

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

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For Health and Care Scrutiny Information 18th July 2024

For Governance and Audit Information 14th June 2024

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SUBJECT: Corporate Safeguarding Board Activity Report

REPORT FOR: Information

1. Introduction

1.1 Cabinet is requested to note this update from the Corporate Safeguarding Board.

1.2 The Corporate Safeguarding Board last met on 14th March 2024; this report summarises the information provided at that meeting.

2. Agenda discussions

2.1 Review of Progress against actions in the safeguarding regulatory tracker

The tracker was reviewed, and progress noted, with all items either green (on track) or blue (completed).

2.2 Regional Safeguarding Board Update

The Board was provided an update from the Regional Safeguarding Board. It was confirmed the focus groups are due to be continued.

2.3 JICPA

An update was provided to the Board, report was received in early February. An action plan has been completed, as per the JICPA guidance, and submitted to CIW.

2.4 Education Safeguarding Action Plan

A verbal update was provided to the Board, the education safeguarding plan is monitored half termly and there are no new concerns to raise.

2.5 Workings of Builth Wells Safety Group

A presentation was shared with the Board highlighting the valuable work the BWSG continues to do around the Royal Welsh Agricultural Show. Board members suggested that future reports should include the benefits and impact of the work of the group to Police, Health, Ambulance Services and other partners.

2.6 Channel / Community Safety Partnerships

A verbal update was provided to the Board noting concerns around the capacity of the public protection team and the chair. A transition is due to take place to replace the current chair with an appropriate officer from Social Services.

2.7 Safeguarding in Housing, Including Younger (16/17yr Olds) People's Housing

Verbal update provided to the Board. Noting the rising cost of B&Bs and a discussion around Powys' rough sleeper count.

2.8 Elective home Education and Fixed Term Exclusions

A report was provided to the Board, comparing the figures of 12 months ago to recent figures.

It was noted that ALN exclusion numbers were higher than previous reports, the education team confirmed they are being investigated individually.

Discussion was held around the elective home education laws.

2.9 Mandatory Safeguarding Training, including VAWDASV

Information and update was provided to the Board, the recent report reassures Powys is heading in the correct direction with compliance with mandatory safeguarding training improving across services.

2.10 Adult Social Care Safeguarding Performance

A verbal update was provided to the Board, and it is noted the modern-day slavery guidance has been highlighted again to practitioners.

2.11 Childrens Social Services Safeguarding Performance

A verbal update was provided to the Board, noting there is still a significant demand at the 'front door', however, there has been positive movement with children coming off the child protection register.

3. Future Corporate Safeguarding Board Meetings

3.1 Future meetings are scheduled for 13th June 2024, 12th September 2024, and 12th December 2024.

4. Recommendation

4.1 Cabinet receives this briefing as an update from the Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Board, to ensure Cabinet are sighted on the work to date.

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