

Action Area: AA1: Best start in life

Contribution to the 4 Well-being Objectives:

Positive Change—embedding prevention into all that we do

Positive Start—providing the Best start in life for current and future generations

Positive People—securing the best outcomes for current and future generations

Positive Places— supporting more resilient communities, prosperous economies and stronger societies by reducing inequalities.

Contribution to the 7 Well-being Goals:

A prosperous Wales, A resilient Wales, A healthier Wales, A more equal Wales, A Wales of cohesive communities, A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language, A globally responsible Wales.

### Evidence

At the last PSB meeting in March 2021 the reviewed and updated Best Start in Life Delivery Plan was approved. We were also given the opportunity to present an update to the Board on progress. The focus of our PSB partnership working is now prioritised to deliver upon the Welsh Government's Early Years Integration Transformation Programme. This work encompasses the previous workstreams of First 1000 Days, ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and the Children's First initiative .

The pilot Early Years Integrated Pathfinder programme has now been operational in the New Tredegar area for 8 months. Also presented to this PSB is the completed interim evaluation report. This provides more detail on the regional programme as well as lessons learnt and challenges to be overcome.

The report has a regional focus as we are working on a Gwent footprint but also contains local Caerphilly county borough detail



Performance measures where identifiable	Is there a risk this will not be achieved?
Have we achieved our Logic model – What will success look like ?	Completed—Logic model in place. Measures identified and listed below
How will we know we are making a difference? What	Achieved
Upskill all staff, across partner agencies, to deliver inter-	Ongoing—No risk
Quantifiable measures	
Evaluation of Early Years Integration Pilot(s)	Interim evaluation achieved
Reduction in the number of children on the Child Protection Register / Looked After or under a Care And Support Plan	Yes—risk of initial increase and then decrease over time
Reduction in the number of referrals into specialist or statutory services	Yes—risk of initial increase and then decrease
Improvement in school readiness	Yet to be defined
A reduction in children/young people requiring mental health support	Increased risk due to covid
Reduction in NEETs and unemployment	Long term indicator but indirect linkage not causal
Improved Public Health outcomes	Ongoing—likely improvement in specific outcomes

Ref	Key Tasks	Progress
A	<p>Develop a Whole Systems Approach—To develop joined up and responsive Early Years’ services to ensure every child has the best start in life. Children should be at the centre of excellent, integrated services that put their needs first, regardless of traditional organisational and professional structures.</p> <p>(Antenatal –age 7)</p>	<p>Please find presented to you today the completed interim evaluation report ( 1st Oct 2020—31st March 2021)</p> <p>The evaluation of our pilot project in New Tredegar looks at :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• why we embarked on this journey</li> <li>• Our stakeholders</li> <li>• Our new model</li> <li>• Why New Tredegar</li> <li>• Evidencing value for money</li> <li>• Impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic</li> <li>• Conclusion</li> <li>• Key findings</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul> <p>To inform the evaluation we have :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Measured against the logic model</li> <li>◆ Completed the Early Intervention Foundation Midwifery and Early Years Maturity Matrix (National Framework) to develop programme action plan (submitted—awaiting feedback)</li> <li>◆ Assessed against the Seven Lenses of Maturity (National Framework)</li> <li>◆ Taken part in the WG national evaluation research being completed by Miller Research (awaiting feedback)</li> <li>◆ Used all information gathered whilst using the Vanguard System Thinking processes including What Matters to families, outcomes, processes, concerns, successes and challenges</li> <li>◆ Analysed data for all families</li> <li>◆ Spoken to families involved in the pilot</li> <li>◆ Spoken to all staff members of the core team</li> <li>◆ Gathered feedback from our wider partners</li> <li>◆ Developed case studies to evidence new way of working</li> </ul> <p>In Caerphilly this learning has already shaped our wider early years delivery model across the borough from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Funding streams have been brought together to create one Early Years system ( 0-7) to ensure parity in provision to meet need regardless of postcode. Community Development has become a stronger focus in the programme. Requests for support and collaboration are now centrally located and screening allows improved communication between teams. Access to services has been made easier by creating simpler entry points i.e. a family helpline is now up and running, a new website will include a request for support section and our Family Information Service can support all queries.</p> <p>The evaluation includes next steps, for us locally, as a Gwent region and also what we feel needs to happen nationally by Welsh Government —these are in line with the milestones agreed for this delivery plan .</p> <p>The PSB in March 2021 approved the second pilot project which will be based in St James area. The implementation date remains on track for September 2021.</p>

**Guidance sought from the Public Services Board.**

As you know the governance process for this WG Pathfinder project is specified as Caerphilly Local Services Board. Please can you confirm where we report to and gain leadership and governance from after this meeting? Thank you