

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

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

REPORT FOR: Information

1. Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide cabinet with an update in respect of Safeguarding children's and adults in Powys. This report contains both adults and children's safeguarding information and Regional Update.

To discharge the Mid & West Wales Safeguarding Board's objectives effectively, there is one Board for Children and one for Adults with cross-cutting issues managed jointly across both. There is a live new website update for public and professionals.

2. Adults Section

2.1 Managing Risks

	Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2
Actions refused by alleged victim	3	2	3	0	0	2	4	4
Adult Protection Plan / Care Plan	129	4	9	5	6	7	144	16
Alleged Victim changed accommodation	3	1	0	0	1	1	4	2
Increased monitoring by care manager	98	14	5	12	14	17	117	43
No Action	3	2	3	8	11	5	17	15
Not applicable - no abuse found	10	1	1	5	3	2	14	8
Other - please specify	95	18	4	10	10	16	109	44
Other Additional Services	15	4	5	0	3	2	23	6
Preparation for Court	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Provider Support	3	0	0	2	1	1	4	3
Referral for Advocate	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
Referral for IMCA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referred for counselling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referred to Victim Support	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Not Recorded	28	0	82	0	62	0	162	0
Risk Removed/Risk Reduced	142	30	51	28	18	40	211	98
Risks Remains	53	1	47	1	52	2	152	4

The 3.92% where risk is not managed is 4 cases out of 102. The risk is recorded as not managed because the individuals involved did not engage or want to engage to employ strategies to reduce risk.

2.2 Closing enquiries within 7 days.

	Appropriate Referral – No Strategy Meeting		Appropriate Referral – Strategy Meeting	
	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2
Under 1 Week	9	13	14	9
1 – 2 Weeks	3	8	7	5
3 – 4 Weeks	3	3	16	4
5 – 8 Weeks	1	10	30	7
9 – 12 Weeks	1	3	26	11
13 – 26 Weeks	6	5	37	18
27 – 52 Weeks	5	2	30	15
53 Weeks +	17	1	29	4
Total	45	45	189	73

The table above gives the total time taken from start date to end date of all referrals completed within the reporting period.

We have a number of recent and historical enquiries that remain open. The data suggests more could be closed in a timely manner to reflect the number of enquiries actually completed within the 7 day time frame. Increasing training with staff involved to escalate the importance of completing enquiries in a timely manner and managing effectively utilising the supervision process for the Safeguarding team will improve the effectiveness of meeting this.

2.3 The number of reported adults at risk

The number continues to rise as predicted by the change in legislation. Q2 reported 221 enquiries that required some form of advice/signposting/intervention and investigation. This compares with 315 for the whole of 15/16. The Population for each shire has also been included and used as a basis to establish the rate of Adult Protection referrals per 1000 population.

	Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2
Inappropriate Referral – No Further Action	7	6	9	16	8	5	24	27
Inappropriate Referral – Action Required	14	3	8	5	19	7	41	15
Appropriate Referral – No Strategy Meeting	15	11	13	22	16	10	44	43
Appropriate Referral – Strategy Meeting	68	44	59	42	77	36	204	
Referred to DLM for Decision	1	9	1	2	-	3	2	14
Threshold Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	105	73	90	87	120	61	315	221
Population	50,655		26,064		29,901		106,620	
Referrals per 1000 18+ population (Q3)	1.44		3.34		2.04		2.07	
Appropriate referrals per 1000 18+ population (Q3)	1.09		2.46		1.54		1.55	

We are working with our partner agencies to manage enquiries in accordance with Part 7 of the SSWB(W)A.

This data is inputted by Powys People Direct (PPD) initially, not all of these will have an actual strategy meeting but the enquiry will have/require a degree of work. If a strategy meeting was not convened the category is changed to Appropriate Referral No strategy meeting when the enquiry is completed and closed. This will be resolved within WCCIS and when the enquiry form goes live.

2.4 Place of abuse

The data for Q2 showed that 31% of all enquiries related to adults residing within residential and nursing homes in Powys. We work closely with partner agencies including health, CSSIW, contracts and commissioning to manage enquiries.

The increase during this quarter is directly linked to 15 enquiries being received from a nursing home whereby medication was administered incorrectly to 15 residents.

Place of Abuse

		Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
		15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2	15/16 Year	Q2
Care Settings	Residential Home	13	3	7	8	7	8	27	19
	Nursing Home	10	6	5	6	4	8	19	20
	Hospital– Independent	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Hospital– NHS	6	2	3	3	3	0	12	5
	Day Care	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	2
	Educational Est.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Tenancy	13	6	0	0	12	10	25	16
Own Home/ Community	Own Home	157	16	16	19	26	18	199	53
	Sheltered Accommod.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Relatives Home	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	3
	Home of alleged perp.	3	0	0	0	0	2	3	2
	Public Place	1	1	1	1	4	1	6	3
	Other	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Not Recorded	22	0	74	0	40	0	136	0
	Total	147	37	106	39	98	49	434	125

**Please note that each referral can have multiple places and types of abuse, therefore totals will not match the number of appropriate referrals completed in the period in the tables above and below.*

2.5 Inspection

Adult safeguarding has recently been inspected by CSSIW the verbal feedback is positive and the Inspector commented that Powys has made significant improvements to its safeguarding processes. Formal feedback is expected March 2017.

2.6 Adult Practice Reviews.

New guidance has been issued by the Welsh Assembly Government. The guidance sets our arrangements for multi-agency adult practice reviews in circumstances of a significant incident where abuse of neglect of an adult at risk is known or suspected.

No cases have been referred during this reporting period.

2.7 Adult Protection Support Orders (APSOs)

Two officers including one legal representative attended a one day training course aimed at enabling authorised officers and legal officers to act lawfully in the spirit of the SSWB(W) Act to use APSOs for the benefit of adults at risk in Wales.

The officers are now equipped to apply for an order if this is deemed to be an appropriate course of action.

No orders have been applied for during this reporting period.

2.8 Local Operational Group (LOG) Adults

2.8.1 Quality Assurance

Quarterly reports are being reviewed in line with new regional QA framework which has recently been amended and re-circulated, at present we still collate former Adult Protection Committee reporting data, this new data collection will feed into future cabinet reports.

2.8.2 Adult Practice Reviews

At the December Local Operational Group we discussed a case submitted by the police and applied draft criteria for submission to APR group, however, it did not meet the threshold and therefore the group agreed a local investigation which will be led by the Health Board. A remit has been compiled and report will be received into the next LOG meeting to determine any lessons learnt or required actions.

2.8.3 Operation Jasmine

Powys had previously compiled a comprehensive plan with regard to implementation of the action arising from Operation Jasmine and is currently reviewing the progress of this plan. Leads have been determined in relation to this piece of work.

Progress update will be received at the next LOG, along with a cross matching and status report in relation to actions agreed on the new regional plan.

3. Cross-cutting Section

3.1 CYSUR/CWMPAS (Regional Safeguarding Boards) update

Update of the key actions highlighted identified in the Cabinet Report (1st November 2016) with respect to the CYSUR /CWMPAS work plan submitted by Regional Safeguarding Board Manager, Julie Breckon,

- National Safeguarding Week. A range of activities were held during the week 14th-18th November across Powys involving a range of agencies including the Police, PTHB and PCC. Awareness raising events and actions covering key safeguarding topics promoted throughout the week.
- Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Board (MAWWSB) CYSUR /CWMPAS website was launched in October 16.
- Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Board Performance and Quality Assurance Framework was also launched and safeguarding data set to be completed Q4.

3.2 Adult and Children's cross cutting themes

MAWWSB have issued draft terms of reference (16th December 2016). The document clarifies membership of adults and children's local safeguarding operational groups, its functions, frequency, agenda, governance and chairing arrangements and will agree revised terms of reference at the March meeting.

The terms also reference the local and regional quality data framework to include data, practice audits, practice focussed Multi Agency Practice Forum (MAPF) – learning opportunities within agencies practice, regional action plans (Child Sexual Exploitation and Operation Jasmine) referrals for Child Practice Reviews and Adult Practice Reviews.

4. Children's Section

4.1 Key themes: Q2 Children's Safeguarding

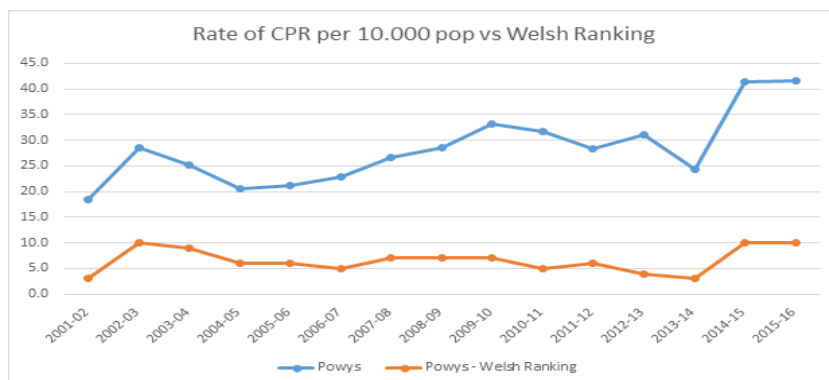
Several successful events took place across Powys during Q2 to raise awareness/training both with the public and professionals on a range of safeguarding issues including the Home Office registered PREVENT programme. The Child Protection Fora continues to be a valuable asset to multi-agency continuing professional development. Over, Q2 and Q3 an estimated 380 professionals will have registered and participated in the forums. Equally well supported were White Ribbon (raising awareness for Domestic Abuse) events.

All agencies continue to work well together with high levels of multi-agency attendance at initial child protection conferences. The police, health and commissioned third sector providers are well represented in initial case conferences.

As an ongoing commitment to continuing improvement of our safeguarding services areas for improvement have been identified which include

- A multi-agency data capture and analysis approach on missing children,
- A review of Professional Strategy (where there are allegations against professionals working with children) meetings.

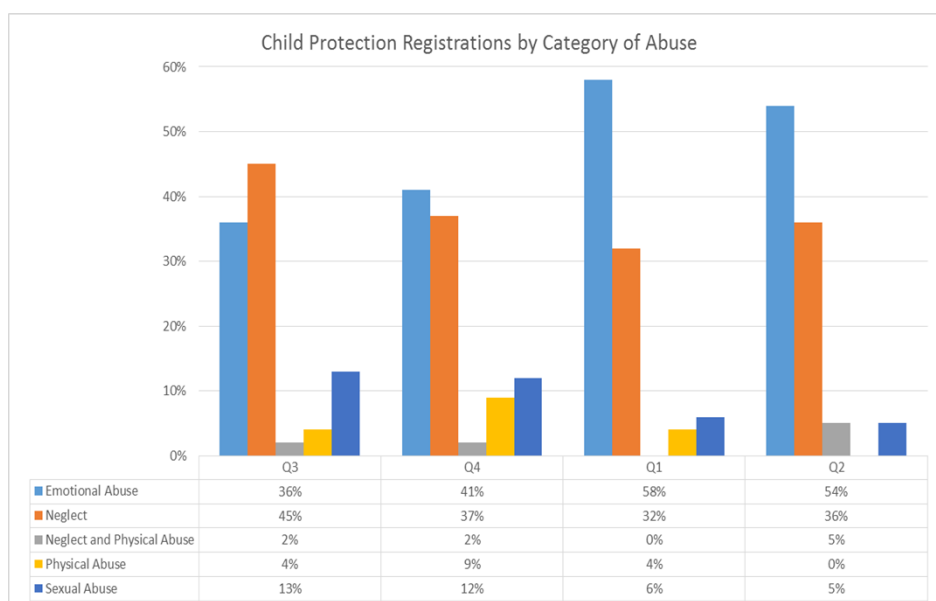
4.2 Trends in Child Protection (CP) registrations



The trajectory of CP registrations in Powys indicates an increasing trend. The data shows a rise from 22% -2013/14 to almost 40% in 2014/15/16. This increase reflects the national picture.

We are investigating this trend and reviewing through a range of measures including working with CYSUR on clarifying levels of needs to inform the action plan and will continue to work with our partners reduce the rate of CPR per 10,000, where safe to do so.

4.3 Categories of registration



Emotional abuse followed by neglect continues to be highest category of registration. We are continuing to work with our partners to build on the mapping of services to support emotional health and well-being. An audit has been commissioned to analyse the emotional health and wellbeing needs of looked after children and care leavers. The outcome of both exercises will inform changes in practice or service delivery.

4.4 Missing Children and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

A regional and local multi-agency CSE action plan has been developed and monitored through CSE working group and reported through the Local Operational Group and to the Regional Safeguarding Board.

4.5 Audits

A Quality Assurance and Performance strategy and audit planner has been introduced and implemented. Regular case file and themed audits are undertaken. The findings from these audits are disseminated to enable learning and improvements in practice and service delivery. Monthly Children's Services management meetings monitor the actions arising from the audit findings.

Multi-agency themed audits are planned for in Q1 2017/18 .The learning from these audits will be disseminated through the PLOG.

4.6 Child Practice Reviews

There have been no new referrals for Child Practice Review over the reporting period.

There is currently an action plan that is being overseen via the Powys Local Operational Group (PLOG) and reported to the Regional Safeguarding Board in relation to a Multi-Agency Professional Forum for Child A (a young person who died in Powys in April 2015 where the criteria for a Child Practice Review was not met)

There was a second incident of a young person who died in Powys in July 2016 which did not meet the criteria for a Child Practice Review and an independent Multi Agency Professional Learning Forum report is being commissioned to identify learning. The PLOG will agree an action plan from the recommendations of this independent report and this will be reported to the Regional Safeguarding Board.

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 at a higher/strategic level.

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: Legal Services continue to support Front Line Services and note the content of the report.

Finance: The Finance Business Partner notes the content of the report re Safeguarding children's and adults in Powys.

Corporate Property: Contents noted

HR: No HR issues.

ICT: The report is noted by ICT. 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

No proactive communication action required.

Statutory Officers

The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) has commented as follows: “I note the legal comment and have nothing to add to the report.

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

Members’ Interests

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.

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

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Background Papers used to prepare Report: