

Proposal Form

PSB Region	North Wales (Anglesey & Gwynedd PSB, Conwy & Denbighshire PSB, Wrexham PSB, and Flintshire PSB)
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Period of Claim	1 April 2019 – March 2020

Summary of Proposal	Expected Timescale	Amount bid for (up to a maximum of £83,117)
Community engagement	01/04/19 - 31/03/20	£20,000
Consolidating gaps in evidence base	01/04/19 - 31/03/20	£42,117
Real-time data availability	01/04/19 - 31/03/20	£1,000
Scoping of collaborative projects	01/04/19 - 31/03/20	£20,000
Total grant application		£83,117

Objectives (max 250 words)	<p>If we are successful, we expect that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our assessments of local well-being are up-to-date, relevant and easy to use, at least in relation to the priority areas that PSBs have set. 2. Active and meaningful involvement of stakeholders, including hard-to-reach groups. 3. Well-being plans and annual reports are clearly communicated and understood by stakeholders, avoiding duplication. 4. Steps taken or planned in support of well-being objectives have been scoped collaboratively, and informed by evidence and best practice.
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Planned Costs	<p>£20,000 will pay for ongoing community engagement within the region. Public Services Boards have discussed the need to better coordinate the array of engagement and consultation work that is delivered by individual partners on a local, sub-regional and regional footprint. Further work is needed to understand this picture and explore any opportunities for more joined up working. In addition, Public Services Boards are keen to continue conversations with stakeholders around the ongoing development of our Well-being Objectives, in particular around the delivery of next steps.</p> <p>£42,117 will help address gaps in our evidence. As a group, regional partners have already scoped a number of research briefs that would be of benefit to us, and we will seek to commission this work in the next year. Public Services Boards also need to maintain the existing evidence base housed within our assessments to ensure that the information contained within them remains relevant, up-to-date, and easy to access, considering any gaps that persist. These are gaps that have been identified by Public Service Boards themselves as their work has progressed, but also by the Future Generations Commissioner and Welsh Government.</p> <p>£1,000 will help Public Services Boards maintain accessibility to data and information, considering what data is available and how best it can be presented and made useful to stakeholders. This includes not only information within the assessments of local well-being, but also performance and delivery information relating to well-being plans. Automation of data streams continues to be a desirable and sustainable model to consider here.</p> <p>£20,000 will allow for the scoping of collaborative projects. This will be helpful to the region as PSBs are beginning to progress the next steps for delivery against their well-being plans. As a region, the group have a number of ideas that they wish to scope, but we recognise that this will be an area that requires some flexibility to respond the often fluid areas of work within PSB objectives.</p>
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Milestones and timescales	The timescales around our areas of focus are not well defined, particularly as each of our PSBs are in different places in terms of the developed content of the assessments of local well-being, and well-being plans. Work on these areas is piecemeal and gradual, but ongoing throughout the year. Much of the activity in support of PSBs is also being absorbed into the existing business of partner authorities and must be accommodated as capacity allows. For these reasons, we are allowing for flexibility.		
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Deliverable and Measurable Benefits (max 250 words)	<p>In support of this funding proposal, the following are key measures that may be reported. This is assuming data is readily available and no additional burden is placed on partners to gather the information.</p> <p>Most of these measures continue from 2018-19, having now established a good baseline for the performance of PSBs in the region. One additional measure has been included, which will be a simple count of collaborative projects scoped.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="485 636 1422 2040"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="485 636 954 689">Measure</th><th data-bbox="954 636 1422 689">Ambition</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="485 689 1422 743">Engagement</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="485 743 954 1384"> 1. The number of people actively involved with the work of Public Services Boards </td><td data-bbox="954 743 1422 1384"> Against this measure we would expect to see an increase in the number of people actively engaged with the work of Public Services Boards. This may be captured through events, meetings, or other methods of engagement (e.g. online portals). Introducing this measure does put the onus on Public Services Boards to capture this information, but we recognise that it will never show the complete picture, and serves only as an indication of success. </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="485 1384 954 1621"> 2. The number of hits to Public Services Board websites. </td><td data-bbox="954 1384 1422 1621"> This measure again is only an indication of how engaged stakeholders are with the work of the boards, but also of how accessible, well-promoted and useful our websites are. </td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" data-bbox="485 1621 1422 1675">Evidence Gaps</td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="485 1675 954 1957"> 1. The number of gaps identified within assessments of local well-being. </td><td data-bbox="954 1675 1422 1957"> We anticipate that the number of gaps identified within our assessments will reduce, but we must also take into account the expiration cycle of assessment information. </td></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="485 1957 954 2040"> 2. The number of commissioned research </td><td data-bbox="954 1957 1422 2040"> This is a simple count and we would expect to see a </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Measure	Ambition	Engagement		1. The number of people actively involved with the work of Public Services Boards	Against this measure we would expect to see an increase in the number of people actively engaged with the work of Public Services Boards. This may be captured through events, meetings, or other methods of engagement (e.g. online portals). Introducing this measure does put the onus on Public Services Boards to capture this information, but we recognise that it will never show the complete picture, and serves only as an indication of success.	2. The number of hits to Public Services Board websites.	This measure again is only an indication of how engaged stakeholders are with the work of the boards, but also of how accessible, well-promoted and useful our websites are.	Evidence Gaps		1. The number of gaps identified within assessments of local well-being.	We anticipate that the number of gaps identified within our assessments will reduce, but we must also take into account the expiration cycle of assessment information.	2. The number of commissioned research	This is a simple count and we would expect to see a
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	pieces responding to either gaps in our evidence, or identifying best practice interventions	correlation between this measure and the reduction in gaps.
	Real-Time Data	
	1. The number of automated links within our assessments.	This measure seeks to capture the sustainability of our assessments in terms of keeping our data up-to-date. We would expect the number to increase.
	2. Feedback to our assessments tells us that they are relevant to stakeholders.	We want to capture user feedback on our assessments. The region has struggled with this measure in 2018-19, but it is still felt to have value and will challenge PSBs to consider their user feedback.
	Scoping of Collaborative Projects	
	1. The number of collaborative projects scoped	This measure is new to 2019-2020 and will be a simple count of the number of collaborative projects that have been scoped in the region.

Engagement with PSBs in the area	The funding criteria was first discussed at the North Wales Public Services Board Network meeting held on January 24. A draft proposal was shared electronically for feedback with each of the Public Service Board support officers, and it was again discussed by the NW PSB Network on March 5. Finally, it has been shared with the chairs of each Public Services Board for comment and will be tabled with individual PSBs as appropriate.
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Key Risks / Issues:	
Risk/Issue Description	Impact
The risk of duplication between the Population Assessment and the well-being assessments or that their work pulls in different directions.	Wasted effort and conflicting priorities between the Public Services Boards and the Part 9 Board.
The risk that the well-being assessments become too heavily focussed on data and do not involve local citizens sufficiently.	That the well-being assessments do not sufficiently address the expectations of local communities and are overly restricted to the available data.

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The risk that the focus is too heavy on the social care and health agenda and does not take account of the economic, environmental and cultural risks and opportunities.	The effectiveness of the initiatives will be limited and some partners will become alienated from the process. Some key areas of concern will be missed and some important assets will not be developed.
The risk that well-being assessments becomes out-of-date and misses important changes to trends or new research.	That the plans are based on out-of-date information and become ineffective.
The risk that there is insufficient analytical capacity to properly develop knowledge gaps.	The well-being assessments will remain static and only focussed on what we know now. This in turn will impact on the effectiveness of the well-being plans
The risk that stakeholders do not engage with the work of public service boards.	Lack of involvement or engagement by stakeholders could lessen the impact of delivery against well-being plans.

DECLARATION AND UNDERSTANDING

Please read this carefully before signing

Please confirm that your organisation has the power to enter into and to perform the activities for which funding is being applied for.

☒ YES ☐ NO

I am content for information supplied in this application, including the declaration and understanding to be shared in confidence with any individuals who may be involved in considering the case for application or who are involved in any part of the administration or evaluation of the scheme. This may include accountants, external evaluators and other organisations or groups involved in delivering the project.

I understand that if I give any information that is incorrect or incomplete, funding may be withheld or reclaimed and action taken against me. I declare that the information that I have given on this application form is correct and complete. I also declare that, except as otherwise stated on this form, I have not started the project which forms the basis of this application and no expenditure has been committed or defrayed on it.

I understand that any offer may be publicised by means of a press release giving brief details of the project and amount of funding award.

I understand the Department may use data collected to investigate cases of alleged fraudulent use.

I understand that applications must be signed by an authorised signatory. I confirm that I am authorised to sign this application.

Signed	
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