

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE

15th March 2016

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**SUBJECT: Powys Safeguarding Children and Adults
Quarterly update**

REPORT FOR: Information

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide Cabinet with an update in respect of safeguarding children and adults in Powys. This report combines both adults and children's safeguarding work.

Proposal

To receive the report and note the updates from the report received by Cabinet on 15th December 2015.

Update in relation to an integrated Safeguarding team (children and adults).

We have successfully appointed to key posts within the Safeguarding Team, these being the Lead Manager for Adult Safeguarding and Lead Manager for Children's Safeguarding. The post holder for children's' safeguarding has commenced her post and the adults post holder will commence work on 1st March 2016.

(Regional) Safeguarding Boards

1) Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Children's Board – CYSUR

The regional safeguarding arrangements (CYSUR) have now been in place since June 2014. A review of CYSUR has been recently undertaken, with the outcome being that the Strategic Group will no longer continue to meet. The four heads of service (Powys, Carmarthen, Ceredigion and Pembrokeshire) are all members of the Executive Board, which continues to meet on a quarterly basis. The head of service will ensure that any actions arising on a local or regional basis will be addressed accordingly.

Powys Local Operational Group

The Powys Local Operational Group continues to meet on a quarterly basis and is chaired by the Head of Children's Services. A number of sub groups are also in place to consider safeguarding training, case and thematic audits and arrangements for children who are placed in Powys by other Local Authorities.

2) Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Adult's Board

Work to establish the Regional Safeguarding Adults Board continues to progress with the last meeting held at the end of January.

Update of Safeguarding case work between July and September 2015:

1) Safeguarding Children

Table 1: Child Protection referrals as a proportion of all contacts with Children's services

	Q4 14/15	Q1 15/16	Q2 15/16	Q3 15/16	Grand Total
Other Referrals	473	573	652	541	2327
CP Referrals	193	173	86	97	437
CP as % of All Contact	29%	23%	13%	15%	16%

Child protection referrals received are 15% of the overall contact with the department. There have been 49 Initial and 61 Review Child Protection Case Conferences that have taken place this quarter.

Figure 1: Child protection registrations by category of abuse

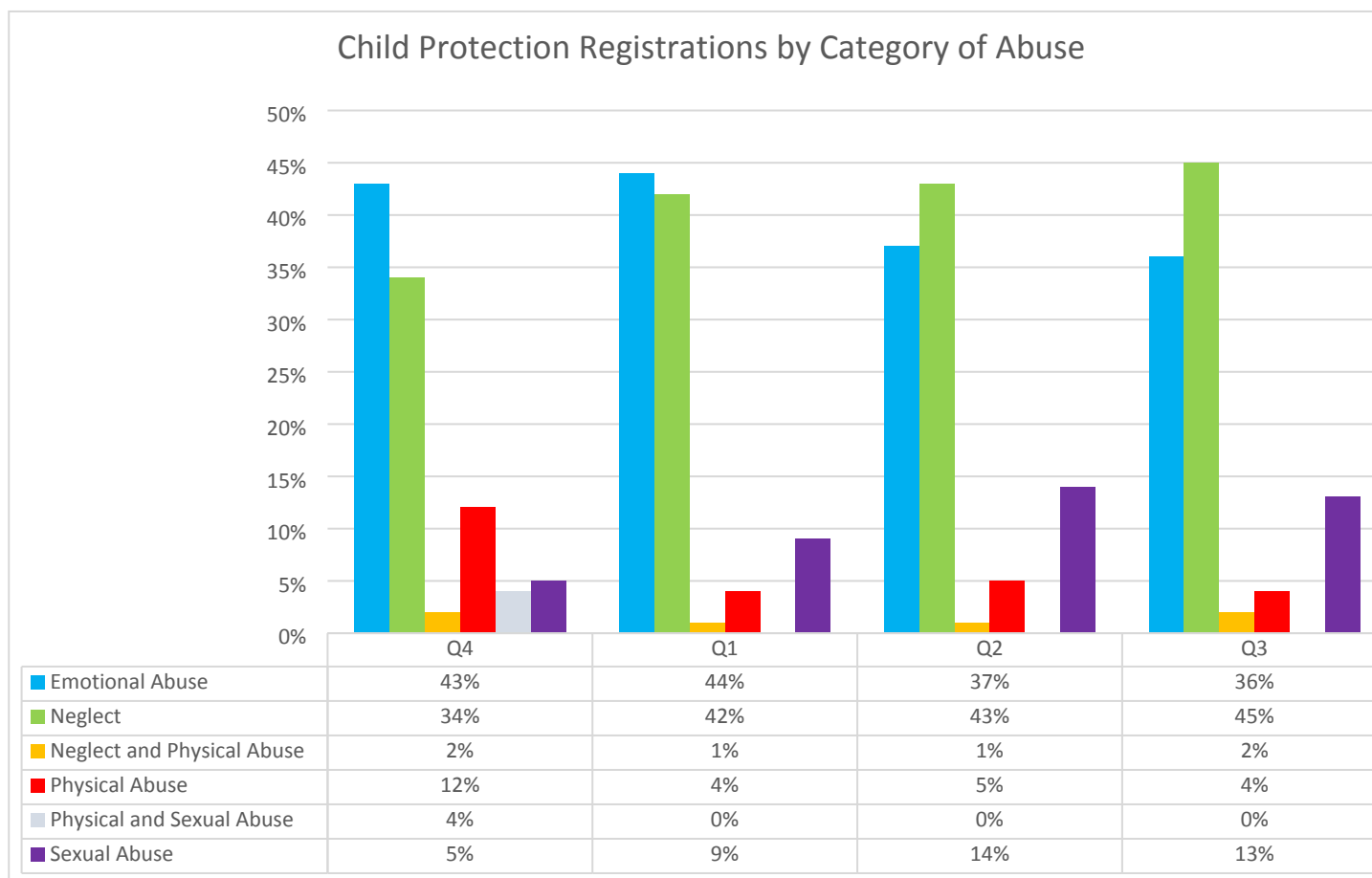


Table 2 – Factors that affect parent’s ability to safeguard children

Factors Affecting Parental Ability to Care Adequately for Children	Q4 14/15	Q1 15/16	Q2 15/16	Q3 15/16	Grand Total
Domestic Abuse	54%	15%	64%	27%	29%
Mental Health	43%	-	28%	17%	18%
Substance Misuse	27%	20%	8%	13%	13%
Alcohol Misuse	24%	50%	16%	15%	17%
Contact with Risky Adult	16%	5%	16%	-	5%
Learning Disabilities	-	-	-	3%	1%
YP Substance/Alcohol Misuse	-	-	-	-	0%
Long Term Neglect	-	-	-	6%	2%
At Risk of CSE	-	-	-	4%	1%
Other	11%	10%	24%	15%	13%

2) Safeguarding Adults (POVA) activity

- 235 referrals were received in the period October to December 2016, 85% of which were appropriate and met the threshold.
- Welsh Government reporting requirements ask us to report on the cases that have been completed during the year. During the year to date, 348 cases were completed, of these 164 were completed and closed in quarter 3. This is a further increase due to the work being done to close historic cases and an improvement in closure of cases when work is complete. Of those, cases 310 referrals (89%) were **appropriate referrals**.
- There continues to be a significant number of cases in supported and sheltered accommodation, potentially demonstrating an increased awareness by staff working in these services.

Figure 3: Location of alleged abuse of adults at risk for Quarter 3 only

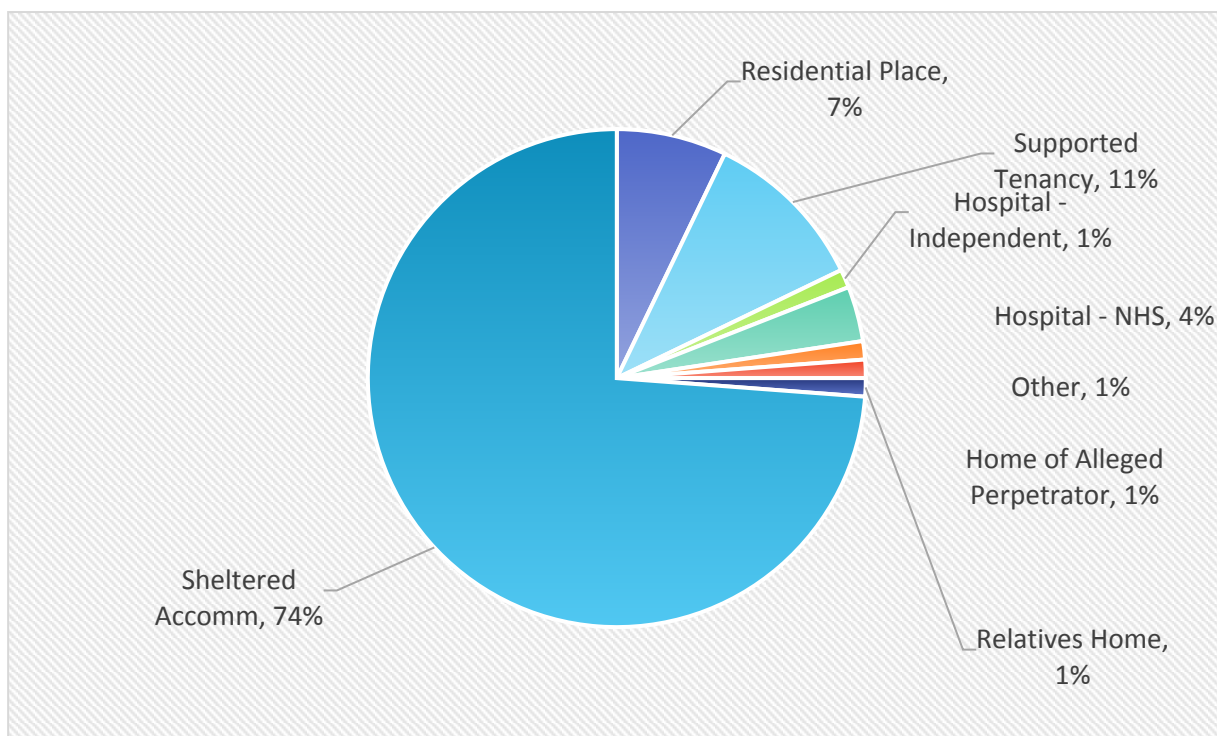
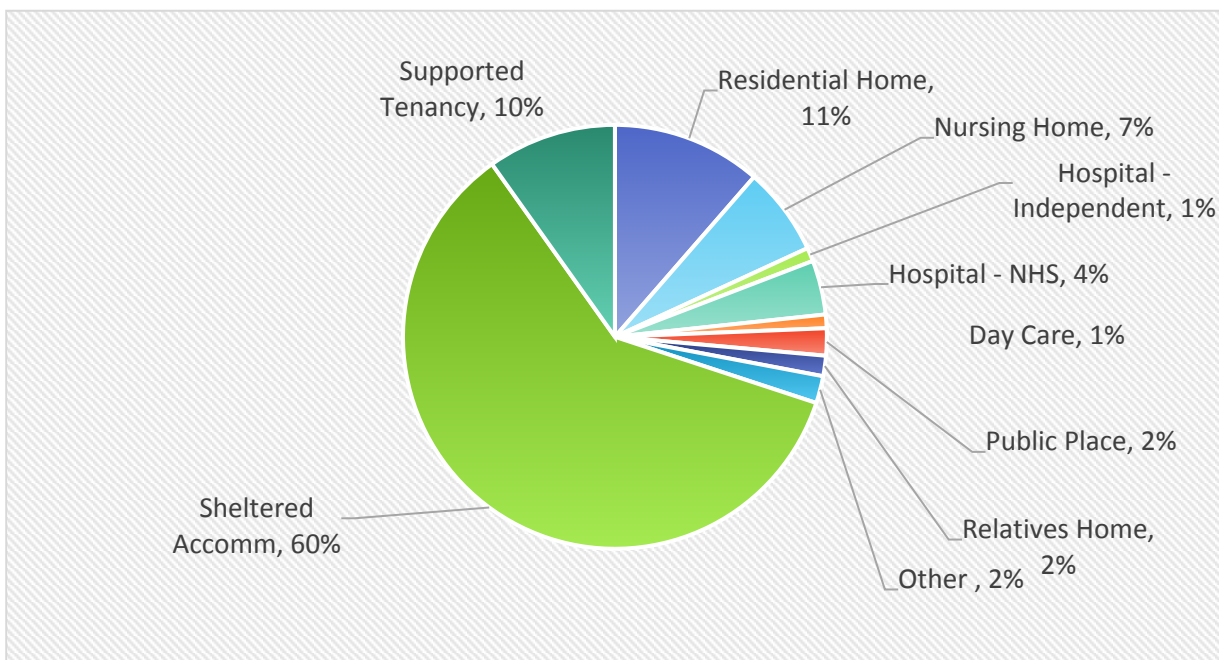
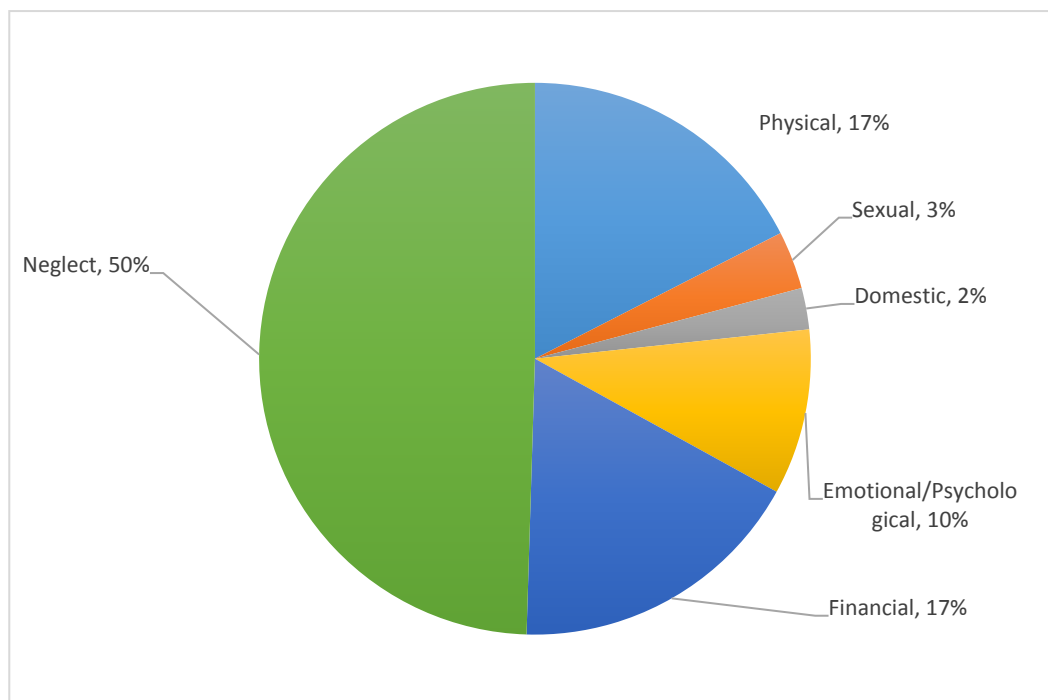


Figure 4: Location of alleged abuse of adults at risk year to date



- The types of abuse suffered for adults are shown in the chart below

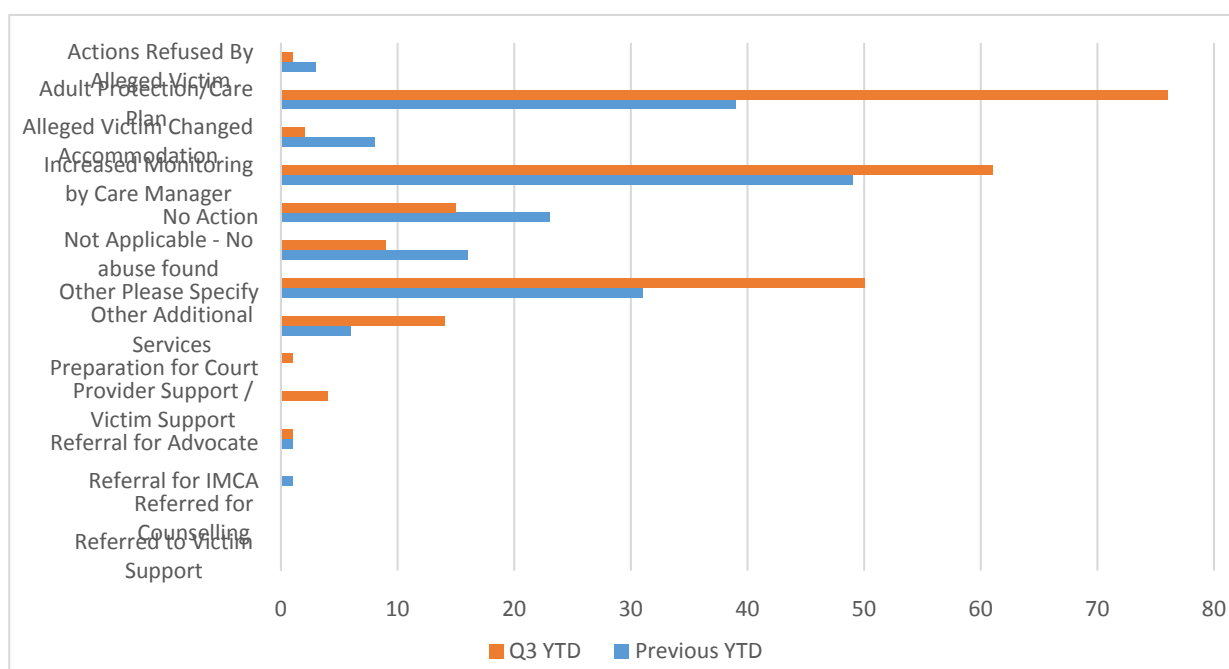
Figure 5: Types of abuse suffered by adults 2015/16 year to date



- The outcomes for the adult at risk are shown in the chart below

Figure 6: Outcomes for the adult at risk

	Result	Comparison with target	Comparison with previous year's result	Comparison with Previous Year's Welsh Average
2011/12	65.7%	80%	61.22%	88.02%
2012/13	86.3%	80%	65.7% (2011/12)	88.02% (2011/12)
2013/14	93.5%	90%	86.3% (2012/13)	91.8% (2012/13)
2014/15	89.3%	90%	93.5% (2013/14)	TBC
2015/16 Q3	94.2%	90%	90.0% (2013/14)	TBC



Powys One plan

Options Considered/Available

Not applicable.

Preferred Choice and Reasons

Not applicable.

Sustainability and Environmental Issues/Equalities/Crime and Disorder,/Welsh Language/Other Policies etc

The Regional and Local safeguarding arrangements positively promote the equality and linguistic needs of children and adults wherever possible.

Children and Young People's Impact Statement - Safeguarding and Wellbeing

The update keeps members informed of relevant safeguarding matters.

Local Member(s)

Not applicable.

Other Front Line Services

The Powys Local Safeguarding Group engages with frontline staff/services through its child protection fora. Both the PLOG and APC have active training programmes co-ordinated by the local authority and attended by staff from all agencies. The Safeguarding team give advice and information to managers and staff working with children and adults at risk from all sectors.

Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, BPU)

Legal: The Report provides an appropriate update. The Social Care Legal Team, within Legal Services continue to advise both Children and Adults Services in respect of safeguarding. The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, will come into force on the 6th April 2016, Part 7 deals with Safeguarding.
Senior Social Care Lawyer – South

Finance: The Finance Business partner notes the content of the report.

HR: Contents of Report are noted.

ICT: ICT have noted the report and have no comments to add

Business Support: “The Business Support Unit is committed to providing support to Adult and Children’s Safeguarding within Powys and is integral to future developments and requirements.”

Local Service Board/Partnerships/Stakeholders etc

There are reports which will be available for consideration by the Local Service Board.

Corporate Communications

For information no proactive communications action.

Statutory Officers

The Strategic Director Resources (S151 Officer) notes the comments made by finance.

Members’ Interests

(To be completed by the Monitoring Officer)

The Monitoring Officer advises that Members may have an interest in this item if
or

The Monitoring Officer is not aware of any specific interests that may arise in relation to this report. If Members have an interest they should declare it at the start of the meeting and complete the relevant notification form.

Future Status of the Report

(This section must be completed if the report is a confidential/exempt report)

Members are invited to consider the future status of this report and whether it can be made available to the press and public either immediately following the meeting or at some specified point in the future.

The view of the Monitoring Officer is that:

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
That Cabinet accepts the safeguarding update in line with its safeguarding responsibilities.	Safeguarding is everyone’s business and this report provides assurance to Cabinet of work that is underway both locally and regionally on important safeguarding matters.

Relevant Policy (ies):			
Within Policy:	Y	Within Budget:	Y

Relevant Local Member(s):	
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	Agency representatives
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	N/A

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