

# Supporting People Review: Regulation and Governance Workstream



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Local Government House, Drake Walk, Cardiff WLGA • CLILC

3:00 - 5:00pm

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## Minutes

### 1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed Workstream Members and apologised for the short notice of the meeting but explained that there were set timescales for implementation of the Review which necessitated an early meeting. It was agreed that times, dates and venues for future meetings would be discussed under Any Other Business to ensure that preferences could be accommodated as far as possible.

### 2. Attending/Apologies

Naomi Alleyne	WLGA (Chair)
Chris Evans	(Deputy Chair)
Lee Owens	WLGA (Secretariat)
Chris Price	WLGA
Kath Palmer	Welsh Assembly Government
Simon Prothero	Welsh Assembly Government
Kevin Hughes	CHC - Pennaf HA
Ruth Evans	SPIN - Carmarthenshire CC
Malcolm Topping (Deputy)	SPIN - Caerphilly CBC
Frances Beecher	Cymorth Cymru - Llamau
Tim Paddock	Cymorth Cymru - Huggard
Ewan Hilton	Cymorth Cymru - Gofal Cymru

### Apologies

Adrian Roper	Cymorth Cymru - Cartrefi Cymru
Clara Hunt	Welsh Assembly Government
Caroline Humphries	Independent consultant
Jenny Elliott	SPIN - Denbighshire CC

### 3. Operation of the workstream

The Chair emphasised the importance of operating the Workstream on the basis of inclusivity and all members having a voice and sharing their views. This was agreed by all.

KP gave some background to the approach being taken to the implementation of the recommendations of the Supporting People Review. It was explained that the model is based on the success of the implementation of the recommendations of the Essex Review. There are three workstreams which feed into a Steering Board which in turn reports to the Housing Programme Board. It is very much a collaborative approach based on 'how to solve the issues' - it's about action, with a focus on improving the outcomes for the service user.

The main work of the group will be to discuss the relevant recommendations - endorse, challenge and compromise - with much of the work being done by sub-groups, possibly coming up with options that the workstream can then discuss further and agree a proposal for a way forward. If there is no consensus the final decision will rest with the Deputy Minister for Housing. Members will draw on the expertise from their sectors from outside the group to ensure both the process and actions are owned by all. There is also a virtual group which will be kept informed of progress.

#### **4. Taking the recommendations forward**

Governance / Regulation: action to establish Accreditation, National Advisory Committee, Committees, Performance Monitoring

A time table was circulated prior to the meeting detailing target timescales for the completion of key outcomes/actions relating to a particular recommendation and it was explained that this would effectively need to be two weeks prior to that detailed date due to the need to go to the Steering Board and Programme Board. It was noted that a number of the deadlines are the end of March, before the beginning of the Assembly's Pre Election Protocol Period. There was further discussion around timescales and some representatives commented that the strength of Essex was that there had been meaningful dialogue and that possibly the workstream shouldn't get hung up on dates.

It was also discussed whether a new Minister, following the election, would have an effect on the current agenda. It was explained that both the Health and Housing Ministers' were supportive along with all sections of the cabinet and that the group should continue with pace and not let the thought of a change of Minister delay progress. It was agreed that there was enough to get on with in the mean time any way.

#### **Recommendation 3 - Local Collaborative Committees**

The group acknowledged that there was a lot to sort out in relation to the administration of SP e.g. monitoring, supervising, checking of services etc and that in some areas things are not working as well as they could. There was much discussion in relation to regional vs local administration of SPPG but it was accepted that what was being recommended was an interim measure, a first step in working towards geographically determined Collaborative Committees.

The group discussed the need to be clear on the purpose of the committees, what their role would be, who members should be etc and come up with suggestions for what an ideal committee would look like without

unnecessary bureaucracy. It was agreed that initially the high level principles, status, role and functions of Collaborative Committees should be identified and agreed by the workstream.

The Chair informed the group that there are a number of reviews underway that will have an impact on the way everyone works and that the general direction of travel and benefits of regional/ collaborative working were now generally accepted by all.

It was agreed that the group develops a set of high level principles, and any other commonly agreed detail, in order that detailed work on establishing the Collaborative Committees can begin.

**Action: EH to circulate a draft paper/questionnaire and collate responses for discussion at next workstream meeting.**

#### **Recommendations 4 & 6- Collaborative Arrangements & LSBs**

It was agreed that a WAG representative would be invited to give an update on the LSBs and the partnership landscape and existing governance structures to give a general steer before coming up with some options. If there is agreement then hopefully a model can then be proposed to the Board.

**Action: WLGA**

#### **Recommendation 7 - WAG Supported Cross Boundary Working**

It was felt that the end of March timescale would not give the workstream enough time to consider the issues and agreed to tell the Steering Board that the end of June is a more realistic date. It was agreed that a paper detailing existing regional working arrangements detailing the pros and cons be produced for the next meeting.

**Actions:**

- **MT, Jenny Price and Julie Nicholas to provide paper for next meeting.**
- **KP to speak to Reg Kilpatrick about the SP work and recommendations and the National, Local, Regional Review which is on-going.**

#### **Recommendation 14 - Supported People National Advisory Board**

The group agreed that this piece of work would be useful for a new Minister following the elections and should be an agenda item for discussion at the end of March meeting.

**Action: LO end of March agenda.**

#### **Recommendation 21, 22, 23 - Inspection & Regulation**

It was felt that recommendation 21, 22 and 23 were linked and should be considered as a whole as they were complimentary of each other. It was felt there was a need to consider 'what should regulation be?' with the focus on outcomes not processes. The need for a robust consistent regulatory framework was agreed by all. It was suggested that a number of things could be looked at to develop the framework including:

- English models;
- Work done by social services;
- WAG and HA regulatory framework.

It was agreed that the focus should be on high level principles and getting the framework right and consider the issue of resources later. The Chair also asked the group to collect views/ideas/suggestions by the next meeting from their sector/organisations to feedback.

**Action: FB and CP to produce a joint paper on developing Inspection and Regulation Guidance within a month.**

#### **5. Any other business / Dates of future meetings**

The group agreed to look at the Terms of Reference and to discuss at the next meeting.

Future meeting dates:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 3-5pm, WLGA
- 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10am - 1pm, Legal Services Commission, Marland House, Cardiff, [CF10 1PF](#).