

## Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Boards

# Newsletter

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### Gweithdrefnau Diogelu Cymru Wales Safeguarding Procedures

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures were launched during National Safeguarding Week on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November in Cardiff and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November in Rhyl. The launch was opened by the Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services, Julie Morgan AM and speakers included Emeritus Professor Jan Horwath who wrote the procedures, Lance Carver who chaired the Project Board, Alys Jones & Natasha James who were project leads, Dr Sarah Whitcombe-Hayes from the NSPCC and Steve Bartley who gave a view from the Older People's Commissioner.

The new procedures follow a digital format and can be viewed at or downloaded as an app by searching for 'Wales Safeguarding Procedures' in the app store on your mobile phone. As the procedures are digital they will be updated as and when new policies are implemented which affect them.

The new procedures were developed to keep up to date with legislation and will replace the current All Wales Child Protection Procedures and the Wales interim policy and procedures for protecting vulnerable adults from abuse. They will ensure consistent practice across all regions in Wales and include the voice of the child or adult at risk and have been designed to be easily accessible.

10 All Wales Practice Guides for Safeguarding Children were developed alongside the new procedures.

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Boards (C&V RSB) formally adopted the Procedures in December 2019. Training will be rolled out. A Wales Safeguarding Procedures 'Keeping you informed' update has been developed by C&V RSB and will be shared with practitioners so you can keep informed with all the news.

### Child Practice Review 01/2014

The report for CPR 01/2014 is due to be published imminently.

A copy of the report will be available on the website when it has been published.

Information on main learning and action points will be circulated to practitioners within their individual organisation.

### Child and Adult Practice Review Training January 2020

C&V RSB commissioned Barbara Firth to deliver the above Training to practitioners from a range of agencies.

This training took place over two days and the aim was to upskill our practitioners to allow for an effective Child and Adult Practice Review process in our area.

Barbara Firth came to Cardiff to share her knowledge and skills in relation to Child and Adult Practice Reviews and this training was incredibly well received.

Practitioners left feeling confident and upskilled in undertaking the role of Reviewer or Chair and passionate to do the best job.

The training consisted of a number of different aspects (both practical and theoretical) allowing practitioners to use their expertise and transferrable skills and apply these to the process.

It is hoped that Barbara will return to the region to deliver further sessions to enable practitioners to become trainers and fully equip the Board with a pool of experience practitioners to undertake this vital work.

We really look forward to welcoming Barbara back to C&V RSB Safeguarding Board and would like to thank her for training that was:

**"really beneficial and invaluable going forward"**

**11<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**A chance for us to reflect and move forward!**

### Preparation for C&V RSB Development Day 2020

The Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Boards' Development Day will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at the Future Inn, Cardiff. The main focus of the day will be to reflect upon the Boards' main achievements during the past year and to consider what their main priorities will be for their Annual Plan 2020/21

There will also be opportunity for the Board to reflect upon the main themes that have arisen from published Child and Adult Practice Reviews during 2019/20 to ensure that improvements to future practice are being made.

Workshop sessions will be undertaken during the afternoon with the aim of reviewing the sub groups' memberships and governance and to refine and confirm what their main purposes and functions should be.

## National Safeguarding Week 2019

11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November

This year's National Safeguarding Week was held 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> November. The Cardiff and Vale Regional Safeguarding Board hosted and coordinated a programme of successful awareness raising events which were delivered across the region, aimed at professionals and those within the community. The local themes were on domestic abuse and knife crime/gang cultures.

The week commenced with the **Launch of the Wales Safeguarding Procedures** which took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November at the Temple of Peace, in Cardiff and was opened by Julie Morgan, Deputy Minister for Health & Social Services. (See above article for further details on the launch).

The **Annual Children & Young People's Conference** was held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November at the Motorpoint Arena, with pupils from Years 7 to 9 from across the secondary schools in Cardiff and the Vale in attendance. The conference was opened by Karen Minton from the National Independent Safeguarding Board and focused upon knife crime, gang cultures and domestic abuse in young people. A keynote presentation was delivered by Junior Smart from St. Giles on 'County Lines & Gangs'. A young people's focus group also delivered a film, which they directed and produced, promoting the work of the Safeguarding Board and outlining the work they are currently involved with, in producing a framework on how to embed the engagement/participation of young people in the work of the Safeguarding Board. A number of interactive workshops also took place. The afternoon session concluded with a classroom staged play, performed by two professional actors, entitled '*Choice of a Lifetime*', which focused upon the dangers of carrying a knife and which was followed by a facilitated workshop discussing the themes highlighted within the play. The play was a powerful performance, which was well received by both pupils and staff in attendance.

A **Domestic Abuse Workshop** was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, for multi-agency practitioners at the MEMO Hall in Barry. An opening address was provided by Christine Grimshaw from the Welsh Government VAWDASV Team and focused upon a number of case studies, looking at reflective practice.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, a **Professionals Conference** was held at the MEMO Hall in Barry. A number of excellent presentations were delivered in line with the theme of domestic abuse and also included powerful and emotive stories from survivors and campaigners of domestic abuse.

As a fitting finale to the week, a **Safeguarding Recognition Awards Ceremony** was held at the Whitchurch Rugby Club. The ceremony was opened by Claire Marchant, Co-Chair of the Cardiff and Vale Safeguarding Boards. Awards were presented by special guests, Chief Superintendent Steve Jones, Councillors Graham Hinchey, and Susan Elsmore from Cardiff Council and Councillor Ben Grey from the Vale of Glamorgan. The ceremony was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate an array of outstanding contributions to safeguarding in a multi-agency context and to also recognise all the hard work of staff who have made a real impact on people's lives.

The Cardiff and Vale Regional Safeguarding Board would like to express their thanks to all those who helped to make the week's events such a success.



### UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS:

11<sup>th</sup> February – RSB Development Day

13<sup>th</sup> February - National Safeguarding Conference - Working Together to Safeguard Adults

31<sup>st</sup> March – Publication of Annual Plan

30<sup>th</sup> April – RSCB & RSAB Main Board Meeting

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