

WRU School/Club Hub Programme
Regional plans 2014-2016+

Newport Gwent Dragons Region

Background information

The Newport Gwent Dragons Region covers the old Monmouthshire and Gwent valleys area of South Wales. The city of Newport is also within the catchment area. Most of the socially deprived areas within the Welsh Government's Lower Super Output Areas can be found within the region. There are 77 WRU clubs and 50 of those clubs having a mini, junior or youth sections. All clubs except 6 are within the District A membership of the WRU and District C oversees the remaining 6 clubs. There are 2 Junior District Associations and Youth District Associations that cover the clubs within the region and they are called Gwent and Caerphilly Districts respectively. There are 5 Dewar Shield districts with the region and all our current SCHO are actively involved in those pathways. The region is also split into 3 at Regional Age Grade U16s level with the region split into Dragons South and Dragons North and Dragons Development. That then merges into Dragons U18's at the top of the Regional Age Grade pathway within the region.

There are 38 secondary schools and 206 primary schools within the region across 5 Local Authority areas. There are currently 2 senior college league teams within the region and they are Crosskeys College and Newport High School. Also there are currently 9 schools that have a fulltime, 3 year School-Club Hub Officer. The interest in the scheme has been excellent from the schools and there has been a real up-take and interest shown.

Key regional data

Number of WRU Clubs - **77**

Number of WRU clubs with junior sections - **50**

Number of secondary schools – **38**

Number of feeder primary schools - **206**

Rationale for Hub selection

The rationale for initial selection of hubs was based on the following-

1. Regional geographical coverage, its strategic significance to that area.
2. Potential to grow further provision within the school/college/university
3. Linkage outcomes to identify local clubs based on clubs infrastructure JDA, Youth and Senior playing figures and their ability to accept new participants, grow capacity and clubs medium- long term sustainability.
4. Workforce growth on the ground via 6th form and HE student programmes and provision of dedicated coaching delivery within the local feeder schools, clubs and assistance to WRU PDO's.
5. Where expression of interest was strong within the original tranche, is still committed, and/or where part funding is committed via a Club to a potential agreement and meets the outcomes required?

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Hub School/College/university	Postcode	School size- Number on role	Identified Feeder clubs	Identified Primary schools
Newbridge Comprehensive School	NP115FR	1000	Newbridge RFC, Crumlin RFC, Abercarn RFC, Hafodyrynys RFC (4)	6
Lewis School Pengam	CF818LJ	1100	Penallta RFC, Bargoed RFC, Nelson RFC (3)	6
Brynmawr Foundation School	NP234XT	751	Brynmawr RFC, Abertillery RFC (2)	5
Tredegarr Comprehensive School	NP224BH	905	Tredegarr RFC, Tredegarr Ironsides RFC, Trefil RFC (3)	5
Coleg Gwent – Ebbw Vale Campus	NP236GL	5,000 plus	Ebbw Vale RFC, RTB Ebbw Vale RFC, Beaufort RFC (3)	4 (Secondary)
Llanwern High School	NP182YE	950	Hartridge RFC, NHSOB RFC, Pill Harriers RFC (3)	6
Bassaleg School	NP108NF	1800	Machen RFC, Whiteheads RFC, Risca RFC, St. Joseph's RFC (4)	5
St. Julian's High School	NP197XU	1600	St. Julian's RFC, Caerleon RFC (2)	6
West Mon School	NP45YG	700	Pontypool RFC, Pontypool United RFC, New Panteg RFC (3)	6

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Identified for second round of funding- (The first six names in the table are priority)

Hub School/College/university	Postcode	School size-Number on role	Identified Feeder clubs	Identified Primary schools
Bedwas High School	CF838BJ	700	Bedwas RFC, Caerphilly RFC, Senghenydd RFC (3)	5
Heolddu Comprehensive	CF818XL	723	Bargoed RFC, Rhymney RFC, Deri RFC (2)	5
ST Cenydd Comprehensive	CF83 2RP	1300	Bedwas RFC, Caerphilly RFC, Senghenydd RFC (3)	5
Monmouth Comprehensive	NP233YT	1649	Monmouth RFC, Usk RFC (2)	7
Abersychan Comprehensive	NP47DF	860	Talywain RFC, Garndiffaith RFC, Abersychan RFC (3)	5
Coleg Gwent – Crosskeys Campus	NP117ZA	5,000 plus	Crosskeys RFC, Risca RFC, Ynysddu RFC (3)	5 (Secondary)
Newport High School	NP207YB	1200	Newport RFC, Bettws RFC, Malpas RFC (3)	5

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Identified for future funding-

Hub School/College/university	Postcode	School size-Number on role	Identified Feeder clubs	Identified Primary schools
St. Albans RC School	NP44 6XG	1060	Pontypool RFC, Pontypool United RFC, New Panteg RFC (3)	6
Chepstow Comprehensive	NP16 5LR	1200	Chepstow RFC, Caldicot RFC (2)	6

Impact

If all establishments entered into partnership with the WRU the coverage for the region would be-

Secondary Schools Coverage- *Number of hub schools - 18 / total number of secondary schools - 38 x 100 = 47%*

WRU Clubs (with junior sections) coverage- *Number of WRU Clubs within SCH - 47/ total number of WRU Clubs - 77 x 100 = 61%*

Potential latent demand- 18,335 (Schools) – 48,000 plus (including Colleges/University figures)

Gaps in Provision

Based on the information provided above the following areas of strategic importance would sit outside the Hubs programme-

Area	Club (**with juniors)	Secondary Schools	Comment
Cwmbran	Cwmbran RFC, Forgeside RFC, Croesyceiliog RFC	3	South Torfaen Area – Town Area