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The Partnership Support Unit Purpose and Programme

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Background

The need for support to strengthen partnership working and strategic planning of services for children and young people arose through a number of routes:

- **The consultation stage of Rights to Action**
- **The first stage evaluation of Cymorth by York Consulting**
- **Directly from stakeholders**



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Purpose of the PSU

To assist Children and Young People's Partnerships, led by local authorities working with their partners, to:

- **Exercise their duties to co-operate in the planning and provision of services**
- **Produce effective Children and Young People's Plans in order to improve outcomes for children and young people.**



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Aims of the PSU

- To offer support, advice and facilitate partnerships to meet challenges
- To share notable practice
- To promote relationships through developing trust and inclusiveness
- To encourage genuine leadership and effective leadership practice across partnerships
- To offer independent and neutral feedback
- To base our work on the principles of the UNCRC as envisioned through the WAG 7 Core Aims



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Organisation

Partnership Support Unit is hosted by the Welsh Local Government Association

PSU Manager, Charlotte Drury, and Administrative Support Officer based at Local Government House, Cardiff.

Four Regional Coordinators based on the ADEW Consortia areas. Although regionally based the PSU will work as a team across Wales according to need and expertise.



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Central South Wales, Barbara Howe (Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taff, Vale of Glamorgan)

South East Wales, Richard Morton (Blaenau Gwent, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport, Torfaen)

South West and Mid Wales, Andy Senior (Carmarthen, Ceredigion, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Pembrokeshire, Powys)

North Wales, TBC (Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Wrexham, Ynys Mon)



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Significant Relationships

The PSU will work closely with a wide range of partners including:

- **Local CYP Partnerships including individual partners where appropriate**
- **Other local partnerships as needed**
- **Children Act Reference Group**
- **WAG Area Improvement Teams**
- **National groups such as ADEW and ADSS**
- **Children's NSF Implementation Support Manager**



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Work Programme

The initial PSU work programme is being developed and will be further informed by these implementation events.

PSU staff are holding initial meetings with all 22 local CYP Partnerships. A number of common issues have emerged on which events are planned for 2008.

The PSU will respond to specific requests for support as well as other tasks such as establishing a website and other practical resources.



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Proposed Events for 2008 (proposed date)

- **Commissioning (Spring 2008)**
- **Moving Partnerships Forward (Summer 2008)**
- **Workforce Development (Autumn 2008)**
- **Performance Measurement ~ Developing Outcome Measures (Autumn 2008)**
- **Workshops on issues including poverty, equalities, Outcome Based Accountability**

In all cases the focus of these events will be on practical workshops rather than conferences.



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