

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL.

CABINET EXECUTIVE

8th March 2022

REPORT AUTHOR: Alison Bulman, Corporate Director (Children and Adults)

SUBJECT: Corporate Safeguarding 6 Monthly Update

REPORT FOR: Information

Cabinet is asked to note this report and update from the Corporate Safeguarding Group. The group has met twice since the last update to Cabinet and met on the 9th September and 7th December 2021.

This report provides an oversight of the assurance sought and the actions which have been taken to address the concerns discussed.

- Care Director (WCCIS): This continues to be a problematic system with unreliable performance. BetterGov have been commissioned by IT colleagues to look at an option/s appraisal. This work has now concluded, and IT colleagues will bring forward proposals regarding the way forward. Cllr Rachel Powell and Cllr Myfanwy Alexander have twice written to the Minister escalating the concerns in relation to the poor performance of the system.
- Home Educated Children: the group heard from Education Services that they planned to recruit 2 workers to ensure regular visits are carried out to home educated children. This was welcomed by the group and the appointments of 2 workers followed. These posts are currently funded until the end of March 2022 but is included in the budget proposals for Education Services. Cllr Myfanwy Alexander urged colleagues to have a proactive approach asking families how they could help. Cllr Myfanwy reminded colleagues of the importance of hearing the voice of the child.
- DoLS: A bid has been submitted and approved by Welsh Government to boost capacity within the Service as well as to assist in the transition to Liberty Protection Safeguards. The demand for DoLS continues to be higher than the capacity within the system to respond to them. The group were advised that the service is prioritising applications as appropriate. The Service continues to wait for the draft Code of Practice for Liberty Protection Safeguards, due to go live on 1st April 2022.
- Young People and Housing: The group were informed that there were 7 seventeen-year-olds currently homeless. The young people were being accommodated in temporary accommodation. 3 of those were either being supported by their parents, or the parents of their partners.

The Group also received a report and update on Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV). We were informed that 163 staff had now received the group 2 training and that group 3 training would commence in November 2021. All Service areas are requested to ensure that level 1 training is up to date for their officers.

Recommendation:	Reason for Recommendation:
Cabinet receives this briefing as an 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
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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