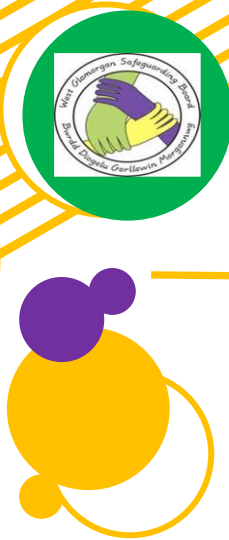


Newsletter



Welcome to the second edition of the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards (WGSB's) Newsletter.

The purpose of the Newsletter is to raise the profile of the WGSB and to promote, inform and support multi-agency safeguarding for children and adults across Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

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WGSBs' Priorities

Over the course of the last year (2019/2020) the work of the Board focused on Exploitation, Engagement & Participation and Effective Management of the Safeguarding Board.

Up until March 2020 it was envisaged that some of these priorities would be taken forward into 2020/2021. However, due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Board decided to park the aforementioned priorities and instead all safeguarding priorities have been set against the backdrop of Covid 19.

In setting the priority area/focus for the forthcoming year the Board has due regard to its statutory responsibility to meet the core functions:

- 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.
- Review 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.

The West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards 2021/2022 Joint Annual Plan will be available on our website soon.



Published CPRS /APRS

The Social Services and Well Being (Wales) Act 2014, states that the Regional Safeguarding Board must arrange for an Adult or Child Practice Review to be held where abuse or neglect of an adult or child is known or expected and the adult or child has:

- Died
- Sustained potentially life threatening injury or
- Sustained serious and permanent impairment of health

The purpose of the review will be to identify if there is any learning for future practice and to promote future improvements in relation to inter-agency professional practice. Learning events are held and it is mandatory to include the professionals who had involvement with the adult or child and/or family prior to the incident that led to the commissioning of the review.

The Practice Review Management Group is the platform from which these reviews will be undertaken on behalf of the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board.

Two recent reports have been presented to the WGSB for ratification and learning from the review disseminated, and are available via the following link;

<http://www.wgsb.wales/22375>

The Practice Review Management group continues to monitor progress on all action plans to assure the WGSB that the learning actions have been taken forward by all agencies.



The Wales Safeguarding Procedures for children and adults at risk of abuse and neglect

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures detail the essential roles and responsibilities for practitioners to ensure that they safeguard children and adults who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

The Procedures are designed to standardise practice across all of Wales and helps practitioners apply the legislation [Social Services and Wellbeing \(Wales\) Act 2014](#) and statutory safeguarding guidance [Working Together to Safeguard People](#).

These procedures are intended to guide safeguarding practice for all those employed in the statutory, third (voluntary) and private sector in health, social care, education, police, justice and other services. They are applicable for all practitioners and managers working in Wales - whether employed by a devolved or non-devolved agency.

The procedures are updated regularly in line with changes to legislation, guidance and practice developments. The Wales Safeguarding Procedures app are available for download via Apple Store, and Google Play Store. Throughout the Procedures, there are hyperlinks to relevant legislation and guidance. These are available via www.safeguarding.wales along with webinars and more details on each of the sections.



West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards' Recognition Awards Ceremony

The first West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards' Recognition Awards Ceremony is due to be held on Thursday **15th of April 2021- 15:30-18:30**, to recognise outstanding contributions to safeguarding in a multi-agency context. The event will be celebratory in spirit and acknowledge those who have had a real impact on vulnerable people's lives. During this year we recognise that many people have gone the extra mile to achieve this due to the pandemic.

As well as recognising individual's efforts, this will help maintain motivation for awardees, colleagues and wider safeguarding professionals and reflect that their hard work is valued by the Board.

Please note awards will be given under the following categories:

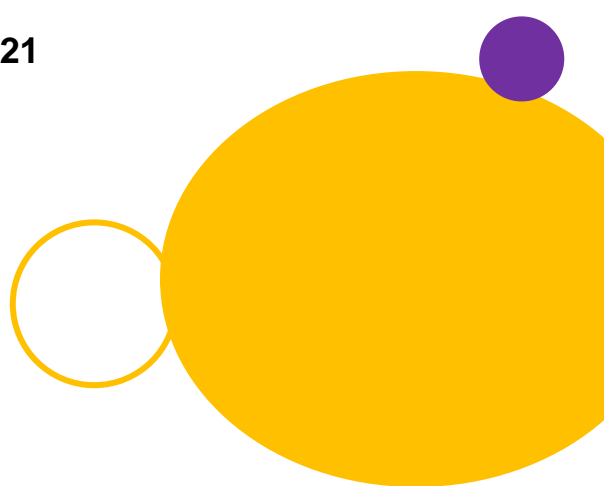
- Outstanding engagement and investigation to safeguarding adults or children
- Exceptional commitment to the safeguarding of vulnerable adults or children
- Innovation and improving practice in safeguarding
- Excellent contribution to safeguarding practice
- Significant wider community safeguarding
- Inspirational contribution made by young person/people

If you wish to nominate an individual or group in one or more of the above categories, please complete the form below and return to the Business Unit at: wgsb@npt.gov.uk

Deadline for receipt of nominations: 19th March 2021



1. Recognition Award Ceremony - Nominati





Feedback from National Safeguarding week 2020

Due to the pandemic, National Safeguarding Week 2020 took place virtually. It was unclear how effective this would be, however all service areas worked together and produced a large programme of events which proved to be the most successful yet.

The programme contained many events including the following two conferences:

PFAN - Parent, Family & Allies Network- Parent Advocacy – Development and Action Webinar

The conference held on 16.11.20 was part of the PAN project plan with a view to informing and learning from each other on a Wales wide basis. The conference intended to show how parent advocacy creates better co-operation and understanding between parents and social workers, reduces the need for compulsory statutory interventions and for children to be looked after by local authorities. The conference was a demonstration of how parent advocacy can promote genuine partnership based on parent voice and experience. We had a superb organising group. The event included an excellent line up of renowned academics and experienced parent advocates and was well attended with 164 attendees on the day (including speakers who were present). Despite technical problems in managing the system and difficulties with sound, the conference was successful in relaying profound messages of hope, and instilling confidence in a changing process where parents are supported to care for their children in a more humane climate of social support.

West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board - Practice Review Learning event

This was an online event where 3 practice reviews were presented to share the identified learning in order to improve systems and practice. The event ran successfully with 107 professionals in attendance via Microsoft Teams. The event also received positive feedback and it has been requested that these online learning events continue in the future.



Junior Safeguarding Board Update

The JSB are focusing on LGBTQ+ issues, equality & discrimination. Initial links have been made with the LGBT Group NPT Youth Service & Stonewall.

The JSB have made links with YMCA and are collaborating with Llamau, YMCA Swansea, and a group in North Wales on the above theme.

The JSB will be working with local LGBT groups in NPT secondary schools with the aim of creating a resource for school councils to use. This pack will then be piloted with a school in Swansea & NPT and finally distributed. Later in 2021 both projects will be celebrated.

The JSB also have a newsletter which is available via the following link:

<http://www.wgsb.wales/26235>

COVID Update

Ensuring the protection of vulnerable children and adults within our community remains our priority. The West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board have written a Covid guidance document that highlights the arrangements for overseeing and responding to Child and Adult Safeguarding concerns and processes. It should be stressed that these will be subject to inevitable change to keep pace with this dynamic, unprecedented and rapidly evolving situation. Until such a time that guidance is issued by the Welsh-Government, all decision-making should give due regard to the following Ethical Frameworks and Practice guidance developed for practice at this time. Please click on the link below for more information:

<http://www.wgsb.wales/23378>



Who is your Board Member?

Post	Area of Responsibility	Name
Director of Social Services City & County of Swansea	Co-chair of Adult Board Local Authority representative for City & County of Swansea	David Howes
Deputy Director of Nursing and Patient Experience Swansea Bay University Health Board	Co-chair of Adult Board Lead of Safeguarding Swansea Bay University Health Board	Paul Stuart Davies
Director of Social Services, Health & Housing NPT County Borough Council	Co-chair of Children Board & Local Authority representative for Neath Port Talbot CBC.	Andrew Jarrett
Superintendent South Wales Police (Western BCU)	Co-chair Children Board & South Wales Police representative	Mark Brier
Assistant Chief Executive Head of Swansea, Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend Wales Probation Trust NPS	National Probation Service representative	Deanne Martin
Head of Adult Safeguarding City & County of Swansea	Adult Services representative	Julie Davies
Head of Adult Services Service NPT County Borough Council	Adult Services representative	Angela Thomas
Designated Nurse in Public Health Wales Public Health Wales	National Safeguarding Team	Debbie Pachu
Head of Nursing - Safeguarding Swansea Bay University Health Board	Practice Review Management Group representative	Nicola Edwards
Principal Officer for Safeguarding and Performance Quality City & County of Swansea	Policy, Practice and Procedure Management Group Chair	Damian Rees
Principal Officer Safeguarding Child and Adult NPT County Borough Council	Quality & Performance Management group Chair	Chris Frey- Davies
Independent Protecting Vulnerable Person Manager South Wales Police	Practice Review Management Group Chair South Wales Police Public Protection Unit	Sue Hurley
Mental Capacity Act and Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards Swansea Bay University Health Board Mental Health	Representative for IMCA Service	Karen Williams

Support Services Team Leader Swansea Council for Voluntary Services	Representative for SCVS	Danielle Lock
Director/ Governor Secured Estate	HMP Swansea Secure Estate representative	Rob Denman
Learning, Training & Development Manager NPT County Borough Council	Joint Strategic Training Group Chair	Lynne Doyle
Senior Professional Safeguarding Children and Adults Wales Ambulance Service Trust	WAST representative	Rhiannon Thomas
Assistant Director for Education NPT County Borough Council	Local Authority representative	Chris Millis
Head of Children and Young People's Services NPT County Borough Council	Children's Services Representative NPTCBC	Keri Warren
Head of Child and Family Services City & County of Swansea	Children's Services representative Swansea Council	Amy Hawkins
Interim Principal Manager Hillside Children's Secure Unit	Children's Secure Unit representative	Chris Frey Davies
Head of achievement and partnership City & County of Swansea	Local Authority representative Swansea Council	Helen Morgan - Rees
Services Manager NSPCC	Voluntary sector representative	Tracey Holdsworth
Strategic Manager Barnado's	Voluntary sector representative	Kelly Ahern
CCoS CVS	Local Voluntary Sector representative across WB	Clare Hopkins
Youth Offending Services Manager Youth Justice and Early Intervention Service	Western Bay Youth Offending services and Quality & Performance Management Group representative	Jay McCabe/Ali Davies
Named Professional Safeguarding Children Public Health Wales National Rep.	PHW representative	Ian Smith

