**Gwynedd**

The Gwynedd Pioneer is located in the Maesgeirchen and Tan y Bryn Estate in Bangor (Marchog). While it is located geographically close to the Bangor city centre it has a sense of isolation. It is led by a multi-agency Board and the approach focusses on developing integrated approaches and bringing services into the community.

The key anchor organisations within the partnership arrangement are Glan Cegin Primary School, Gwynedd Council’s Children and Family Department, Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Adra Social Housing Landlord, and North Wales Police, Partneriaeth Maesgeirchen Partnership and Maes-Ni Group.

All the anchor organisations are heavily engaged within the community. Maesgeirchen Partnership and Maes-Ni have been the vehicles to enable residents on the estate to play an active part in identifying priorities and key activities that will achieve positive change.

The Multi Agency Board commissioned a detail Needs Assessment and Community Engagement Plan.

The key messages is that engaging with families and providing solutions to any problems that they may have in terms of health, education and learning has been much more effective if the support is as localised as possible. People are less likely to engage with the services once they have to travel from the estate to access them, this approach can be replicated with other support services. People and families want to be able to find their own solutions and cope with problems whilst being supported by integrated, easily available, trustworthy and easily accessible services, that are available locally, when it’s needed.

**The overall vision for Marchog is that children and young people, and their families are free from disadvantage and supported to reach their full potential**.

Partners and Families have agreed to work towards the outcomes:-

* **Families have easy access to the right services at the right time;**
* **Young children are ready for school and are supported with their early learning;**
* **Children and young people are supported and encouraged to reach their potential;**
* **Children and young people are safe, happy, healthy, resilient and emotionally healthy;**
* **A safe, prosperous and skilled community.**

By utilising the community’s strengths which are:-

* **Strong Sense of Community;**
* **Pride;**
* **Community Support Networks;**
* **Good relationships with services.**

Activity, to meet the identified needs, has included:

* Work to develop an integrated community hub for multiple agencies and services, led by Maes-Ni;
* Whole system approach to the Early Years across Childcare, Health, and Education, led by Gwynedd Council;
* Extending use of the Youth Centre/Ty Cegin as a central community hub in Maesgeirchen for the community and the agencies who work there;
* Improve School holiday activities and provision led by the primary school;
* Partnership working ensuring Community Events led by Maesgeirchen Partnership, Youth Services and RSL;
* Foundational Economy work around childcare provision led by a group of young mothers;
* Targeted work to identify and support young carers, led by Action for Children.

There is also a solid community voice in Maesgeirchen, and the Children First Pioneer aims to harness the energy and enthusiasm within the estate.