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As you will be aware Tony Young recently retired from his role as Director of Social Services with Cardiff Council after nearly 5 years in post. Tony took up the role of Director of Social Services in 2013 and was appointed Chair of the Cardiff & Vale Regional Safeguarding Adults Board in September 2015. He was later appointed as co-chair of the C&V Regional Safeguarding Children Board in May 2017.

The Cardiff & Vale Regional Safeguarding Boards (RSB) would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony for all his hard work and commitment as co-chair of the Boards and for the significant role he has played in the Boards' journey to date. His contribution is very much appreciated by staff, colleagues and all board members.

We wish Tony a very long, prosperous and happy retirement.

The board will appoint a new co-chair when they next meet on 15 May.



Annual Plans Published

In March the RSCB & RSAB published their Annual Plans for the year 2018/19. The Annual Plan sets out the key priorities for the Boards during the financial year. In July an Annual Report will be published setting out progress and achievements in relation to last year's Annual Plan.

The priorities for the RSCB this year are: Effectiveness of Child Protection System, Children on the Edge of the Child Protection System, Securing Service-User Participation & Learning Lessons from Reviews. The priorities for the RSAB are: Domiciliary and Home Care & Workforce. Copies of the Annual Plans are available on the respective Boards [website](#).

Child Practice Review (CPR) Published

In February CPR 09/2014 was published by the board. The report suggested recommendations around the voice of the child/service user, staff development, planning/assessment/reviewing and inter agency authority. A copy of the report is available on [request](#).

Gwella CSE workshop

In April two Gwella practitioners put on a workshop for professionals in Cardiff and the Vale on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and the need for early intervention.

Gwella is a collaboration between CASCADE and Barnardo's which aims to reduce the risk of vulnerable children experiencing CSE or demonstrating Sexually Harmful Behaviour (SHB). It aims to do this through the development of a prevention model to be used in social care. Barnardo's is piloting an innovative prevention and early intervention approach to more accurately identify potential future CSE or SHB within children.

For more information on the Gwella pilot please [contact the Business Unit](#).



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National Safeguarding Week 2018

National Safeguarding week will take place this year from 12–16 November and the Business Unit has started preparations for the week.

The theme for this year will be Exploitation and we are planning awareness raising events around County Lines, Cuckooing and other forms of Criminal Exploitation, Modern Slavery & Trafficking, CSE & Adult Sexual Exploitation (ASE) and Financial Abuse.

A task and finish group has been set up to organise these events, if you would like to be a part of this group or if your agency is planning on putting anything on for this week (events are not limited to the theme of exploitation) [please contact the Business Unit](#).



VAWDASV National Communications Campaign – Don't be a Bystander

On 25 April, the Welsh Government launched their second campaign '**Don't be a Bystander**'. The campaign aims to encourage people in Wales to do something if they are worried someone they know may be experiencing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence.

The campaign, which includes a film, digital and social media can be accessed via the following link:

<http://livefearfree.gov.wales/campaigns/dont-be-a-bystander?lang=en>

Procedural Response to Unexpected Deaths in Childhood (PRUDiC) 2018

The final version of the Procedural Response to Unexpected Deaths in Childhood (PRUDiC) 2018, was issued by the National Safeguarding Team (NHS Wales) and implemented on 1 April 2018.

The document was produced through a process of engagement, collaboration and consultation with key professional groups, multi-agency partners and stakeholders facilitated by the National Safeguarding Team (NHS Wales).

The PRUDiC provides the minimum standard to be followed when an unexpected death in infancy or childhood occurs and applies to all deaths in children from birth until their 18th birthday whether from natural, unnatural, known or unknown causes.

The procedure ensures that there is uniformity across Wales in relation to the multi-agency response to unexpected child deaths.

The Cardiff & Vale Regional Safeguarding Children Board monitors the PRUDiC process initiated within its own region and ensures that it is followed to completion.

Review of the All Wales Safeguarding Procedures

The consultant for the review, Jan Horwath has begun drafting the procedures. The Introduction & Chapter 1 has been developed and is with the wider project team to submit their feedback. They will then be uploaded on to the online hub in late May. Feedback can be left on the online hub <https://learning.wales.nhs.uk/course/index.php?categoryid=300>

If you have not been signed up to the online hub please contact Jo Phillips jophillips@cardiff.gov.uk

Progress on the next section of the procedures is underway, 'Duty to Report' draft will be submitted to the project team in late May with a view to it being ready to upload to the online hub in early June.

Following feedback from the first 2 sections of the procedures, approval will be sought from Board Members at the next Project Board Meeting in July.

Due to the chair of the Project Board, Tony Young retiring Lance Carver has replaced him as chair in the interim.

Domestic Abuse of Older People in Wales

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales has recently revised previously published posters in relation to older people affected by Domestic Abuse. More than 40,000 older people in Wales are affected by domestic abuse!

The new posters refer to the 'Live Fear Free' which is a 24-hour helpline:

0808 80 10 800.

Copies of the new posters are available from the Older People's Commissioner's Office at ask@olderpeoplewales.com

County Lines

The Home Office has produced guidance for frontline professionals working with children, young people and potentially adults who may be vulnerable and at risk, on dealing with the national issue of 'County Lines'.

'County Lines' is the term used for urban gangs who supply drugs to suburban areas using dedicated mobile phone lines. The gangs use criminal exploitation, using children and vulnerable people to move drugs and money.

The guidance, which is also useful for parents and carers, will help people recognise the signs and respond appropriately so that they can help potential victims to get the help and support that they need. The guidance and promotional material produced is available to download from the Home Office website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults-county-lines>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/county-lines-criminal-exploitation-of-children-and-vulnerable-adults>

VAWDASV Strategy

2018-2023

Violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence has far-reaching consequences for women, men, children, families and society as a whole. The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Act (Wales) 2015 laid out a requirement for local authorities and health boards to jointly prepare regional strategies to tackle this issue. The draft Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) Strategy 2018-2023 has been developed and widely consulted upon. It is anticipated that the final strategy will be available in July. If you have any queries about the strategy please contact Natalie Southgate, Improvement Project Manager – NSouthgate@cardiff.gov.uk

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