

CABINET

DATE: 29TH APRIL 2024

SUBJECT:
THE MID & WEST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & ADULTS BOARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

Purpose:

To receive the Annual Report and note its findings.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

To receive the Annual Report which provides an Overview of the Objectives and Achievements of the Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Children & Adults Board.

Reasons:

This Annual Report outlines the progress we have made against the outcomes set by CYSUR and CWMPAS as part of a joint Annual Strategic Plan.

Cabinet Decision Required YES - 29th April 2024

Council Decision Required NO

CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:-
Cllr. J. Tremlett, Cabinet Member for Health & Social Services

Directorate:

Communities

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Annual Report outlines the progress that has been made against the outcomes set by CYSUR and CWMPAS as part of the joint Annual Strategic Plan for the year 2022-23.

Significant investment and time has been dedicated throughout the year to supporting the development of the new Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) process, including the development of the draft statutory guidance published earlier this year. We are proud to report we have been commissioned by the Welsh Government to develop and deliver the national training framework to support and accompany implementation of the new guidance.

Our particular successes this year include the development of multi-agency safeguarding training packages. This includes the development and implementation of professional curiosity training and accompanying resources, as well as the development of a safeguarding training animation created by our Junior Board. These suites of training and resources help to support practitioners in their work safeguarding children and adults at risk, and give powerful messages to practitioners about how to best communicate with and listen to children.

Our continued commitment to deliver against our Violence Against Women Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) agenda has progressed at some pace this year. Our new four-year strategy and accompanying delivery plan has been completed and published, directly informed by survivors with lived experience of domestic abuse in the Mid and West Wales area. Developing creative solutions to some of the significant workforce challenges the social care and the public sector workforce is experiencing has continued to be a key focus of the Boards' work this year, both within a regional and national context. A review of the social care workforce across the region has been undertaken, and we will be implementing actions in the coming year to improve recruitment and retention of staff locally alongside ongoing national work.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES - The Mid & West Wales Safeguarding Children & Adults Boards Annual Report 2022-2023

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: **Jake Morgan** Director of Community Services

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets	Bio- diversity & Climate Change
NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

2. Legal

As well as enabling the Boards to meet their objectives as outlined in Part 7 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014, this combined approach to Safeguarding aligns fully with the ethos and principles of the Act.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: **Jake Morgan** Director of Community Services

1. Scrutiny Committee request for pre-determination		YES
Scrutiny Committee	Health & Social Services	
Date the report was considered:-	21st March, 2024	
Scrutiny Committee Outcome/Recommendations:-		
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the report be received.		
2. Local Member(s) - N/A		
3. Community / Town Council – N/A		
4. Relevant Partners		
Multi Agency representation on both CWMPAS (Safeguarding Adults Executive Board) and CYSUR (Safeguarding Children Executive Board).		
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations - N/A		
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED	Include any observations here	
YES		
Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information		
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:		
THERE ARE NONE		
Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection