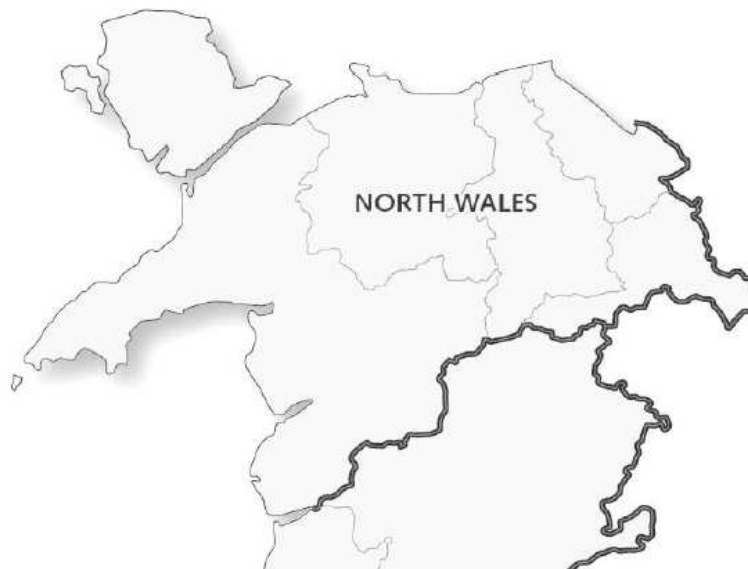


# North Wales Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC)



## Frequently Asked Questions



## **What is the purpose of a Regional Collaborative Committee?**

A Regional Collaborative Committee (RCC) makes recommendations to the Welsh Government on Supporting People spending in their region.

The RCC brings key individuals and organisations together from across each region. This ensures that planning and commissioning of Supporting People services meets local needs.

## **Why do we need the RCC as an extra layer between Local Authorities and Welsh Government?**

The RCC includes representatives from Health, Probation and Service Providers and Local Authorities Supporting People Lead Officers. This enables more open working practices, including working collaboratively.

The RCC is the Board that Provider Forums and Stakeholder Forums can raise issues to. This can be channelled via their Provider Representative or the Regional Development Coordinator. The RCC can then advise on any issues raised.

## **How does the RCC influence Welsh Government decisions?**

The RCC are responsible for producing a Regional Commissioning Plan for services which take account of local priorities, and identifies the most effective way to meet local needs. It is this document that forms the basis for the recommendations to Welsh Government.

The Regional Commissioning Plan for 2013/2014 is available from the Regional Development Coordinator. The plan for 2014/2017 will be available by spring 2014.

## **What is the history behind the RCC?**

The Supporting People programme has been in place since 2003. The original programme was reviewed and a report was published by Professor Sir Mansel Aylward in 2010. The report included 25 recommendations which are being implemented.

Funding through the programme until 2012 was through two different streams, Supporting People Grant (SPG) and Supporting People Revenue Grant (SPRG). The SPRG was paid directly to the service providers from the Welsh Government, with the SPG provided through Local Authorities. Since 2012, there has been just one funding stream the Supporting People Programme Grant provided by the Welsh Government and distributed through Local Authorities.

In 2012 the Welsh Government produced the Supporting People Programme Guidance (Wales) based on the recommendations from the Aylward review which included the creation of the RCCs. The guidance is regularly updated as more of the recommendations are put into place.

### How long has the North Wales RCC been in existence?

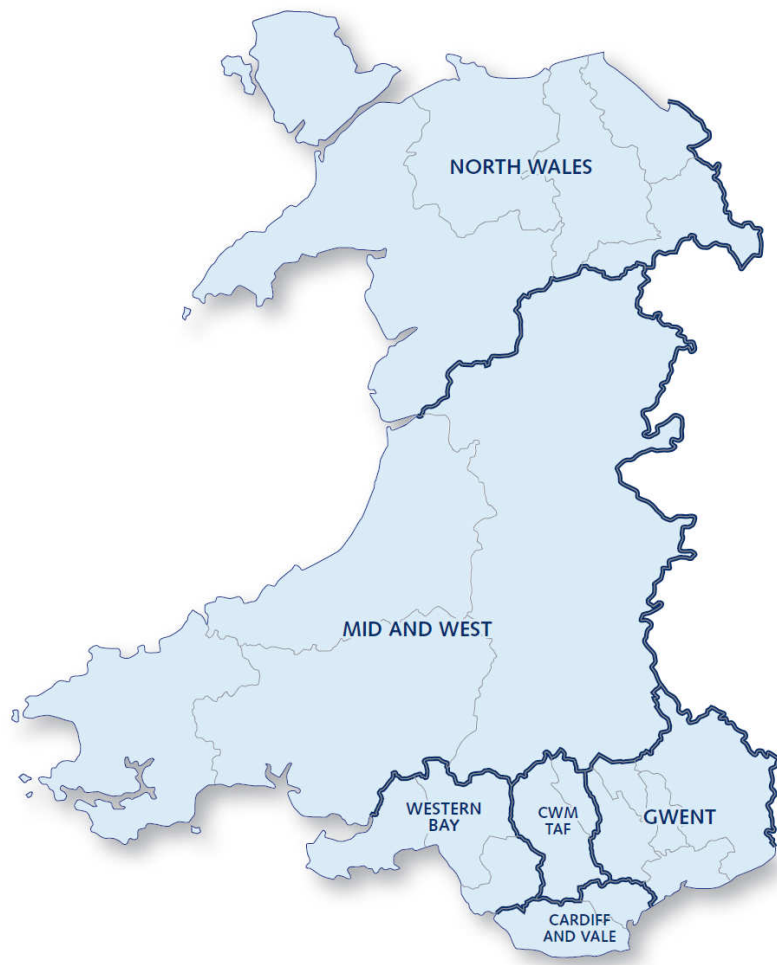
The RCC for North Wales Local Authorities started in September 2012.

### Why are we a North Wales Committee?

We are one of six RCCs, the other five RCCs cover the other Local Authority areas across Wales.

The six areas covered by the RCCs are:

1. North Wales
2. Mid and West
3. Western Bay
4. Cwm Taf
5. Gwent
6. Cardiff and Vale



## Who attends the North Wales RCC?

The RCC is made up of the following members:

1. Cabinet Members – Representative from each Local Authority
2. Delegated Official from each Local Authority Cabinet Members
3. Provider Representative – Long and Short Term
4. Landlord Representative
5. Probation
6. Health
7. Supporting People Lead Officers from each Local Authority
8. TPAS Cymru Representative – Currently representing Service User's
9. Welsh Government Representative

Other members can be opted as and when necessary, the Regional Development Coordinator attends but does not have voting rights. Those who have voting rights are those listed from 1-6 above.

A full list of the RCC members is available online on the Welsh Government Supporting People website or you can contact your Regional Development Coordinator for details.

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/housing/supportingpeople/?lang=en>

## How do I get to know what happens at these meetings?

Minutes of each RCC meetings are posted online on the Welsh Government Supporting People website.

The North Wales Supporting People website is currently been worked upon and will be available October 2013. The link will then be circulated and this document will be updated accordingly.

If you are a service provider you should also receive feedback from your representatives and at the North Wales Providers Forum, which is arranged through Cymorth Cymru (you do not need to be a member of Cymorth to attend, but you do need to be a service provider).

## How do I have my say on the RCC?

If you are a service provider then please contact your representative or the Regional Development Coordinator (RDC) contact details below.

If you are a service user then please contact your local Supporting People Team based in North Wales or contact your service provider or the RDC.

## What does an RDC do?

The RDC is funded by the Welsh Government to work with the RCC and encourage engagement and collaboration. The RDC is independent but, they are based at the coordinating Local Authority, which in our case is Conwy.

The RDC provides the administration for the RCC. This includes collating information from both local authorities for the region and working to encourage joint working at the local and regional levels, to try and keep the planning process as efficient as possible. As well as working with data to produce regional information and engaging with service providers and other groups at both local and regional levels.

## Who is the RDC and how do I contact them?

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## How can I find out more information about the Supporting People Programme Grant?

The guidance provided by the Welsh Government and other information such as previous minutes is available from the Welsh Government Website:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/housing/supportingpeople/?lang=en>

### Other useful contacts:

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