

**PI – DP 6**  
**CYMORTH DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL PROFORMA**

**PRIORITY AREA OF WORK: Implementation of New Model for delivering Advocacy Services for Children and Young People**

**MAIN CORE GROUP (proposing): Participation and Involvement Core Group**

**LINKS TO OTHER CORE GROUPS:**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED AREA OF WORK TO BE SUPPORTED:**

The new model for delivering advocacy services for children and young people calls for improved and increased access for all children and young people. The development and commissioning of open-access advocacy services must be considered alongside the commissioning of advocacy services for vulnerable children and young people.

Significant work will need to be undertaken within the C&YP Partnership in preparation for implementing the new model. Concern has been expressed that there is a lack of capacity within the C&YP Partnership to take this work forward in a timely way and it is proposed that a temporary development post be established for 12 months to complete the planning and development work in this area to ensure that Cardiff is well placed to implement the new model for advocacy services.

It is proposed that a part-time (18.5 hrs) Advocacy Development Officer be appointed at PO3 grade for 12 months. The cost of this appointment would be £22k (top of scale with on costs). It is also proposed that a developmental budget of £8k be allocated to the post holder to undertake engagement / awareness raising work in respect of professionals and children and young people. This budget would also be used for the publication of associated material to promote advocacy.

The Development Officer would be expected to undertake the following duties in order to ensure that Cardiff C&YP Partnership is well placed to deliver the Welsh Assembly Government's new Model for Advocacy Services for Children and Young People :

- To work within the partnership to develop local/ regional **advocacy open to all children and young people**.
- **To lead on local consultation with children and young people** to ensure that proposals developed locally are based on what children and young people say they need and prefer.
- **To effectively promote advocacy through the C&YP Partnership by:**
  - Improving understanding of advocacy,
  - Improving understanding of every child and young person's entitlement to access advocacy services and
  - Improving understanding of every adult's role as an advocate for children and young people.
- **To consider ways to support, promote and publicise** local Open Access

Advocacy provision. This may be through websites, information, promotion, awareness rising, and a direct link to the Assembly Government's National Advocacy and Advice Service which will need to complement local arrangements and systems for referral, making it easier for children and young people to access advocacy and easier for referrers to refer.

- To coordinate training for Formal Advocates and Informal Advocates if appropriate.
- To develop a multi-agency approach to joint-commissioning specialist advocacy services for the most vulnerable children to ensure an integrated approach. This new Model should provide a **single point of contact** by integrating these services to make them easier to navigate by vulnerable children, young people and those referring them, and easier to monitor for consistency of quality and effectiveness.
- To provide robust **leadership, promote partnership participation and coherence** both across their local area and regionally if appropriate, in order to facilitate the commissioning and delivery of integrated specialist advocacy services. This may involve building on or complementing existing regional commissioning partnership arrangements.
- To use the WAG toolkit to oversee the commissioning of the integrated specialist advocacy services from a third party independent sector provider, or a partnership / consortium of providers. The post holder will be expected to lead on the development and implementation of effective joint commissioning processes for the development of advocacy services, including the pooling of budgets, planning and procuring integrated specialist advocacy services.
- To develop robust systems for **Evaluation of advocacy services** for children and young people to **ensure high quality, equity and effectiveness**.
- To fully engage with children and young people to ensure that they are actively involved in the development of advocacy services in Cardiff and in the planning and review processes, which must include their **involvement in the commissioning** of advocacy services.

It is proposed that at the end of the 12 month developmental period, the money allocated to this post be use along with other resources to commission advocacy services for Children and Young People.

**LINK TO PRIORITIES:**

**1. Priority 13 (13.7 & 13.10)**

All children and young people are able to engage in decision-making on issues that affect them

**Strong**

**2. Priority 14 (14.3)**

All children an young people are valued and respected and aware of their rights and how to obtain them

**Strong**

**Overarching**

Advocacy and participation is a cross cutting theme, consequently there

<p>are priorities identified across all core groups that this service could assist in delivering. These include Core aim 6 – priorities 17 &amp; 19, Core aim 4 – Priority 12 &amp; Core aim 3 – Priority 6.</p>	
<p><b>LINK TO CYMORTH THEMES</b> (Please indicate all activity and process themes that apply):</p>	
<p><b>ACTIVITY THEMES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Family Support</li> <li>2. Health improvement</li> <li>3. Play, leisure and enrichment</li> <li>4. <b><u>Empowerment, participation and active citizenship</u></b></li> <li>5. <b><u>Training, mentoring and information</u></b></li> </ol>	<p><b>PROCESS THEMES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Disadvantaged neighbourhoods</li> <li>2. <b><u>Partnership working</u></b></li> <li>3. <b><u>User involvement</u></b></li> <li>4. <b><u>Adding value to mainstream</u></b></li> <li>5. Early preventative intervention</li> <li>6. Delivery from integrated centres and networks</li> <li>7. <b><u>Inclusion</u></b></li> <li>8. <b><u>Evidence based practice</u></b></li> </ol>
<p><b>HOW HAS THE NEED FOR THIS WORK BEEN IDENTIFIED?</b>  (e.g. reference to CYP Plan / Delivery Plan / key strategy / new research)  C&amp;YP Plan and delivery plan  WAG guidance</p>	
<p><b>MAIN PROPOSED OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE:</b>  How would these be measured? Which outcomes in the CYP Plan do these link with?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Children and young people will be more able to influence the planning and provision of services affecting them</li> <li>2. Increased numbers of children and young people accessing advocacy</li> <li>3. Better accessibility to high quality advocacy services to all</li> <li>4. Safeguarding of vulnerable children</li> </ol>	
<p><b>WOULD THE WORK BE TIME-LIMITED OR ON-GOING? If the work is time-limited, please give estimated date of completion</b></p>	<p>Time-limited for 12 months, for implementation of new advocacy model and commissioning process. Money allocated to this post should be utilized following the 12 month period for the commissioning of advocacy services.</p> <p>End date: March 2011</p>
<p><b>OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING AND RESOURCES</b>  <b>Could there be added value from links with other sources of funding, projects or programmes?</b></p> <p><b>If 'yes', please give brief details</b></p> <p><b>Is this other funding secure?</b></p>	<p>Currently Children's services commissions advocacy services for children who meet the Children's' services eligibility criteria. The current service extends beyond that which is their statutory responsibility.</p> <p>There is a possibility that other statutory agencies (e.g. health &amp; Education) may need to identify money from their core budget to fund open access advocacy services but these requirements are not clear at the time of writing this proposal.</p>

<p><b>Would other programmes be at risk if Cymorth funding were not agreed for this area of work?</b></p> <p><b>Comment</b></p>	<p>No other programmes would be at risk if Cymorth funding was not agreed for this area of work but it would make the C&amp;YP Partnership very vulnerable and open to challenge if these services were not provided in the future.</p>
<p><b>IS CYMORTH FUNDING CURRENTLY BEING USED TO FUND (A) SIMILAR TYPE/S OF PROVISION?</b></p> <p><b>Please indicate if</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a project is considered to be delivering the right service to the right target group and is recommended to be put 'on hold' if necessary</li> <li>• 'TUPE' arrangements might be needed if similar provision were to be commissioned from another provider</li> </ul>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>NAME OF PROJECT: _____ HOLD?</p> <p>TUPE? _____</p>
<p><b>CONSULTATION</b></p> <p><b>Has there been consultation with service users about this proposal?</b></p> <p><b>Please note agencies/providers who have been consulted</b></p> <p><b>Please note any significant issues/indications of support</b></p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>AGENCIES: Locally Tros Gynnal has undertaken consultation with young people in respect of the WAG proposals for a new advocacy model. Nationally, WAG consulted with young people as part of the process of developing the guidance.</p> <p>However, no specific consultation has taken place at this stage in Cardiff regarding how to implement the guidance locally.</p>
<p><b>RISK ASSESSMENT</b></p> <p><b>Level of risk to CYP and families if this work is not delivered (taking into consideration likelihood &amp; consequences):</b></p> <p><b>Overall importance to delivery of priorities:</b></p>	<p><b>High</b> / Medium / Low</p> <p>❖ <b>Significant Importance + High Risk (B2)</b> = <b>Priority 3</b></p> <p>Critical / <b>Significant</b> / Minor</p>
<p><b>RECOMMENDATION:</b></p>	