

**Exhibit 4.xi**

At a national level:-

- Swansea has been a participant in the Welsh Government Residential Care Task and Finish Group. One of the workstreams has been to improve arrangements for children out of area via the development of new guidance for local authorities. In 2018/19, Swansea worked with the consultant, Brian Paget, commissioned by the Task and Finish Group to lead this work. Initially devised for those in residential care, the guidance has recently been amended to cover those in foster placements as well.
- Swansea has worked with other Welsh local authorities – via the Regional Commissioning Unit, the Children’s Commissioning Consortium Cymru (the 4Cs) – to develop a specialist residential care framework. Separate to the standard framework, it is reserved for providers who have a clear model of care for supporting the needs of children and young people who are at risk of entering secure accommodation. Providers on this framework may support children with one or more risky behaviours, including those who go missing and those at risk of sexual exploitation. The framework commenced in May 2019.
- Like the other Welsh local authorities, Swansea worked with Welsh Government to agree target figures for the reduction of the number of children placed out of county in the coming years (see below):

<b>Proposed Reduction Expectations – number of children placed out of county</b>		<b>Proposed Reduction Expectations – number of children placed out of Wales</b>	
	<b>Fostering Residential</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>Fostering</b>
<b>Year One (2019/20):</b> reduction 10% reduction	10%	15	1
<b>Year Two (2020/21):</b> reduction 15% reduction	15%	10	0
<b>Year Three (2021/22):</b> reduction 20% reduction	20%	0	0

At a regional level, Swansea has been working with the South Wales Police to develop a memorandum of understanding for residential care. One of the objectives of the memorandum is to ensure there is better risk assessment and planning of out of area placements. Yet to be signed off by the regional safeguarding board, this memorandum needs to be revised to incorporate the latest guidance produced by Brian Paget.