

REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING BOARD

ANNUAL PLAN

2024-2025



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INTRODUCTION

This document sets out the priorities and delivery plan for the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Board for 2024-2025.

The Board oversees safeguarding across Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan.

Our priorities were identified through our 2024 Development Day, which included a review of our progress against our previous Annual Plan for 2023-2024, an overview of safeguarding themes emerging from recent Adult and Child Practice Reviews and broader horizon scanning.

Every regional safeguarding board has a statutory responsibility to carry out core functions in relation to multi-agency safeguarding.

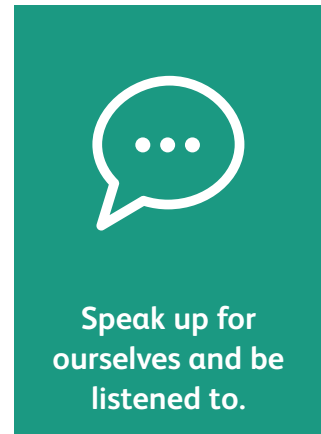
These include:

- Contributing to the development, implementation and monitoring of protocols and procedures that support the protection of adults and children and to prevent abuse.
- Raising awareness of the board's objectives to protect and prevent adults and children from becoming at risk of abuse, neglect and other forms of harm, and to provide information about how this might be achieved.
- Reviewing the efficacy of measures taken by agencies to implement the objectives of the board and to make and monitor recommendations.
- Undertaking child practice reviews, adult practice reviews, audits, investigations and other reviews as are required in pursuance of its objectives and to disseminate learning and information arising from these reviews.
- Reviewing the performance of the board and its partners and bodies represented on the board in carrying out its objectives.
- Facilitating research into protection from, and prevention of, abuse and neglect of children and adults at risk of harm.
- Reviewing the training needs of practitioners working in the area of the board in order to identify training to assist in the protection and prevention of abuse and neglect of children and adults at risk of harm.

WHAT IS SAFEGUARDING?

Safeguarding is about protecting children and adults from abuse, harm or neglect and educating those around them to recognise the signs to prevent abuse, harm or neglect as much as possible.

Regardless of whether we are young or old, we all have the right to:



The Welsh Government “Working Together to Safeguard People Guidance” states that **the objectives of Safeguarding Boards are:**

- To protect children within its area who are experiencing, or are at risk of abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm
- To prevent children within its area from becoming at risk of abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm.
- To protect adults within its area who have needs for care and support, and are experiencing, or are at risk of, abuse or neglect
- To prevent those adults within its area becoming at risk of abuse or neglect.

It is the role of Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Board to set the strategic direction for safeguarding and to carry out core functions in relation to multi-agency safeguarding.

The Board carries out these day-to-day functions, through policy direction, monitoring the effectiveness of safeguarding within agencies, commissioning practice reviews and disseminating learning to practitioners to ensure that safeguarding is high on the agenda at all levels of the workforce.

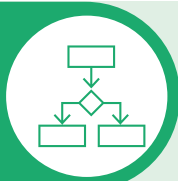
FIVE DOMAINS OF SAFEGUARDING EFFECTIVENESS

The creation of the National Multi Agency Safeguarding Performance Framework (Children) is intended to provide a coherent, accurate and appropriately balanced national picture of safeguarding effectiveness in Wales and a shared national understanding of whole-system strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement and development. Above all, the framework is designed around a single fundamental question:

How are we assured that our Multi-agency Safeguarding Processes are effective?

Integral to the approach to facilitating a robust answer to this question are the Five Domains of Safeguarding Effectiveness.

1. Safeguarding Process



- How is the board assured that arrangements are effective in identifying and responding to safeguarding concerns?.
- What are the outcomes of regional safeguarding processes and interventions?

2. Multi-agency Activity and Data



- How does the board assure itself that existing protocols between agencies work effectively, when individuals are identified as at risk from harm?
- What data is collected around this, how is it shared and what evidence has emerged in the period?

3. Thematic Hotspots



- What key thematic sources of harm which require a safeguarding response locally are evidenced in Board data?
- What steps have been identified to respond to this thematic evidence?

4. Service User Feedback



- What are the RSB's objectives regarding collecting service user feedback in relation to direct safeguarding activity?
- What do the metrics that capture this feedback tell the Board?
- How does the Board plan to respond to this evidence and over what timescale?

5. Workforce Information



- What is known about the profile of the safeguarding workforce?
- How is recruitment and retention affecting delivery of safeguarding duties?
- To what extent is multi-agency training provided to and taken up by the safeguarding workforce (as profiled)?
- What evidence is available to assure the Board that agencies understand and respond to the well-being and support of the safeguarding workforce?

OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2024-2025

PRIORITY 1:

Safeguarding Fundamentals

PRIORITY 2:

Effective Safeguarding Reviews

PRIORITY 3:

Responding to Safeguarding Themes



PRIORITY 1: SAFEGUARDING FUNDAMENTALS

OUTCOME:

The regional safeguarding board supports strategic improvement, effective partnerships and workforce development to ensure safeguarding fundamentals are strengthened across the region

GOVERNANCE AND CORE BUSINESS

ACTION	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE
<p>Develop clear a membership, terms of reference, an outline of roles and responsibilities for the Regional Safeguarding Board and Delivery Group, along with a clear induction plan to ensure all members are confident in their roles and responsibilities as a regional safeguarding board partner.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Core documents developed and ratified by board. • No. of new board members receiving induction • Positive feedback from board partners
<p>Undertake an annual RSB self-assessment exercise and provide a robust update on progress against the 2023-24 improvement actions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RSB Self-assessment undertaken for 24-25 • Improvement in overall RAG rating • progress demonstrated against improvement actions
<p>Embed the RSB Self-Assessment assurance framework and capture assurance and improvement themes from all partners in relation to their self-assessment activity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of board partners providing updates on safeguarding self-assessment exercise in line with the RSB assurance framework • Improvements reported in relation to development themes identified

MULTI-AGENCY SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

ACTION	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE
<p>Test and Implement the Regional Safeguarding Boards programme of multi-agency safeguarding training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of staff attending training % of safeguarding workforce completing training
<p>Develop ways to improve a shared understanding and awareness of multi-agency thresholds and guidance to strengthen consistent decision making when assessing risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi agency threshold tool published. No. of sessions delivered to raise awareness and strengthen knowledge of multi-agency threshold and risk analysis. Reports of improvements in understanding
<p>Develop regional adults safeguarding thresholding tool in order to provide consistent decision making and better understanding of engagement and thresholds across the partnership.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi agency threshold tool published. No. of sessions delivered to raise awareness and strengthen knowledge of multi-agency threshold and risk analysis. Reports of improvements in understanding
<p>Coordinate a programme of multi-agency practice development sessions and professional networks to support multi agency working and sharing of practice.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. of practice development sessions coordinated by board. No of professionals attending RSB coordinated practice development sessions or professional networks Positive feedback in relation to events planned
<p>Review and repeat the RSB training self-assessment to review progress against the National Training Standards and review the 23/24 improvement actions to evidence progress.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No of partners completing the 24-25 training self-assessment Improvement in overall RAG rating progress demonstrated against improvement actions



DATA AND INSIGHTS

ACTION

Shape and implement the National Multi Agency Safeguarding Performance Framework to ensure Cardiff and Vale are reviewing relevant safeguarding data to inform strengths, weaknesses and areas for improvement and development.

Work as a region to improve ways in which information is shared across partners. Look to supporting technical and IT based system solutions to progress this.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

- Performance framework data collected across the region.
- Dashboard developed to support visualisation of data.
- Analysis undertaken of data sets to identify key themes. Trends and areas of improvement to be escalated to board for oversight
- IT solution developed.
- Reported improvements in data and information sharing

AUDIT AND EVALUATION

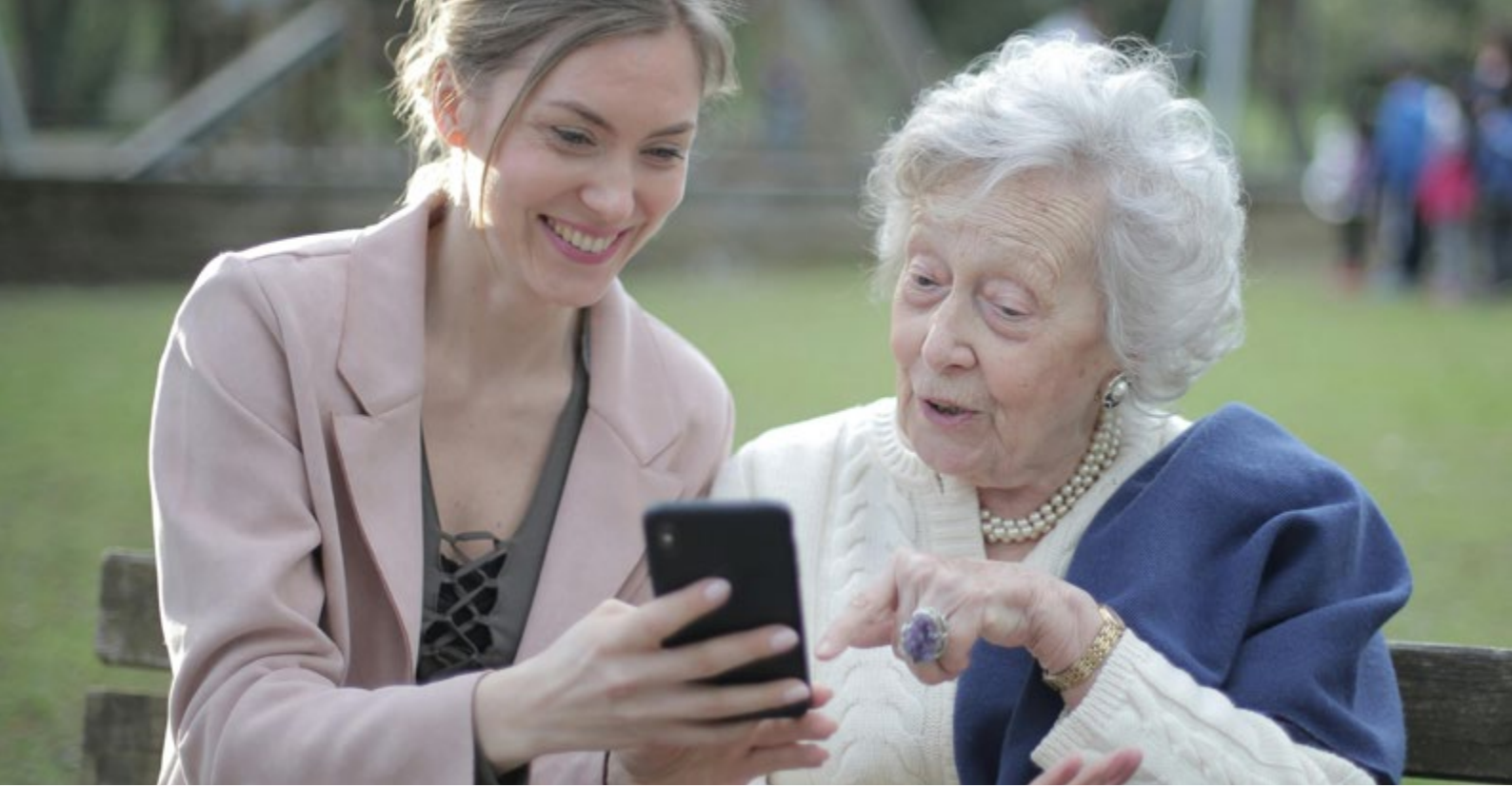
ACTION

Evaluate across the region how well escalation and challenge processes are utilised in practice, make recommendations for improvement across the region.

Build in effective ways to reflect and learn from local audit activity across partners to support local developments to practice.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

- Audit / review undertaken, and improvement actions identified.
- Progress made against improvement actions
- Reports from partners that improvements have been made



COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

ACTION

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

Produce and implement a clear RSB Communications Plan which outlines the core communications activity the board will undertake to ensure its work is widely promoted to the workforce, communities and other relevant partners within the region.

- 24-25 Communications plan in place
- Quarterly activity undertaken
- Quarterly newsletter produced (engagement stats)
- Website improved (engagement stats)

Develop and embed a set of engagement and participation principles for the RSB board and partners across the region to ensure children and adults at risk are active participant's in shaping and improving service design and delivery across the region.

- Engagement and participation principles in place
- Reported improvements in engaging children and adults in shaping and developing services.

Develop Mechanisms to review and reflect on service user feedback and consultation findings across partner organisations in order to improve service development and delivery.

- Reports from partners that improvements have been made
- Evidence that feedback captured has been reviewed and reflected on to inform future development and delivery

Finalise and roll out a Digital Multi Agency Referral form to support improving the quality of safeguarding referral information.

- Digital MARF in place
- Data quality improvements evidenced

PRIORITY 2:

EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDING REVIEWS

OUTCOME:

The Regional Safeguarding Board ensures there are effective review processes and review learning is implemented across the partnership.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE REVIEW PROCESS

ACTION	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE
<p>Produce and deliver an SUSR implementation plan to support the effective roll out of SUSR across the region. Implementation plan to include robust training plan.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress made against actions within the improvement plan • Successful roll out of SUSR process • No. of SUSR reviews undertaken • No. of SUSR reviews undertaken withing timescales
<p>Produce and deliver a Case Review Group improvement plan to strengthen governance arrangements to support and facilitate SUSR implementation and the delivery of effective safeguarding reviews.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress made against actions within the improvement plan • No. of reviews undertaken • No. of reviews undertaken withing timescales • Reported improvements in review governance arrangements
<p>Develop a robust local framework to ensure effective Family support and engagement is embedded throughout the SUSR process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Support framework in place • Reported improvements in effectively engaging families in the review process

SHARING AND EMBEDDING LEARNING

ACTION	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE
<p>Embed a 'dissemination of learning' framework to ensure learning is shared effectively, systematically and sustainably with all professionals working with children and adults at risk.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework in place • Reported improvements in learning dissemination. • Positive feedback from practitioners

PRIORITY 3: RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING THEMES

OUTCOME:

The Regional Safeguarding Board responds effectively to emerging safeguarding themes and supports the coordination of an effective multi-agency response.

Safeguarding Thematic Continuous Review Model

Cardiff and Vale Safeguarding Board will continually review key thematic sources of harm that require a local response. These themes will be highlighted in a variety of ways outlined in the diagram below. In addition the safeguarding board have identified 3 safeguarding thematic priorities for 24-25





Children

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

ACTION

Complete a self-assessment across the region of our current practice and response to CSA to inform delivery and development priorities for CSA.

Respond to the new All Wales CSA National Action Plan and obtain assurance from partners that the key improvement actions are being progressed across the region.

Review and progress to completion the local practice reviews recommendations and actions that have a learning in relation to CSA embedded.

WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE

- Self-assessment undertaken.
- Development plan in place based on assessment findings.
- Progress demonstrated against improvement actions
- Progress demonstrated against national action plan recommendations
- Progress demonstrated against local recommendations

Children & Adults

DOMESTIC ABUSE

ACTION	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE
<p>Strengthen cross board working with the VAWDSV boards to ensure a strengthened, joint approach to this safeguarding theme.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements reported in cross board working
<p>Ensure processes are in place to effectively respond to the safeguarding concerns in relation to children and adults with a care and support need experiencing or affected by domestic abuse in the home</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current process and practice undertaken • Recommendation in place based on findings. • Progress demonstrated against recommendations
<p>Improve clarity and understanding across partners of the role of safeguarding processes and procedures in relation to domestic abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner agencies involved in domestic abuse processes have an evidential understanding of the role and remit of safeguarding services
<p>Review and progress to completion the local practice reviews recommendations and actions that have a learning in relation to Domestic Abuse embedded.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress demonstrated against local recommendations
<p>Ensure learning from Domestic Homicide Reviews is effectively shared with Regional Safeguarding Board Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear mechanisms in place to share learning across boards • Relevant review learning embedded into RSB tracker • Progress demonstrated against relevant recommendations

Adults

CAPACITY AND CONSENT

ACTION	WHAT DOES SUCCESS LOOK LIKE
<p>Develop multi agency training and raising awareness tools to improve partners understanding of mental capacity in the context of consent and unwise choices in relation to safeguarding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of training sessions delivered. • No. of staff attending training session • Positive feedback received from participants • Partner agencies involved in safeguarding adults have an evidential understanding of their roles and responsibilities in relation to capacity and consent
<p>Ensure processes are in place to effectively respond to the safeguarding concerns in relation to mental capacity and consent and unwise choices, build clear guidance into adult safeguarding threshold tools.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current process and practice undertaken • Threshold tool developed and disseminated
<p>Review and progress to completion the local practice reviews recommendations and actions that have a learning in relation to mental capacity, consent, and unwise choices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress demonstrated against local recommendations. • Clear mechanisms in place to share learning across boards. • Relevant review learning embedded into RSB tracker. • Progress demonstrated against relevant recommendations
<p>Ensure local and national learning including legislative change, case-law, and good practice guidance is considered by the board to help shape and improve practice in relation to mental capacity, consent, and unwise choices.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of learning and practice undertaken and finding shared across board partners

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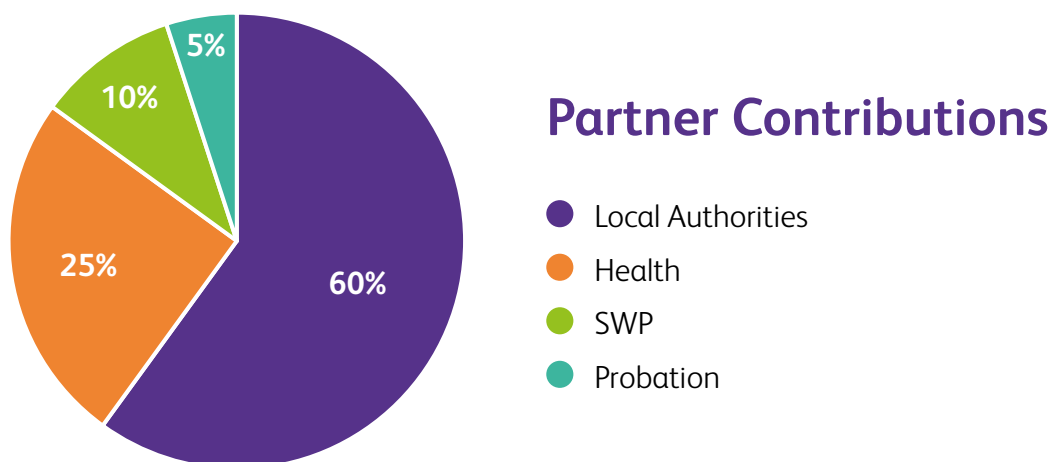
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BUDGET

The Cardiff & Vale Regional Safeguarding Board is funded by contributions from partner organisations using the funding formula set out in Working Together to Safeguard People – Volume 1.



Organisation	Proposed Contribution Combined	Organisation Split	Current Contribution to RSB Split (%)	Proposed Contribution Split (£)
Local Authorities	60%	Cardiff Council	67%	£60,000.00
		Vale of Glamorgan Council	33%	£30,000.00
SWP	10%	South Wales Police	100	£16,500
Health	25%	Cardiff and Vale UHB	81.25%	£33,515.63
		Velindre University NHS Trust	18.75%	£7,734.37
Probation	5%	National Probation Service	100%	£8,250

CARDIFF & VALE OF GLAMORGAN REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING BOARD MEMBERSHIP

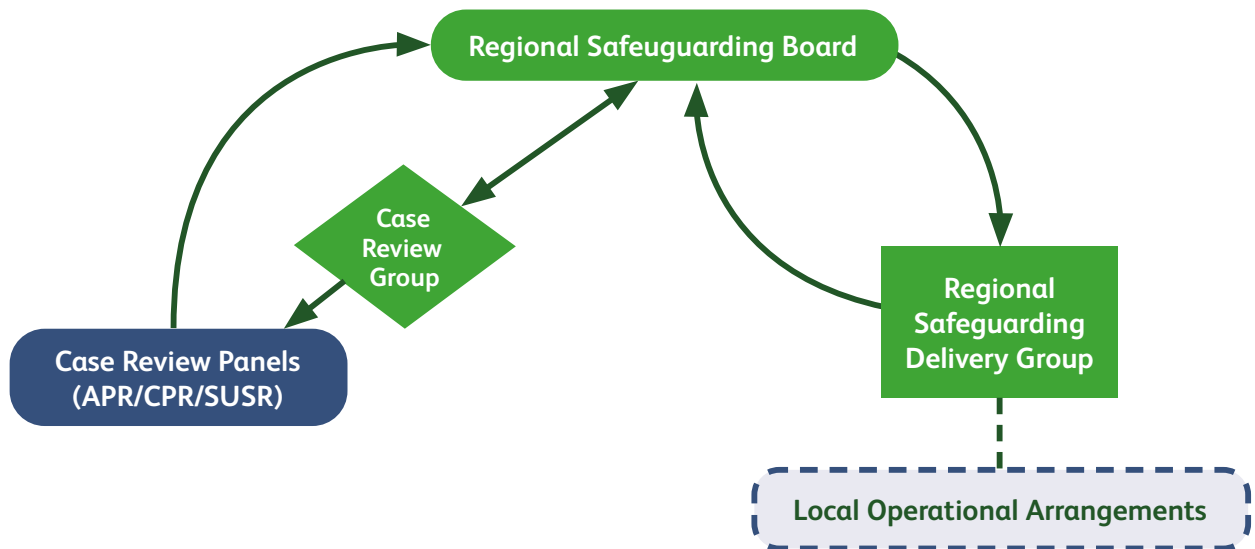
The membership complies with the guidance issued under Part 7 (Section 134(2) of the SS&WB Act 2014). A list of members is below:

NAME	POSITION
CHAIRS	
Lance Carver	CO-CHAIR Director of Social Services, Vale of Glamorgan
Sarah McGill	CO-CHAIR Corporate Director People & Communities, Cardiff
LOCAL AUTHORITY	
Deborah Driffield	Director of Children's Services, Cardiff
Rachel Evans	Head of Service for Children and Young People Services, Vale of Glamorgan
Natasha James	Operational Manager of Safeguarding and Service Outcomes, Vale of Glamorgan
Iain McMillan	Head of Service, Social Services, Vale of Glamorgan
Jason Bennett	Head of Service for Adults, Vale of Glamorgan
Dave Murray-Dickson	Operational Manager Adult Services, Cardiff
Melanie Godfrey	Director of Education, Cardiff
Elizabeth Jones	Head of Achievement for All for School Improvement & Inclusion, Vale of Glamorgan
Nick Jones	Operational Manager of Housing Services, Vale of Glamorgan
Sandra Canham	Operational Manager, Strategy & Housing Need, Housing & Communities, Cardiff
Kirsty Davies	YOS Manager for Children and Young People Services, Vale of Glamorgan
Angharad Thomas	YJS Manager for Children and Young People Services, Cardiff

NAME	POSITION
HEALTH BOARD	
Jason Roberts	Deputy Executive Director of Nursing, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Linda Hughes-Jones	Head of Safeguarding, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
Nicola Edwards	Head of Nursing - Safeguarding, Swansea Bay University Health Board
NATIONAL SAFEGUARDING TEAM, PUBLIC HEALTH WALES	
Claire Thomas	Designated Doctor for NHS Wales National Safeguarding Team, Public Health Wales
VELINDRE NHS TRUST	
Fiona Davies	Head of Safeguarding Vulnerable Persons, Velindre University NHS Trust
SOUTH WALES POLICE	
Clayton Richie	Detective Inspector, Public Protection Department, South Wales Police
Beth Aynsley	Independent Protecting Vulnerable Person Manager, South Wales Police / Case Review Group Chair
NATIONAL PROBATION SERVICE	
Eirian Evans	Head of Probation Delivery Unit Cardiff & Vale
EDUCATION	
Melanie Godfrey	Director of Education and Lifelong Learning, Cardiff
Elizabeth Jones	Head of Achievement for All for School Improvement & Inclusion, Vale of Glamorgan
HOUSING	
Nick Jones	Operational Manager of Housing Services, Vale of Glamorgan
Sandra Canham	Operational Manager, Tenant Services, Housing and Communities
HOME OFFICE	
Gemma Ware	Safeguarding Operations Manager, Asylum Safeguarding Hub, Home Office

NAME	POSITION
HIS MAJESTY'S PRISON SERVICE	
Amanda Corrigan	Governor, HMPS
WELSH AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUST	
Nikki Harvey	Head of Safeguarding for WAST
SOUTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE	
Melanie Evans	Safeguarding Lead Officer, Community Safety
THIRD SECTOR	
Sarah Crawley	Director, Barnardo's
CARE PROVIDERS	
Brian West	Chair of Vale of Glamorgan Care Homes/Care Forum Wales
ADVISORS IN ATTENDANCE	
Leanne Weston	Operational Manager for Legal & Democratic Services, Community Team Legal, Cardiff
Victoria Davidson	Operational Manager, Legal Services, Vale of Glamorgan

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Regional Safeguarding Board Development Day

The RSB development day provided a chance to reflect on the work that has taken place over the past 12 months and an opportunity to listen, engage and learn from all partners to review the Regional Safeguarding Board priorities for the year, identifying the areas where additional focus from the Board will add value and support practitioners in safeguarding children and adults at risk across the Cardiff and Vale region.

 35

professionals
attended the
development day

 20

organisations /
departments were
represented across
Cardiff
and the Vale

Progress against the Annual Plan Priorities 2023/24

Joint chairs of the regional Safeguarding board Sarah McGill, Corporate Director, People and Communities and Lance Carver, Director of Social Service, Vale of Glamorgan, facilitated a review of the current priorities within the annual

plan highlighting some key areas of good practice and asking participants to reflect on the progress to date and suggest ways in which we can build upon the progress in 2024/25.

The current plan has three priority areas:

PRIORITY 1: SAFEGUARDING FUNDAMENTALS

OUTCOME: The regional safeguarding board supports strategic improvement, effective partnerships and workforce development to ensure safeguarding fundamentals are strengthened across the region

PRIORITY 2: EFFECTIVE SAFEGUARDING REVIEWS

OUTCOME: The Regional Safeguarding Board ensures there are effective review processes and review learning is implemented across the partnership.

PRIORITY 3: RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING THEMES

OUTCOME: The Regional Safeguarding Board responds effectively to emerging safeguarding themes and supports the coordination of an effective multi-agency response.

23/24 Progress Highlights



Training self-assessment developed and completed by board partners analysis of the data has been undertaken and improvement actions have been generated for all partners as a result



Board risk register now in place, process embedded to review risks and discuss and implement mitigating actions across the partnership.



Progress has been made in developing and implementing board performance framework in line with NISB national performance framework prototype.



SUSR Pilot has progressed well and board input and representation is embedded into SUSR national working groups to ensure processes are in place for a successful SUSR implementation and roll out.



Robust exercise undertaken to consolidate and make SMART the outstanding review recommendations. Significant progress has been made in progressing recommendations and actions generated from reviews



Board data dashboard developed which provides live analysis for partners on the status of reviews and associated recommendations as well as thematic analysis. This supports partners in progressing improvements.








Board self-assessment undertaken, and improvement actions generated, and a board self-assessment framework developed and agreed by partners.



Successful National Safeguarding week delivered – with 18 events taking place across the week, over 350 professionals in attendance representing over 30 different organisations.

Key Challenges

-  Performance data – data quality and capacity to effectively analyse the data we hold, ensuring access to all
-  Breadth of safeguarding thematic priorities – difficult to assess progress
-  Ensure clear ownership of actions / recommendations
-  Clarity in language used – need to all understand what we are trying to achieve
-  Workforce budgets, national pressures and demands in service

“We must keep the momentum going”



How do we build on our progress ?

- Be more **preventative** than reactive in our approach
- Improve and strengthen **information sharing**
- Ensure the progress we have achieved is **sustained**
- Measure the **impact** of our outcomes – is what we are doing making a difference?
- **Training** – more central coordination of the regional training offer, ensure consistency of training and the multi-agency aspect is key.
- **Data / Performance** – strengthen the progress made in relation to the performance framework, link to wider data developments (Single View)
- **Comms and Engagement** – need to ensure learning from reviews is effectively disseminated and understood.
- Breakdown the thematic areas into more **specific actions**
- Strengthen the **joint working** with other governance arrangements for example VAWDSV, how can we work jointly on the cross-cutting priorities?

Data and Risk Review

Sian Sanders, Head of Community Safety and Cohesion and Rebecca Brockway, Policy and Development Manager reviewed the data, self-assessment findings and an analysis of the current board risk register for discussion.

Significant work has taken place to better understand our data in relation

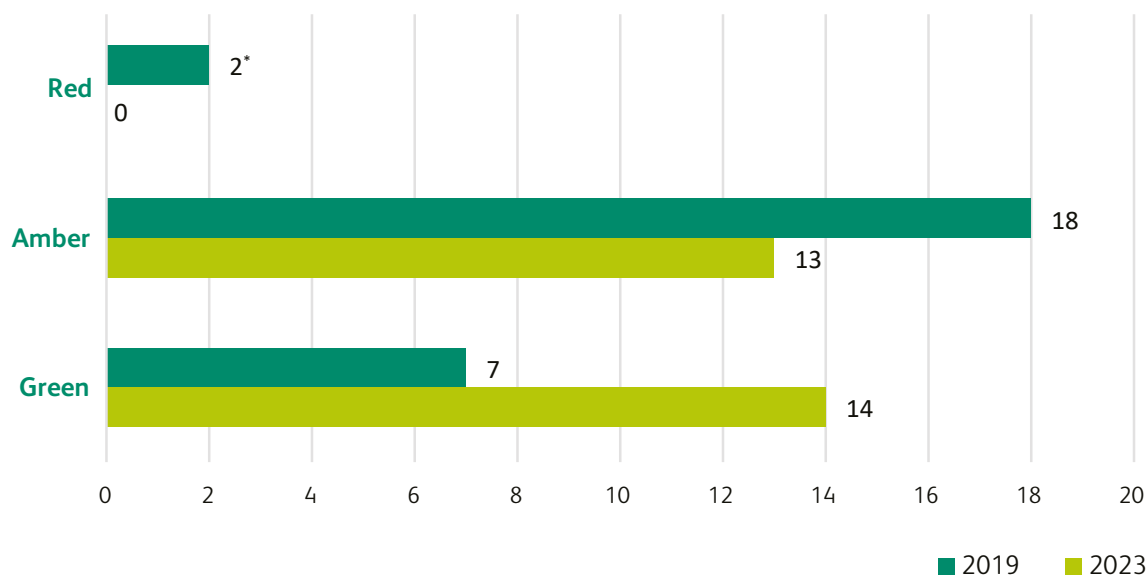
to reviews and the progress in relation to actions generated from review recommendations.

Reductions have been made in the timescales since reviews have been initiated and our Board Self-Assessment highlights the progress that has been made in improving the core function of the board.

Recommendation Progress

	July 2023	December 2023	Progress
Open recommendations	60	38	↓
Incomplete	84 %	38 % (of overall since July)	↓
Green	16 %	37 %	↑
Amber	58 %	50 %	↓
Red	18 %	13 %	↓

Board Self Assessment Analysis



* The two RED areas identified in 2019 have been progressed to amber in the 2023 assessment, these were;

- We review the training needs of practitioners, identify training activities and ensure training is provided in a collaborative way.
- The Board commissions research where needed in order to improve outcomes for children and adults.



Training Priorities Discussion

- Good training offer across partner organisations – how do we better work together to deliver joint offers
- Training coordinators network is a positive step – need to build on this
- Multi Agency Training is a priority
- Doesn't always have to be training in the traditional sense
- Facilitate opportunities for practice development, multi agency discussions, forums, networks
- Single Central coordination of training offer within the board business unit
- Need to improve our mandatory compliance across the board – safeguarding is essential training



Risk Register Discussion

- Positive to have a platform to raise and discuss risks as a board partnership
- Need to be clear on how risks are raised to board / the risk thresholds and how the register links with individual partners risk logs
- Once performance data is in place this will compliment the register and highlight areas of focus
- Need to be clear in relation to which risks are under board control, what are internal risks and what are external

Other risks that may need consideration

- Effective multi agency working
- Learning effectively from reviews – cascading learning to all
- Right Care, Right Person

Key Themes, Learning and Recommendations from recent Practice Reviews and MAPFs

During their presentation Kate Bishop, Business Manager RSB and Beth Ansley CRG Chair, highlighted the current position in terms of safeguarding practice reviews and the key learning drawn from them for the board's consideration.

6 new referrals

- 3 Children
- 3 Adults (1 agreed APR, 1 agreed MAPF)

4 Published reviews

- 2 APRs
- 2 CPRs

Themes of Learning





Learning from reviews Discussion



Clear cross over of themes from national review learning and local practice reviews



All Wales repository will support in pulling together learning themes from across Wales



Improved processes now in place regionally to ensure SMART actions are in place and are aligned with similar actions



Need to dig deeper into repeat recommendations – how do we ensure the specific actions are meaningful.



How do the recommendations / annual plan priorities link with individual partner agencies priorities to be able to translate into practice.



Information sharing is key – improving people’s understanding of legislation



We don’t always have to focus on training and raising awareness as ways to progress change – we need to look at what partners can do to enable change in their organisations.

Safeguarding Themes

Attendees were asked to consider and discuss what they believed to be the main safeguarding issues to consider in the year ahead.

Sexual Abuse/CSA

Children not in education

Voice of the Child

Professional curiosity

Radicalisation

Impact of domestic abuse on children

Mental health

Community development

Online Exploitation

Substance misuse / Child Substance Misuse

Family engagement

Impact of social media

In Summary



The regional safeguarding board development day was a great opportunity to bring partners together to discuss the achievements and progress made as well as discussing the key priorities for the board moving forward. It is more important than ever that we work together in a SMART and efficient way to ensure children and adults at risk are safeguarded effectively.

From the event and in further discussion with the board members, an annual plan will be developed for 2024 -25 which will frame the outcomes and achievements we hope to evidence and celebrate at our next Regional Safeguarding Board Development Day

If there is anything you would like to discuss or to further input to this summary report, please contact a member of the RSB business unit cardiffandvalersb@cardiff.gov.uk