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CABINET EXECUTIVE

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**SUBJECT: Powys Safeguarding Childrens' 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 and adults in Powys for Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 2016/17. This report contains both adults and children's safeguarding information and Regional Update.

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

2. Children's Services

2.1 Inspection

There has been no inspections in relation to children's services over this reported period.

2.2 Child Practice Reviews

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

The outcome of previous referrals will be available in Q1.

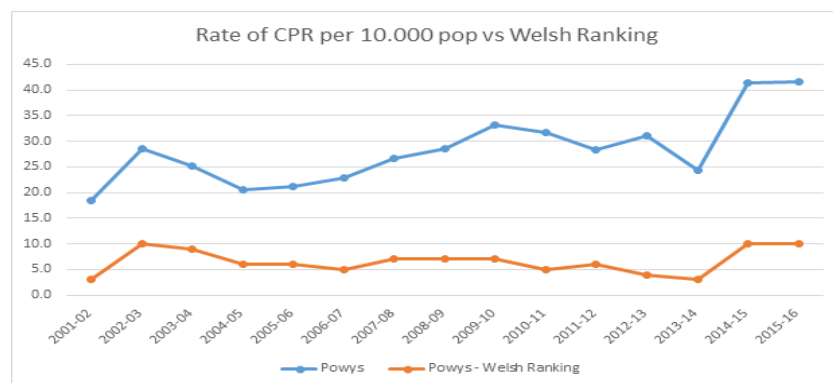
2.3 Quality Assurance

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 Powys Local Operating Group (PLOG).

2.4 Trends in Child Protection (CP) registrations



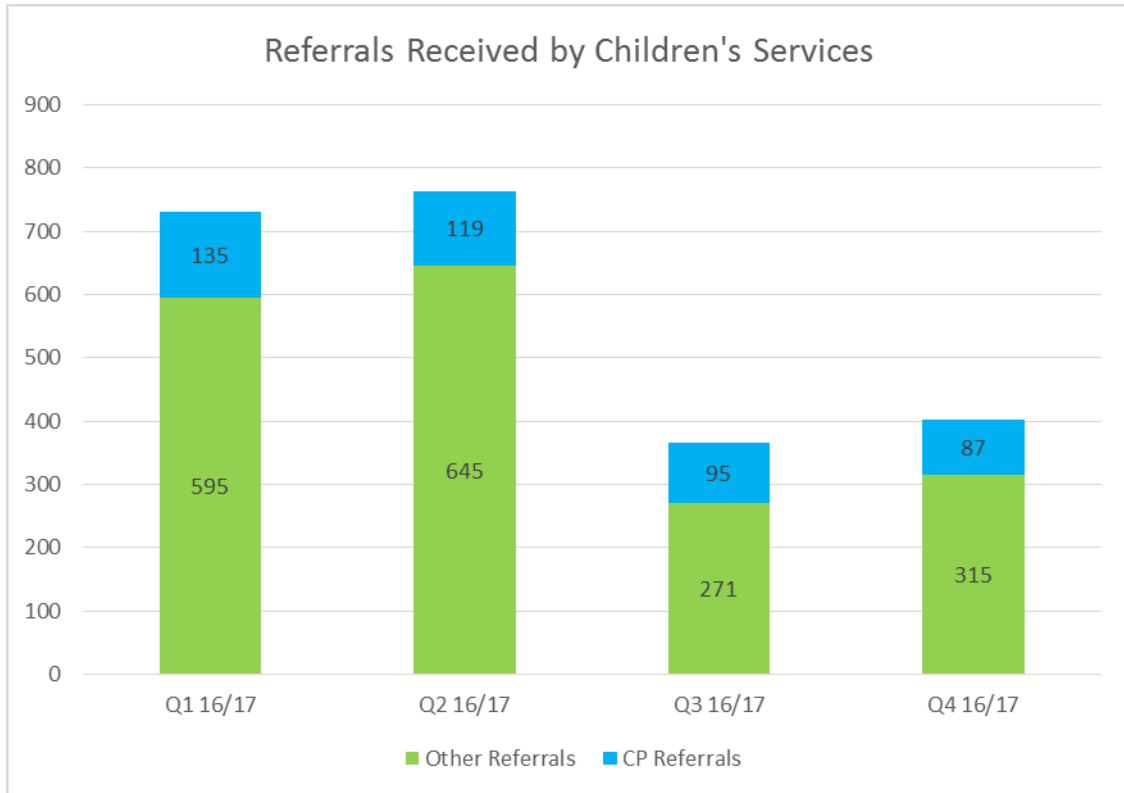
The trajectory of CP registrations in Powys indicates an increasing trend. This increase reflects the national picture from Welsh Government published statistics.

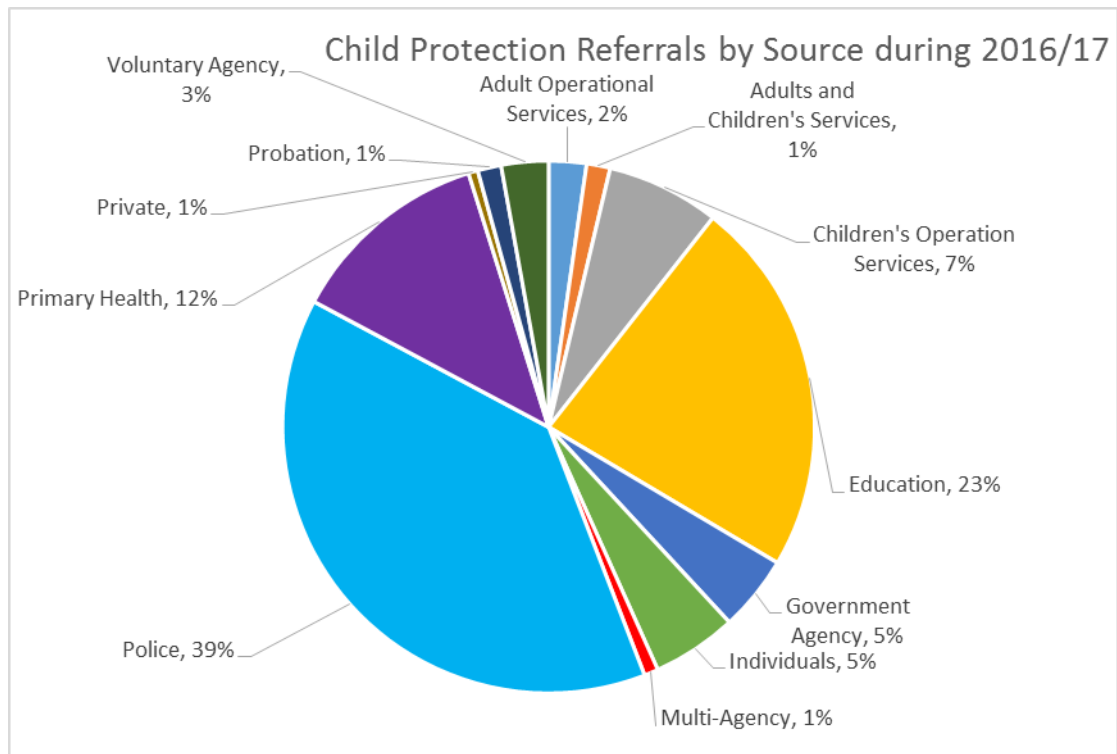
We are investigating this trend and reviewing through a range of measures including working with CYSUR on clarifying levels of needs to inform the actions moving forward. This will ensure that we provide a service that safeguards children with the intention to continually review the rationale for those children on the child protection register.

2.5 Safeguarding Children

The total number of referrals received into children's services from 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017 is 2262. This is a decrease on previous years and a clear reduction in the last two quarters of the year. This may suggest that the introduction of the care and well-being assessment into Powys People Direct, as well as additional collaborative work and alternative support mechanisms with partner agencies in supporting vulnerable families, may have prevented escalation and the need for intense intervention.

The highest number of child protection referrals continue to be from the Police, they referred 39% of all child protection referrals during the year, followed by education with 23%.





The numbers of Section 47 (Child Protection) enquiries remains steady with 182 being completed in Q3 and 165 in Q4.

2.6 Categories of registration

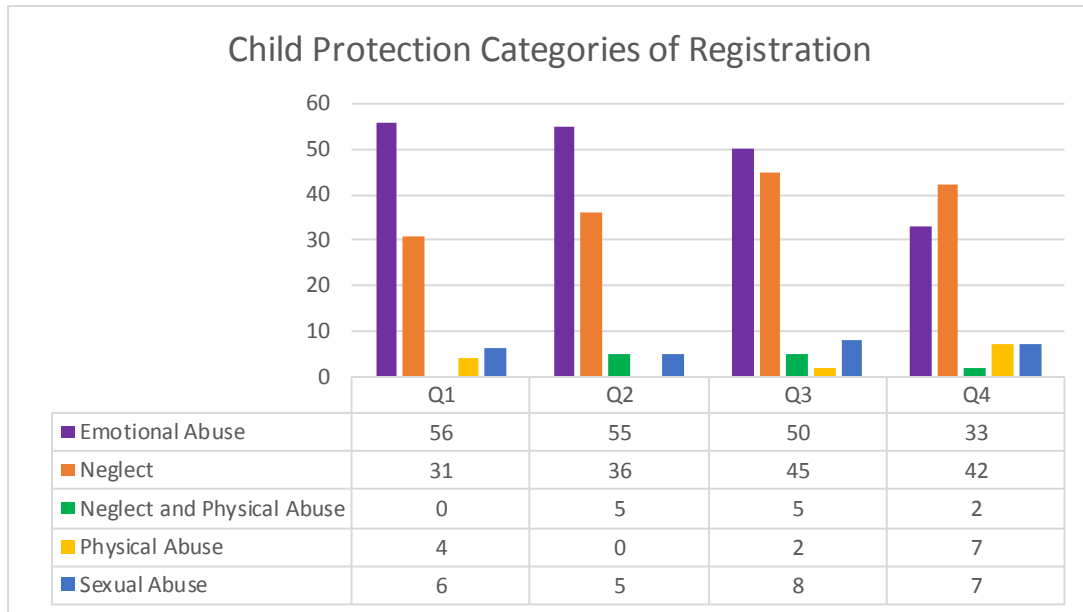
The table below shows child protection registrations on a quarterly basis.

30/06/2016	30/09/2016	31/12/2016	31/03/2017
97	101	110	91

The table below further analyses the register as at 31st March 2017 and shows breakdown by allocated team.

Team	No.
Welshpool	30
Newtown	14
Radnor	20
Brecon	24
Children with Disabilities	3

The chart below displays the number of children on the register as at 31st March 2017 split by category of registration



Emotional abuse continues to be the highest category of registration, followed by neglect. These two factors are often closely linked. In Q3 and Q4 you can see a shift towards a decrease in the number of children registered under emotional abuse and an increase in the number being registered under the category of neglect. We will undertake an audit to further investigate the shift between categories.

During Q3 there were 41 Initial Child Protection Conferences and 85 Review Child Protection Conferences. Quarter 4 was a similar picture with 40 Initial Child Protection Conferences and 89 Review Child Protection Conferences.

2.7 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.

The Multi Agency Child Sexual Exploitation (MACSE) meetings chaired by the local authority are now meeting on a bi-monthly basis to monitor SERAF's and those children and young people identified as potentially at risk of sexual exploitation.

3. Adults Services

3.1 Inspection

Adult safeguarding was inspected last October, the service received positive feedback. The service continues to build and strengthen a robust Safeguarding procedure which is legislation compliant. This will include reviewing and improving our processes as well as sharing good practice and working alongside regional partners.

3.2 Adult Practice Reviews

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

No cases to date have been referred from Powys during this reporting period.

3.3 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 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 in Powys during this reporting period.

3.4 Quality Assurance

Quarterly reports are being reviewed in line with new regional Quality Assurance framework. This new data collection framework will provide information which will inform future cabinet reports.

3.5 Handling Individual cases (Welsh Assembly Guidance)

The consultation for this document has now closed, Powys provided feedback.

3.6 Operation Jasmine

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

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

3.7 Data - Q3 and Q4 Analysis

The following data is relevant to the day to day business of the Safeguarding team who continue to work with Powys People Direct to manage all Safeguarding enquiries. We are working closely with our regional partners to establish consistency in relation to how data is captured which will in turn enable consistency of future statistics going forward.

The data presented forms part of the data we are required to report on by Welsh Government.

The data follows trends we expected to see as a result of the Social Services Well Being Act. The increase in reports received was anticipated in line with our new duties as custodians of Adult Safeguarding Enquiries.

Following the implementation of Welsh Community Care Information System (WCCIS) we have a new enquiry form which will allow us to be more precise when capturing required data.

The overall number of strategy meetings fell which was predicted as more enquiries were completed without the need for a formal strategy meeting. This was one of the intentions of the Social Services Well Being Act.

Referrals Received

The following tables detail the number of referrals that were received during Quarter Three and Four across the County. 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	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3
Inappropriate Referral – No Further Action	7	11	9	25	8	6	24	42
Inappropriate Referral – Action Required	14	5	8	10	19	7	41	22
Appropriate Referral – No Strategy Meeting	15	15	13	42	16	26	44	83
Appropriate Referral – Strategy Meeting	68	78	59	76	77	70	204	224
Referred to DLM for Decision	1	12	1	4	-	5	2	21
Threshold Not Recorded	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	105	121	90	157	120	114	315	392
Population	50,655		26,064		29,901		106,620	
Referrals per 1000 18+ population (Q3)	2.38		6.02		3.81		3.68	
Appropriate referrals per 1000 18+ population (Q3)	1.84		4.53		3.21		2.88	

	Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4
Inappropriate Referral – No Further Action	7	19	9	48	8	16	24	83
Inappropriate Referral – Action Required	14	19	8	32	19	17	41	68
Appropriate Referral – No Strategy Meeting	15	20	13	63	16	36	44	119
Appropriate Referral – Strategy Meeting	68	93	59	75	77	69	204	237
Referred to DLM for Decision	1	9	1	2	-	5	2	16
Threshold Not Recorded	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	0
Total	105	160	90	220	120	143	315	523
Population	50,655		26,064		29,901		106,620	
Referrals per 1000 18+ population (Q3)	3.16		8.44		4.78		4.91	
Appropriate referrals per 1000 18+ population (Q3)	2.23		5.29		3.51		3.34	

The following two tables break down the appropriate referrals closed during the reporting period from the table above and identify the place and type of abuse.

Place of Abuse

		Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
		15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3
Care Settings	Residential Home	13	2	7	11	7	9	27	22
	Nursing Home	10	7	5	11	4	14	19	32
	Hospital-Independent	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	2
	Hospital-NHS	6	3	3	4	3	1	12	8
	Day Care	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	3
	Educational Est.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Tenancy	13	7	0	0	12	11	25	18
	Total								
Own Home/Community	Own Home	157	19	16	26	26	24	199	69
	Sheltered Accom.	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	1	0	1	3	2
	Public Place	1	2	1	0	4	1	6	3
	Other	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2
Not Recorded	22	6	74	8	40	3	136	17	
Total		147	49	106	65	98	67	434	181

		Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
		15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4
Care Settings	Residential Home	13	3	7	19	7	15	27	37
	Nursing Home	10	13	5	32	4	30	19	75
	Hospital-Independent	2	2	0	1	0	0	2	3
	Hospital-NHS	6	3	3	6	3	0	12	9
	Day Care	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	3
	Educational Est.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Supported Tenancy	13	9	0	0	12	13	25	22
	Total								
Own Home/Community	Own Home	157	27	16	54	26	27	199	108
	Sheltered Accom.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Relatives Home	1	2	0	1	2	0	3	3
	Home of alleged perp.	3	0	0	2	0	1	3	3
	Public Place	1	2	1	1	4	3	6	6
	Other	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Not Recorded	22	0	74	0	40	0	136	0	
Total		147	62	106	117	98	90	434	269

**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.*

Type of Abuse

	Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3	14/15 Year	Q3
Emotional	10	8	5	8	13	14	28	30
Financial	20	3	10	13	12	10	42	26
Neglect	151	19	14	29	20	21	185	69
Physical	29	16	6	8	11	24	46	48
Sexual	4	1	0	1	7	3	11	5
Not Recorded	21	6	74	8	40	3	135	17
Domestic	0	2	2	2	3	0	5	4
Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	235	55	111	69	106	75	452	199

	Montgomeryshire		Radnorshire		Brecknockshire		Powys Total	
	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4	14/15 Year	Q4
Emotional	10	12	5	12	13	12	28	36
Financial	20	8	10	21	12	10	42	39
Neglect	151	26	14	53	20	42	185	121
Physical	29	20	6	21	11	31	46	72
Sexual	4	3	0	2	7	4	11	9
Not Recorded	21	0	74	0	40	0	135	0
Domestic	0	5	2	7	3	0	5	12
Racial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	235	74	111	116	106	99	452	289

Referral Completion Length

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

	Appropriate Referral – No Strategy Meeting		Appropriate Referral – Strategy Meeting	
	15/16 Year	Q3	15/16 Year	Q3
Under 1 Week	9	22	14	12
1 – 2 Weeks	3	11	7	6
3 – 4 Weeks	3	6	16	6
5 – 8 Weeks	1	10	30	10
9 – 12 Weeks	1	3	26	16
13 – 26 Weeks	6	5	37	30
27 – 52 Weeks	5	2	30	18
53 Weeks +	17	1	29	12
Total	45	60	189	110

	Appropriate Referral – No Strategy Meeting		Appropriate Referral – Strategy Meeting	
	15/16 Year	Q4	15/16 Year	Q4
Under 1 Week	9	28	14	14
1 – 2 Weeks	3	17	7	7
3 – 4 Weeks	3	13	16	7
5 – 8 Weeks	1	17	30	15
9 – 12 Weeks	1	6	26	33
13 – 26 Weeks	6	17	37	41
27 – 52 Weeks	5	11	30	21
53 Weeks +	17	1	29	12
Total	45	110	189	150

The referral completion data is influenced by a number of different factors. The data is counted on the day the administrative process is completed this can differ from the date the enquiry was actually completed. This attributes to the apparent length of time a referral has taken to complete.

We continue to review our process to ensure we close referrals in a timely manner.

Some data is as a result of criminal investigations which can often take many weeks to conclude.

National Strategic Indicator – SCA/019 The percentage of adult protection referrals completed where the risk has been managed

From the information above we calculate the following Performance Indicator. This is a National Strategic Indicator, which means there is a statutory duty to report to Welsh Government on an annual basis.

	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)	-
2015/16	92.41%	90%	89.3% (2014/15)	-
2016/17 Q4	98.56	90%	92.41%	-

4. Regional Safeguarding Board and National Update

Key themes:-

4.1 Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)

The current MAWWS Executive Board will fulfil the function of the VAWDASV Executive Board and VAWDASV business will be incorporated into the overarching cross-cutting section of the MAWWS Executive Board meeting and agenda. Any plan developed by the strategic group and its implementation will be monitored and overseen by the VAWDASV Executive Board.

4.2 Policies & Procedures Sub Group Update

Two regional development days have taken place to draft a regional threshold document, designed to establish a consistent response to children and families in need across the region and to provide the 'right help at the right time'. The document is currently out for consultation with service users.

It has been agreed a similar exercise will be undertaken in respect of developing a regional document for adult safeguarding services and responses.

A number of other regional documents are in the process of being completed including a regional protocol for children who are electively home educated, a protocol for parents who have identified mental health problems and a regional Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) protocol, as well as other documents identified as a priority.

4.3 Training Sub Group Update

Two very productive all-age regional training sub group meetings have taken place. As this is a newly formed group incorporating a very wide and complex strategic agenda, an interim short term plan has been agreed for the coming months.

4.4 Welsh Government Update

- A new Working Together document 'Handling Individual Cases' has been consulted upon.
- NHS Decision tree which will give guidance on appropriate pathways that should be followed when concerns are identified or raised about adults' who may be at risk. It is not clear yet if this will be as a lone document or an annex to the All Wales Procedures or Handling Individual Cases document.
- Cardiff and the Vale have been commissioned by Welsh Government to rewrite and update the All Wales Child and Adult Protection Procedures.
- The CASCADE research unit attached to Cardiff University has been commissioned by WG to undertake a review of the current CSE guidance, including definition as well the SERAF tool. A regional focus group has been arranged to support this piece of work, which will take place on 30th March at Police HQ led by Dr Anne Cowley from CASCADE.
- New Independent Child Trafficking Advocates (ICTA) Guidance has been issued by the home office for children who may have been trafficked. See link for details:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-trafficking-advocates-early-adopter-sites>

4.5 Child Practice/Adult Practice Review Protocol

The Regional Board has commissioned support to write and develop a regional protocol to compliment the new CPR guidance to ensure consistency of approach.

4.6 Regional Quality Assurance Reporting

The Regional Board has agreed and implemented a new Quality Assurance reporting tool which will provide consistency of reporting across the region and identify trends. From Q1, data will be presented to Cabinet in this format.

The Mid & West Wales Safeguarding Children (CYSUR) and Safeguarding Adults' (CWMPAS) Annual Plans for 2017-18 are available on their website (www.cysur.wales).

5. Proposal

5.1 Not applicable.

6. Options Considered / Available

6.1 Not applicable.

7. Preferred Choice and Reasons

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Impact Assessment

8.1 Is an impact assessment required? Yes/No

8.2 If yes is it attached? Yes/No

9. Corporate Improvement Plan

9.1 Safeguarding is everybody's business and links to objectives within the Corporate Improvement plan.

10. Local Member(s)

10.1 Not applicable.

11. Other Front Line Services

Does the recommendation impact on other services run by the Council or on behalf of the Council? Yes/No

If so please provide their comments:-

The Powys Local Safeguarding Group engages with frontline staff/services through its child protection fora. Both the PLOG and PLOGA 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.

12. Communications

Have Communications seen a copy of this report? Yes/No

Have they made a comment? If Yes insert here.

13. Support Services (Legal, Finance, Corporate Property, HR, ICT, Business Services)

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

13.2 Finance - The Finance Business Partner notes the content of the report regarding Safeguarding children's and adults' in Powys.

13.3 Corporate Property (if appropriate)

13.4 HR (if appropriate)

13.5 ICT (if appropriate)

14. Scrutiny

Has this report been scrutinised? Yes / No?

If Yes what version or date of report has been scrutinised?

Please insert the comments.

What changes have been made since the date of Scrutiny and explain why Scrutiny recommendations have been accepted or rejected?

15. Statutory Officers

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

15.2 The Solicitor to the Council (Monitoring Officer) notes the legal comment and has nothing to add to the report.

16. 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 information:-

<http://gov.wales/docs/statistics/2016/161129-local-authority-child-protection-registers-2016-en.pdf>

<https://stats.wales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Local-Government/National-Strategic-Indicators-of-Local-Authority-Performance/nationalstrategicindicators-by-indicator-year>

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