

Appendix B1**PROPOSALS FOR EFFICIENCY SAVINGS 2014 – 2017**

Title of idea	P6 – Decommission a service level agreement with South Gwynedd Women's Aid	
Department	Children and Supporting Families	
What is the proposal?		
<p>Historically, the Gwynedd Children's Service has contributed money by means of a service level agreement to South Gwynedd Women's Aid for many years. Originally, the contribution was substantially higher than what is currently being allocated and it was agreed to reduce the sum about 5 years ago. Since then, the money being contributed pays for a part-time children's worker who provides a service in the community and at the shelter for individual children. The worker also undertakes work to raise awareness on a more general level.</p> <p>As a result of the financial climate, the service is of the opinion that this contribution should be removed from the core funding of the children's service to Women's Aid.</p> <p>It is likely that this recommendation will be seen as a cut in service, but even without this contribution, the Department's statutory responsibilities and duties towards children who live in a domestic violence environment will not change. The responsibility to assess needs, investigate safeguarding issues and provide services to the family will remain with the Children and Supporting Families Department. South Gwynedd Women's Aid receives substantial money from other sources and historically, Gwynedd, unlike other authorities, has been contributing money to the organisation by means of an agreement, from the service's core funding.</p> <p>As a result of the need to assess each budget for value for money, the service is of the opinion that decommissioning this service is a low risk option</p>		
Is it a firm proposal or outline?		Outline
Sum to be saved	£33,810	
At the start of which quarter of the financial year can the sum be taken out of the budget?		
March 2015		
Impact on the People of Gwynedd		
A slight low risk		
Impact on the schemes of the Strategic Plan / Policy		
Impact on Equality issues		
Impact on Staff		
No impact on the staff of the Children and Supporting Families Service is anticipated.		
Spatial Impact i.e. is there an impact on one area more than others		
None		

