

Sport Partnerships

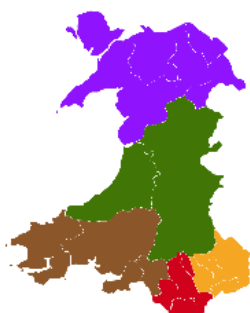
What is CSAP

CSAP (Community Sport & Activity Programme) is a transformational project that will remodel Sport Wales' approach to supporting the delivery of local sport opportunities through the creation of regional Sport Partnerships. Its aims are to get more people active through sport with a focus on young people, and people who face the greatest barriers.

The Vision for Sport in Wales and Sport Wales Strategy set the tone for delivering sport in the best way possible for local people. The creation of Sport Partnerships will respond to that and will change the way local sport is delivered on behalf of Sport Wales. The approach is backed by a Business Case which has been endorsed by Sport Wales Board and Welsh Government.

What will a Sport Partnership look like?

The new model of delivery will bring together a much broader range of partners across defined regions who, through the creation of a Sport Partnership, will be responsible for leading the development of local sport opportunities, maximising Sport Wales funding, while also seeking funding from other sources to support its work.



We are looking to establish five Sport Partnerships across Wales. Organizations who will be involved in operating these partnerships include local authorities, Trusts, Housing Associations, health boards, HE & FE, Police, Professional Sports Clubs and charities.

As well as delivering against the Sport Wales strategy, the partnership will need to demonstrate good governance and build insight and learning into how it plans and delivers.

What will be different?

If we're going to get more people active then we have to think differently, be innovative, build up partnerships and try new ways of working. But the Sport Partnerships will have the resources, size, influence and reach to be able to do this for the benefit of sport.

The Sport Partnership will champion sport, being the go-to agency in each region. Sport has faced significant cuts and pressures, and with it has come a diminished voice in local decision making. The Sport Partnership will take on the advocacy role, taking its place at the table with other regional boards – such as regional economic partnerships or education consortium.

It will champion the power of sport, demonstrating the benefits to local health, community cohesion, reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour, skills and learning. The new Sport Partnership will bring a collective power. There will be more opportunities to learn, deliver and celebrate sport on a larger scale than before.

This isn't about cost-saving. This is about taking things like the fantastic workforce and helping them to work in the best way possible for the benefit of local sport.

Delivering services on the ground that are based on local need, while having a strategic view and influence that magnifies the potential of that delivery.

Where are we on the journey to create Sport Partnerships

We have been working with partners in N Wales over the past couple of years to help shape their thinking and plans. In the last few weeks, the partnership formally submitted their Business Case to establish Sport North Wales with it being considered at Sport Wales Board at the end of November. Following on from this, it is

anticipated that Sport North Wales will formally 'go live' from April 2021, following the appointment of an Independent Chair, Senior Leader, and Board Directors early in the New Year.

Across the Rest of Wales, we've had positive engagement with over 35 partners who submitted an Expression of Interest to play a lead role in driving forward the creation of one of the remaining four Sport Partnerships. Both Cardiff Council and Cardiff Met were amongst those who submitted a successful Expressions of Interest to drive forward this approach across the Central South region. We are currently re-engaging with all these partners to understand their vision, any challenges and opportunities and agree timelines to progress this exciting journey.