub - Serious Case Review / Serious Case Review sub-committee

SMG – the LSCB's Strategic Management Group

Report to: Partnerships Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 27 September 2012

Report Author: Scrutiny Coordinator

Title: Scrutiny Work Programme

1. What is the report about?

The report presents Partnerships Scrutiny Committee with its draft forward work programme for members' consideration.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To seek the Committee to review and agree on its programme of future work, and to update members on relevant issues.

3. What are the recommendations?

That the Committee:

- 3.1 considers the information provided and approves, revises or amends its forward work programme as it deems appropriate;
- 3.2 confirms Councillor Dewi Owens' appointment as its representative on the Schools Standards Monitoring Group; and
- 3.3 nominates a representatives, and a substitute representative, to serve on the Corporate Equalities Group.

4. Report details.

- 4.1 Article 6 of the Council's Constitution sets out each Scrutiny Committee's terms of reference, functions and membership, whilst the rules of procedure for scrutiny committees are laid out in Part 4 of the Constitution.
- 4.2 The Constitution of Denbighshire County Council requires scrutiny committees to prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work. By reviewing and prioritising issues, members are able to ensure that the work programme delivers a member-led agenda.
- 4.3 For a number of years it has been an adopted practice in Denbighshire for scrutiny committees to limit the number of reports considered at any one meeting to a maximum of four plus the Committee's own work programme report. The objective of this approach is to facilitate detailed and effective debate on each topic.
- 4.4 The Committee is requested to consider its draft work programme for

future meetings as detailed in appendix 1 and approve, revise or amend it as it deems appropriate. When deciding on the work programme members are asked to take into consideration:

- issues raised by members of the Committee
- matters referred to it by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group
- relevance to the Committee's/Council's/community priorities
- the Council's Corporate Plan and the Director of Social Services' Annual Report
- meeting workload
- timeliness
- outcomes
- key issues and information to be included in reports
- officers and/or lead Cabinet members who should be invited (having regard to whether their attendance is necessary or would add value)
- questions to be put to officers/lead Cabinet members

4.5 When considering future items for inclusion on the forward work programme members may also find it helpful to have regard to the following questions when determining a subject's suitability for inclusion on the work programme:

- what is the issue?
- who are the stakeholders?
- what is being looked at elsewhere
- what does scrutiny need to know? and
- who may be able to assist?

4.6 As mentioned in paragraph 4.2 the Constitution of Denbighshire County Council requires scrutiny committees to prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work. To assist the process of prioritising reports, if officers are of the view that a subject merits time for discussion on the Committee's business agenda they have to formally request the Committee to consider receiving a report on that topic. This is done via the submission of a 'proposal form' which clarifies the purpose, importance and potential outcomes of suggested topics. No proposal forms have been received for consideration by the Committee at the current meeting.

4.7 Cabinet Forward Work Programme

When deciding on their programme of future work it is useful for scrutiny committees to have regard to Cabinet's scheduled programme of future work. For this purpose a copy of the Cabinet's forward work programme is attached at Appendix 2.

4.8 Progress on Committee Resolutions

A table summarising recent Committee resolutions and advising members on progress with their implementation is attached at Appendix 3 to this report.

- 4.9 Flood Risk Areas within Denbighshire
Communities Scrutiny Committee at its July meeting decided to ask Partnerships Scrutiny Committee to consider an item on 'Flood Risk Areas within Denbighshire' (see first entry under 'Future Issues' section on Appendix 1). Although this topic was initially considered by Communities Scrutiny Committee in 2011 it is of the view that the subject is more aligned with Partnerships Scrutiny Committee's remit as it involves some considerable amount of partnership working. The Committee is asked to consider this request.

Six monthly meeting with representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB)

- 4.10 A Special Meeting of the Committee had been scheduled for 11th October 2012 for the purpose of its regular six monthly meeting with representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (BCUHB). BCUHB representatives attend scrutiny committee meetings across the six North Wales local authorities on a six monthly basis to discuss national and regional developments, as well as issues of local concern, with elected members. However, as the public consultation exercise on the proposals contained in the 'Healthcare in North Wales is Changing' document does not close until 28 October, and as BCUHB representatives have already visited the Council as part of that consultation exercise, the regular meeting with scrutiny will not take place on the above date as originally planned. Nevertheless, BCUHB officials have offered to come to Denbighshire on 29 November for the purpose of its next 6 monthly meeting with scrutiny. The Chair has accepted this offer and consequently a Special Meeting of the Committee will be held at County Hall, Ruthin at 2pm on Thursday, 29 November. The potential topics for discussion at the meeting are listed on Appendix 1 attached.

Proposals for a Fully Integrated Highways and Infrastructure Service for Conwy and Denbighshire

- 4.11 As Committee members already had the special meeting on 11 October scheduled into their diaries, and in response to a request from officers for the Committee to consider the proposals being put forward for a fully Integrated Highways and Infrastructure Service for Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council prior to their submission to Cabinet on 23 October, the Chair has given his consent for the Special Meeting on 11 October to be used to scrutinise these proposals.

5. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group

Under the Council's scrutiny arrangements the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs Group (SCVCG) performs the role of a coordinating committee. This Group is scheduled to meet again on 20 September 2012. Consequently, any recommendations or decisions taken by the Group at that meeting, which either directly or indirectly affect

Partnerships Scrutiny Committee, will be reported verbally to the Committee on 27 September.

6. Appointment of Committee Representatives on Council Groups and Boards

- 6.1 Periodically the Committee is asked to appoint representatives from amongst its membership to serve on various Council Boards and Groups.
- 6.2 Since the Committee's last meeting an e-mail has been sent to all Committee members seeking expressions of interest to serve as Committee representatives on the Schools Standards Monitoring Group (SSMG) and the Corporate Equalities Group (CEG). A request was also made for a member to serve as a substitute representative on the Corporate Equalities Group.
- 6.3 One expression of interest has been received to serve on the Schools Standards Monitoring Group (SSMG), from Councillor Dewi Owens. No one has yet put their name forward for either the member or substitute member position on the Corporate Equalities Group. The Committee is therefore asked to confirm Councillor Dewi Owens' appointment as its representative on SSMG and to nominate a representative and substitute representative on the Corporate Equalities Group.

7. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

Effective scrutiny will assist the Council to deliver its corporate priorities in line with community needs and residents' wishes. Continual development and review of a coordinated work programme will assist the Council in monitoring and reviewing policy issues.

8. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

Services may need to allocate officer time to assist the Committee with the activities identified in the forward work programme, and with any actions that may result following consideration of those items.

9. What consultations have been carried out?

None required for this report. However, the report itself and the consideration of the forward work programme represent a consultation process with the Committee with respect to its programme of future work.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

No risks have been identified with respect to the consideration of the Committee's forward work programme. However, by regularly reviewing its forward work programme the Committee can ensure that areas of risk are considered and examined as and when they are identified, and recommendations are made with a view to addressing those risks.

11. Power to make the decision

Article 6.3.7 of the Council's Constitution stipulates that the Council's scrutiny committees must prepare and keep under review a programme for their future work.

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Note: Items entered in italics have not been approved for submission by the Committee. Such reports are listed here for information, pending formal approval.

Meeting	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
11 October (Special Meeting)	1 Fully Integrated Highways and Infrastructure Service for Conwy and Denbighshire	To consider the proposals for a fully integrated Highways and Infrastructure Service for the areas covered by Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire County Council	Scrutiny of the anticipated cost benefits and improved service aims of the proposals for a joint service prior to their submission to Cabinet for approval to proceed to full business case stage	Danielle Edwards (Regional Project Manager)	August 2012
8 November	1. Protection of Vulnerable Adults	To consider the Annual Report on the protection of vulnerable adults in the county	Scrutiny of the Authority and partner organisations' arrangements surrounding the protection of vulnerable adults will ensure that all vulnerable citizens are kept safe from harm's way and that the Council has taken all reasonable measures to reduce risk to its citizens and itself as the safeguarding authority	Alaw Pierce	June 2012
	2 Joint Out of Hours Emergency Duty Service	To assess the effectiveness of this collaborative service in delivering a quality service to Denbighshire's residents	An evaluation of the service's effectiveness and value for money in delivering a high quality service to the county's most vulnerable residents. The identification of any risks or shortfall with the service with a view to addressing them and mitigating risks to the residents and the Council	Phil Gilroy	June 2012
	3 Safeguarding Arrangements	To examine the Council's	Improved safeguarding	Sally	By SCVCG

Meeting		Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
		for Children and Young People	revised processes and procedures for safeguarding children and young people in the wake of the Minister's concerns with respect to Pembrokeshire County Council	arrangements to mitigate risk to children, young people and the Council	Ellis/Hywyn Williams	July 2012
	4	Youth Justice Service (YJS)	To present the YJS's 3 year strategic plan	Assurances that the Council, the LSB, CSP and other bodies' strategic plans support and complement each other with the aim of delivering better outcomes and safer communities	Emma Rathbone	June 2012 [rescheduled July 2012]
29 November (tbc) 2pm 6 monthly meeting with BCUHB	1.	<i>Update on Locality working in Denbighshire</i>			BCUHB	
	2.	<i>Children's services to include CAMHS progress with CAMHS services</i>	<i>To consider the progress achieved in addressing CAMHS assessment delays and further progress in relation to CAHMS services</i>	<i>Early intervention and preventative work will ease pressures on the Council's education and social services in the long-term</i>	BCUHB	<i>March 11 (rescheduled January 2012)</i>
	3.	<i>Public Health - focus on Children</i>			BCUHB	
20 December	1.	BIG Plan: Performance Update	To consider the Joint Local Service Board's (LSB) performance in delivering its integrated strategic plan	(i) an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Joint LSB's performance in delivering its plan; (ii) identification of areas of	Emma Horan	June 2012

Meeting		Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
				weakness/slippages and measures to address them to improve outcomes for local residents		
	2	Regional Commissioning Hub for high cost low volume placements	Detail the progress to date with the establishment and running of the hub and the benefits realised to date from its establishment	Evaluation of the Hub's effectiveness in delivering efficiency savings with respect to the procurement of good value high cost placements and identification of any slippages, risks or future measures that may need to be taken	Phil Gilroy/Vicky Poole	June 2012
31 January 2013	1	Regional School Effectiveness and Inclusion Service	Detail the progress to date with the establishment and running of the RSEIS and the benefits realised to date from its establishment	Evaluation of the effectiveness of the RSEIS to date in delivering economies of scale and specialist support to complement the County's education service. Identification of slippages, risk or future pressures with a view to recommending mitigating action	RSEIS Chief Executive/Karen Evans	June 2012
	2	Independent Sector Social Care Provision and Contract Monitoring	An assessment of the quality and value of independent sector social care provision for service users in Denbighshire	Regular contract monitoring of the quality of service provided will ensure that only services of the highest quality are delivered for local residents. It will also ensure that those providers who do not comply with their contract requirements are supported in order to improve their services or their contracts are terminated to safeguard service users	Anne Hughes-Jones	June 2012

Meeting		Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
	3	Families First	To evaluate and monitor the successful applicants' progress to date in implementing and delivering their services, the Families First Action Plan and outcome 4 of the BIG Plan	A thorough analysis of the early stages of the projects' delivery will ensure all commissioned projects are progressing satisfactory in line with their tender objectives. It will also ensure a smooth transition and better outcomes for service users	Alan Smith/Jan Juckes-Hughes	July 2012
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14 March <i>Possible date for 6 monthly meeting with BCU</i>	1	Local Primary Mental Health Support Services	To monitor the implementation of the new Joint Scheme for the Provision of Local Primary Mental Health Support Services, the Service's effectiveness, usage levels and associated costs	Early identification of any shortcomings with the Scheme, resource or/and financial pressures will assist partners and the Council to mitigate any risks, improve the Scheme and outcomes for users, and potentially reduce the need for secondary mental health services in future	Sally Ellis and BCU	July 2012
	2	Regional Collaboration on Economic Development	To monitor the progress achieved with the establishment of a North Wales Economic Ambition Board and the development of an economic ambition strategy for the region	A confident and outward looking region which has a diverse high quality economy which provides a broad range of quality sustainable employment opportunities for residents and improves their lives	Mark Dixon	July 2012
25 April						
June	1	New Work Connections	To monitor progress and performance in delivering the	(i) Improved long term employment prospects for local	Melanie Evans	July 2012

Meeting	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
		New Work Connections project from the perspective of positive sustainable outcomes for Denbighshire residents and from the Council's perspective as project lead sponsor	residents who acquire new skills and qualifications via the project. This in turn will assist the local economy and reduce poverty, deprivation and dependency on state benefits and council services. (ii) Assurances that grant funding conditions are met will mitigate the risk of financial clawback by WEFO		

Future Issues

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered
Flood Risk Areas within Denbighshire (follow-up report to the one presented in June 2011) (Request for transfer from Communities Scrutiny)	Information on all areas within the County which are at risk from any type of flooding incidents and the plans in place to address the identified risks	Assurances that action has been taken or plans are in place to mitigate the risk of flooding to the identified communities and development of robust contingency plans	Wayne Hope	June 2011 (Transferred from Communities Scrutiny Committee July 2012)
<i>Potential for Collaborative Domiciliary Care provision with respect to rural areas of the county</i>	<i>To outline the pressures encountered in the County's rural areas with respect to the provision of domiciliary care services and the potential for establishing a collaborative domiciliary care service (including services for people with learning disabilities) with other North Wales local authorities</i>	<i>The delivery of better quality services to residents in a more effective and efficient manner</i>	<i>Phil Gilroy/Anne Hughes-Jones</i>	<i>April 2012</i>

Challenging Behaviour and its impact on Council services <i>(transferred from Communities Scrutiny Committee)</i> [education]	An analysis of the impact of children's challenging behaviour on the Council's education and social services' functions	Identification of measures, or other Council services, which may assist education and social services to address challenging behaviour and ease budget and resource pressures in the long-term	Leighton Rees/Karen I Evans	March 11
Regional Collaboration Project on CCTV [awaiting confirmation of anticipated date]	Presentation of the business case for a regional collaboration project on CCTV	(i) Evaluation of the advantages/disadvantages to the Council and local residents of this project (ii) formulation of recommendations with respect to the Council's continued participation in this project	Julian Sandham	June 2012 (deferred July 2012)

Future Issues for Joint Scrutiny

Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Expected Outcomes	Author	Date Entered

For future years

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Information/Consultation Reports

Information / Consultation	Item (description / title)	Purpose of report	Author	Date Entered

17/09/12

Note for officers – Committee Report Deadlines

Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline	Meeting	Deadline
27 September	13 September	8 November	25 October	20 December	8 December

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CABINET: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

23 OCTOBER 2012	
Review of Faith Based Education Provision	Cllr Eryl Williams / Jackie Walley
Ruthin Schools Reveiw	Cllr Eryl Williams / Jackie Walley
Financial Update Report	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
Part II report - Highways and Infrastructure Collaboration: Draft Service Design	Cllr David Smith / Stuart Davies / Danielle Edwards (CCBC)
Regional CCTV	Cllr David Smith / Graham Boase
Future of the Rhyl Sky Tower	Cllr Hugh Evans / Tom Booty
Marine lake, Rhyl: A Strategic Direction	Cllr Hugh Evans / Carol L. Evans
Ocean Plaza Update	Cllr Hugh Evans/Keith Bowler
Cefndy Healthcare: Potential loss of DWP funding and site move	Cllr Bobby Feeley / Phil Gilroy / Deborah Holmes-Langstone
Ruthin Schools Review	Cllr Eryl Williams / Jackie Walley
Appointments of Councillors to Outside Bodies	Gary Williams / Rhys Hughes
REEMA Properties, Meliden – Building Option and Funding Model	Cllr Hugh Irving / Peter McHugh
Items from Scrutiny Committees	Scrutiny Coordinator
20 NOVEMBER 2012	
Financial Update Report	Cllr Julian Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
Supporting People Strategy Update and Spend Plan	Cllr Bobby Feeley / Sally Ellis / Jenny Elliott
Items from Scrutiny Committees	Scrutiny Coordinator
18 DECEMBER 2012	
Welsh Housing Quality Standards	Cllr Hugh Irving / Peter McHugh
Financial Update Report	Cllr J Thompson-Hill / Paul McGrady
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14 MAY 2013	
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Progress with Committee Resolutions

Date of Meeting	Item number and title	Resolution	Progress
31 May 2012	9. Regional and National Supporting People Programme Changes	RESOLVED – that the Committee:- <i>(a) receives the report and notes the current proposed arrangements;</i> <i>(b) comments are incorporated into Denbighshire’s consultation response, and</i> <i>(c) requests that a copy of the letter sent from the North Wales Chief Executives to the AM Minister for Housing, Regeneration and Heritage be circulated to Members of the Committee.</i>	Copies of the response to the consultation exercise and the North Wales chief executives’ letter to the Minister were circulated to Committee members by e-mail on 30 July 2012
12 July 2012	5. Agreement of a Joint Scheme for the Provision of Local Primary Mental Health Support Services	Resolved that : <i>(a) subject to the above observations, to agree with the requirement to have a scheme in place for Part 1 of the Measure and the arrangements to develop and agree the regional scheme which has been established;</i> <i>(b) the Lead Member keep Partnerships Scrutiny Committee updated regarding the progress with the implementation and the monitoring of the Scheme; and</i> <i>(c) an update report of the progress with the implementation of the Joint Scheme be presented at future Partnerships Scrutiny Committee meeting in either March/April 2013</i>	Lead Member advised of the request See Appendix 1 to Scrutiny Work Programme report - item scheduled into the work programme for March 2013

	<p>6. Tendering and Award Process for the Families First Programme Funding from April 2012</p>	<p>Resolved: that:-</p> <p>(a) <i>subject to the above observations, the Committee supported the processes and decisions recommended by the Families First Project Board as endorsed at special meetings of the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership (CYPSP); and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>the Head of Business Planning and Performance reports back to the Committee in January 2013 on the progress achieved in implementing and delivering the services commissioned and consequently outcome 4 of the BIG Plan.</i></p>	<p>See Appendix 1 to Scrutiny Work Programme report - item scheduled into the work programme for January 2013</p>
	<p>7. New Work Connections</p>	<p>Resolved that:-</p> <p>(a) <i>subject to the above observations, the Committee was satisfied that all areas listed in paragraph 3 of the report were being complied with; and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>the Regional Manager of New Work Connections report back to the Committee in June 2013 on the Project's progress in delivering positive sustainable outcomes for the county's residents and for the Council itself as the project's lead sponsor</i></p>	<p>See Appendix 1 to Scrutiny Work Programme report - item scheduled into the work programme for June 2013</p>
	<p>8. Regional Collaboration on Economic Development</p>	<p>Resolved that subject to the above the Committee support:-</p> <p>(a) <i>the principles of the Economic Ambition – a Strategy of Change document as presented</i></p>	

		<p><i>with the report;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>the proposal to form the Economic Ambition Board and its draft constitution as set out in appendix 2 to the report; and</i></p> <p>(c) <i>that an update on the Strategy for Change document and the establishment of a Regional Economic Ambition Board be provided to the Committee in early 2013</i></p>	<p>See Appendix 1 to Scrutiny Work Programme report - item scheduled into the work programme for March 2013</p>
	<p>9. Scrutiny Work Programme</p>	<p>RESOLVED <i>that subject to the above:-</i></p> <p>(a) <i>The Forward Work Programme be approved;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>The above named members be appointed to serve as the Committee's representatives on the Service Challenge Groups and the Conwy and Denbighshire Collaboration Programme Board.</i></p>	<p>Relevant officers informed of the appointments</p>

