

Step 1	To support the transformation of Early Years services in Swansea to provide better support for children to have the best start in life (0-7)		
2023-26 Goals	To improve outcomes for children and families by strengthening integrated early years pathways, prioritising prevention, and focusing on the earliest stages of life where long-term impact is greatest.		
Progress as at 31 March 2026	During 2025-26, Swansea Bay University Health Board and Swansea Council worked collaboratively to deliver the majority of PSB Early Years actions. Strong foundations are in place, including improved joint working arrangements and agreed priorities for 2026-27. Some actions carry forward due to national dependencies and the enabling nature of community infrastructure.		
2026-27 Planned Actions		Lead Officers	Target Completion Date
Implement a seamless transition pathway for children aged 5–7 from Health Visiting to School Nursing, subject to Welsh Government approval of HCWP Part 2 guidance.		Swansea Bay University Health Board	30 September 2026
Prioritise Maternity and Early Infancy (First 1,000 days), including targeting breastfeeding support informed by cluster-level data and strengthening pathways between maternity, health visiting, early years and Public Health.		Partners via Early Years Leadership Group	31 March 2027

Embed Speech, Language and Communication as a core strategic priority, developing recommendations for early, equitable intervention.	Partners via Early Years Leadership Group	31 March 2027
Align Early Years activity with Building a Better Dyfatty to support targeted, place-based prevention.	PSB partners	30 September 2026

Key Performance Indicators

- Progress against HCWP actions carried forward into 2026/27.
- Evidence of strengthened integrated pathways across maternity, health visiting, early years and Public Health.
- Monitoring of breastfeeding support and variation using available population health data.
- Delivery of defined actions arising from prioritisation of Speech, Language and Communication.
- Evidence of aligned Early Years activity within the Dyfatty area.
- Reporting through Early Years Leadership Group and PSB governance.

Key PSB Partner Contributors:

- Swansea Bay University Health Board (strategic lead)
- Swansea Council
- Swansea Council for Voluntary Service
- Other statutory and voluntary partners involved in early years delivery

Risks and Mitigations:

Risk: National dependency delays. **Mitigation:** Clear interim planning and readiness for implementation.

Risk: Fragmented delivery. **Mitigation:** Continued joint governance and use of common priorities.