Regional Development Coordinators Network

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1. Background

1.1 The Supporting People Programme is going through a fundamental process of change. In partnership with local government and the voluntary sector, there are 25 recommendations being implemented as a result of an Independent Review of the Supporting People Programme in Wales (The Aylward review) undertaken by Professor Sir Mansel Aylward in 2010.

New guidance issued in July 2012 outlines new structures for the accountability of Local Authority’s in relation to the delivery of the Programme.

As part of the new guidance the Supporting People National Advisory Board (SPNAB) chaired by the Minister will oversee the programme, and six Regional Collaborative Committees with inclusive membership, who will advise on the production of regional commissioning plans and the regional and local collaborative delivery of the Supporting People Programme. Six Regional Coordinating Officers will be appointed to work with local authorities and the Regional Collaborative Committees will assist with this.

1.2 The Welsh Government will coordinate the Regional Development coordinators network meetings.

The role of Chair and minute taker will be rotated.

2. Membership of group

The membership of the Regional Development Coordinators Network will consist of:-

- Representatives from Welsh Government
- Regional Development Coordinators from
  - Gwent
  - Cwm Taf
  - Western Bay
  - Mid and West Wales
  - Cardiff & The Vale
  - North Wales

3. Additional or alternative members of the group

Additional or alternative members of the group will be invited as and when required.
4. Aims and objectives of the Network

4.1 To share good practice across Wales.

4.2 To look at consistent approaches across Wales (where possible) in the delivery of the Supporting People Programme.

4.3 To monitor progress of the RCC against agreed timescales set out in the Supporting People Programme Guidance, and to update Welsh Government on the Regional Collaborative Committees.

5. Frequency of meetings

5.1 The Network will meet monthly for the first 3 months

5.2 Following the initial 3 months the Network will meet at no less than quarterly intervals.

5.2 Where possible, meetings will be arranged at times to ensure maximum attendance, and in a location which is accessible for all members.