

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE

21 January 2020

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SUBJECT: Corporate Safeguarding 6 Monthly Update as at 31 December 2019

REPORT FOR: Information

Cabinet are asked to note this 6 Monthly briefing paper and update from the Corporate Safeguarding Group. The Corporate Safeguarding group met on the 9th September and 18th November 2019.

The group sought assurances on a number of key areas as below and continue to monitor the work plan of the group.

- VAWDASV: the group received an update on the work that was underway on training compliance across the authority, including the attendance of the Regional Advisor at the Member Development Session in September 2019. As at the end of December 2019 the overall compliance for Powys County Council for Group 1 training is 74%. This is an improvement of 3% since Sept 2019 when compliance was at 71%. 2673 staff have been identified as requiring Group 2 Training
- Modern Slavery and Code of Practice of Ethical employment in Procurement: an update was provided on the compliance of contracts, and a further 6month update is scheduled for the next meeting.
- Home Educated Visits: following discussion and concern on performance at the September meeting, an update was provided on the provision of Elected Home Education at the November meeting, and provided assurances on how this is managed by the Education Service linked in with each school and social services. A further update is due at the next meeting, together with an overview of the recent WG consultation.
- Training of Governors with Safeguarding Lead: an update on compliance of training was provided to the Group, noting that 20 Governors had not undertaken the training, which is mandatory. A further report is scheduled for the next meeting to provide further updates on action to address this.
- Safe Places: the group noted that work is underway in this area, however a briefing note update is due to be tabled at the next meeting, which is welcomed by the Group.

- Wellbeing Programme: an update on the Council's new programme was received, noting that an updated Vexatious Complaints Policy will be tabled at the next meeting for consideration and input.
- Child Sexual Exploitation: an update was provided by Head of Children's Services, noting the good progress undertaken to date by the Senior Manager with Partners to ensure a change of view/process under the new legislation, and to agree the system and flow. A Joint Pathway review has been undertaken along with a joint training session with Police in October 2019. A Conference was also held with multi agency attendance. The feedback in relation to this was extremely positive.
- Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS): an update on performance in this areas has been requested at the next meeting, and also assurances that the council is best placed to implement the new legislation.
- Performance: the heads of Adults and Children's Services provide an overview of current performance within their services. The Group also received the Regional Safeguarding Data report which was presented at the Regional Safeguarding Board in October 2019, and provided a comparison on performance. Future meetings will also include an update on the MAPPA performance data.

The Head of Adults and Head of Children's Services both noted the attendance of Powys employees at the Regional Safeguarding Conference in November, where presentations were made on Signs of Safety, which were highly commended by partners.

The group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis, with a 6monthly update to Cabinet from the Chair of this Group.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Cabinet receives the 6monthly briefing update from the Chair of the Corporate Safeguarding Group	To ensure Cabinet are fully sighted on work to date.

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

Relevant Local Member(s):	All elected members
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Person(s) To Implement Decision:	N/A
Date By When Decision To Be Implemented:	N/A

Is a review of the impact of the decision required?	N
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If yes, date of review	N/A
Person responsible for the review	N/A
Date review to be presented to Portfolio Holder/ Cabinet for information or further action	N/A

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