



ANNUAL REPORT 2016 TO 2017

INTRODUCTION

This is the first annual report which covers the work of both the Gwent wide Adult Safeguarding Board (GwASB) and the South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board (SEWSCB). Work this year has been largely developmental, as decisions were taken to work more collaboratively across both agendas. The support across both Boards is now provided by one Business unit.

Members recognised that The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 as well as giving adult safeguarding a statutory footing, gave the region an opportunity to ensure equity across both areas of work. Following the first joint development day for both Adult and Children Board members, which was held in November 2016, a framework was provided to begin work to change the sub structure of both Boards.

This work has included reviewing all of the sub groups of both Boards', their membership, Terms of Reference and work plans. It has also included combining groups where possible. Though this work is in its infancy it has been a largely positive change, which has allowed Board and group members to refocus priorities and ensure work plans are aligned to new legislation and relevant to the work of the Boards.

Our Vision

The Vision for SEWSCB is:

All children and young people in South East Wales are protected from abuse and neglect, live in safe homes and communities and are supported to achieve their full potential.

The Vision for GwASB is:

We protect adults who have care and support needs, and are experiencing or are at risk of, abuse and neglect. We work to prevent further adults across Gwent from becoming at risk of abuse and neglect

Membership

The membership for both Boards is as follows:

SOUTH EAST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MEMBERSHIP	
Duncan Forbes Bron Afon Housing Association Chair	Chief Executive Officer

SOUTH EAST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MEMBERSHIP

<p>Liz Baker Barnardos Cymru Vice Chair</p>	<p>Assistant Director of Children's services</p>
<p>Tanya Evans Chris Bradley Blaenau Gwent Social Services</p>	<p>Head of Children's Services Service Manager</p>
<p>Gareth Jenkins David Thomas Caerphilly Social Services</p>	<p>Assistant Director Of Social services Service Manager</p>
<p>Jane Rodgers Monmouthshire Social Services</p>	<p>Head of Children's Services</p>
<p>Sally Jenkins Mary Ryan Newport Social Services</p>	<p>Head of Children's Services Safeguarding Manager</p>
<p>Bernadette Anderton Deborah Davies Torfaen Social Services</p>	<p>Head of Children's Services Group Manager Safeguarding</p>
<p>Lin Slater Aneurin Bevan University Health Board</p>	<p>Assistant Director of Nursing</p>

SOUTH EAST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MEMBERSHIP

<p>Dr Aideen Naughton Kathy Ellaway Public Health Wales</p>	<p>Designated Doctor, Safeguarding Children Designated Nurse, Safeguarding Children</p>
<p>Nikki Harvey Welsh Ambulance Service Trust</p>	<p>Safeguarding Lead Officer</p>
<p>Leanne Brustad Gwent Police</p>	<p>Detective Superintendent</p>
<p>Simon Locke South East Wales Emergency Duty Team</p>	<p>Team Manager</p>
<p>Dermot McChrystal Torfaen Education</p>	<p>Head of Education</p>
<p>Nic Davies National Probation Service Wales</p>	<p>Head of Gwent Local Delivery Unit</p>
<p>Giles Mason HMP Usk / Prescoed</p>	<p>Governor</p>

SOUTH EAST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Diana Binding Community Rehabilitation Company	Assistant Chief Executive
Michaela Rogers Youth Offending Services	Service Manager
Rebecca Haycock VAWDASV	Regional Advisor
Bethan Manners Legal Services	Senior Solicitor
Ian Bakewell Monmouthshire Housing	Housing Manager
Peter Kennedy Torfaen Voluntary Alliance	Senior Executive Officer
Martin Featherstone GAVO	Chief Executive Officer
Liz Evans Bron Afon Housing Association	Head of Housing

SOUTH EAST WALES SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Eleri Thomas Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	Deputy Commissioner
Mel Roach Kelly Richards and Steve Berry SEWSCB Business Unit	Business Unit Manager Development Officer x 2

GWENT WIDE SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Dave Street Caerphilly C.B.C Chair	Director of Social Services
Lin Slater Aneurin Bevan University Health Board Vice Chair	Assistant Director of Nursing
Alyson Hoskins Blaenau Gwent Social Services	Head of Adult Services
Christopher Bradley	Chair of Blaenau Gwent Local Safeguarding Network
Jo Williams Caerphilly Social Services	Head of Adult Services
David Thomas	Chair of Caerphilly Local Safeguarding Network

GWENT WIDE SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Julie Boothroyd Monmouthshire Social Services	Head of Adult Services
Ian Bakewell	Chair of Monmouthshire Local Safeguarding Network
Chris Humphrey Newport Social Services	Head of Adult Services
Mary Ryan	Chair of Newport Local Safeguarding Network
Gill Pratlett Torfaen Social Services	Head of Adult Services
Deborah Davies	Chair of Torfaen Local Safeguarding Network
Dr Nigel Farr Public Health Wales	Designated Doctor, Safeguarding
Nikki Harvey Welsh Ambulance Service Trust	Safeguarding Lead Officer
Leanne Brustad Gwent Police	Detective Superintendent
Steve Bartlett	Older People's Commissioner for Wales
Kay Galvin South Wales Fire Service	Head of Education

GWENT WIDE SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD MEMBERSHIP	
<p>Nic Davies</p> <p>Heather Nicholls</p> <p>National Probation Service Wales</p>	<p>Head of Gwent Local Delivery Unit</p> <p>Deputy Head Gwent Local Delivery Unit</p>
<p>Giles Mason</p> <p>HMP Usk / Prescoed</p>	<p>Governor</p>
<p>Diana Binding</p> <p>Community Rehabilitation Company</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive</p>
<p>Rebecca Haycock</p> <p>VAWDASV</p>	<p>Regional Advisor</p>
<p>Scott Sanders</p> <p>Charter Housing & Derwen Cymru</p>	<p>Director</p>
<p>Peter Kennedy</p> <p>Torfaen Voluntary Alliance</p>	<p>Senior Executive Officer</p>

Budget

The Boards are funded by contributions from statutory partner agencies who have agreed the funding formula as set out in the Welsh Government document, 'Working Together to Safeguard People Volume 1 – Introduction and Overview', the guidance which accompanies the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014. This funding resources a Regional Safeguarding Business Unit consisting of a business manager, development officers and administrative support staff who provide support for both children and adult boards and all of the sub groups. The specific costs for this support are set out below.

Total costs	£355,000
Staff costs	£289,000
Day to day running costs	£26,000
Child practice reviews	£4,000
Adult practice reviews	£4,000
Training Programmes	£22,000
Engagement / Websites & Publicity / Professional events (Including National Safeguarding Week)	£10, 000

Equalities Statement

The South East Wales Safeguarding Children Board and the Gwent wide Adult Board will work actively against all forms of discrimination towards and by children and young people, and adults who may be at risk regardless of their individual background and circumstances. Our equalities commitment covers ethnic origin, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, gender reassignment, religious beliefs or non-belief, use of Welsh language, British Sign Language and other languages, nationality, responsibility for any dependents or any other reason which cannot be shown to be justified.

What We Have Done So Far - SEWSCB

The South East Wales area has a long history of collaboration across LSCBs and over these years, with the increase of the collaborative agenda, in 2013 the decision to merge the 5 LSCBs in the region was taken. The work started then has been continued by SEWSCB, providing a strong platform from which to start.

Some of the key achievements of that collaborative work include:

- Developed neglect guidance for volunteers and workers to help support them in working with families where neglect is an issue.
- Held a neglect conference for professionals from all parts of the social care workforce
- Trained thousands of volunteers and workers to be able to identify and report concerns about children and work with families where there are issues about abuse and/or neglect
- Consulted with children and young people in a number of engagement events and by using a questionnaire to gather the views of children and young people who are subject to the child protection process
- Used the information provided by these events to inform this plan
- Consulted with parents and developed a range of leaflets with advice and guidance
- Developed websites that provide advice and guidance for children and young people, parents and carers, the public and professionals
- Delivered practice improvements in working with complex families and ‘stuck’ cases
- Developed a group to look at CSE issues
- Produced a suite of information to inform professionals and children and young people about CSE across a variety of different media

- Developed a training programme to equip professionals to keep young people safe when using technology
- Developed a range of protocols and procedures on a regional basis to help professionals during their everyday practice
- Worked closely with the Regional pilot on VAWDASV to improve access to training and advice
- Worked more closely with GWASB (the regional adult safeguarding Board) to improve links across the whole safeguarding agenda
- Participated in national safeguarding week with a variety of events, culminating in a conference for professionals covering safeguarding for adults, children and VAWDASV
- Undertaken a review of how we work and established how best we can provide a more holistic approach to safeguarding

What We Have Done So Far - GwASB

The Gwent area has a long history of collaboration in relation to the protection of vulnerable adults, with the increase of the collaborative agenda; in 2011 the decision to merge the 5 Local Authority areas to form one adult safeguarding board was taken. The work started then has been continued by GwASB, providing a strong platform from which to begin work as the lead statutory partnership for safeguarding adults.

Some of the key achievements of that collaborative work include:

- Consulted with citizens in a variety of engagement events and local and regional forums to gather the views of people about the adult protection process and the safeguarding board
- Used the information provided by these events to inform this plan
- Consulted with service users and developed a range of leaflets with advice and guidance
- Developed websites that provide advice and guidance for, parents and carers, the public and professionals
- Agreed 'branding' and a logo for the Board to ensure the profile of the Board is raised amongst citizens in Gwent
- Produced a quarterly newsletter to update professionals of the work of the Board
- Developed a data set to benchmark Protection of Vulnerable Adults (POVA) activity across the region
- Monitored the performance of care home provision across the region, especially when concerns are flagged up
- Developed a group to undertake an audit around 'falls' in residential care settings
- Used the information from that audit to produce guidance of best practice for care staff
- Supported the scoping of the regional Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) initiative
- Developed a range of training modules from basic awareness through to an advanced level to equip professionals to keep adults who require support safe in a variety of settings
- Worked closely with the Regional pilot on VAWDASV to improve access to training and advice
- Worked more closely with SEWSCB (the regional safeguarding children Board) to improve links across the whole safeguarding agenda
- Participated in national safeguarding week with a variety of events, culminating in a conference for professionals covering safeguarding for adults, children and VAWDASV

- Undertaken a review of how we work and established how best we can provide a more holistic approach to safeguarding
- We have reviewed and revised the terms of reference and membership of all of our sub groups and combined the work of some, to ensure best use of agencies time and resources

Detailed work of the Sub groups

Case Review Group – (Formerly Child Practice Review Group, Practice Development group and Adult Practice Review Group).

This is a new group which works across both adult and children. Some of the work completed to date:

- Agreed new Terms of Reference
- Agreed role profiles for chair, vice chair and members
- Agreed new flow charts to simplify the process of undertaking reviews
- Quality assured child practice reviews and multi agency professional forums prior to final submission to Boards
- Worked on a joint approach to domestic homicide reviews with colleagues from the regional violence against women domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV) team
- Completed three child practice reviews and agreed action plans for each

Business Planning Group

This is a completely new group designed to ensure governance across the work of the sub groups, and to receive reports from each of those groups enabling a full reporting structure to both Boards. Some of the work completed to date:

- Agreed new Terms of Reference
- Provided a forum for all other group chairs to meet and contribute to the safeguarding agenda across work areas
- Contributed to the development of the strategic Plans for both Boards
- Ensured a two way flow of communication between strategic boards and sub groups
- Provided a reporting in framework for other regional forums such as MASE meetings

Quality Assurance and Performance Group (Adults) – formerly Adults Quality Assurance Group

This is one of the sub groups that has remained as ‘adults only’ as members decided that both performance management groups were at different levels of development:

- Agreed new Terms of Reference
- Transferred the work plan from the previous QA group and completed any outstanding actions

- Closed down the previous work plan and adopted new priorities based on the new strategic plan
- Began work to move from a core data set to a more comprehensive performance management framework

Quality Assurance and Performance Group (Children) – formerly Practice Development Group

This is the only other sub group that has remained as ‘children only’ as members decided that both performance management groups were at different levels of development:

- Agreed new Terms of Reference
- Transferred work from the previous practice development work plan and completed or carried over any outstanding actions
- Agreed a programme of work
- Continued to monitor and complete actions from previously agreed child practice reviews and serious case reviews
- Began work to produce a comprehensive performance management framework which will inform Board members of the picture of safeguarding children across Gwent

Protocols and Procedures Group – formerly Protocols and procedures for children only

This group has begun work across both children and adult boards. There has never been a group which has considered protocols for adults previously.

- Agreed new Terms of Reference
- Reviewed the previous children’s work plan and revised in light of legislative changes
- Included work which spans the adult agenda, with plans to produce guidance and toolkits for practitioners across both areas of work
- Aligned priorities to comply with the review of the All Wales Child Protection Procedures and the draft adult protection procedures
- Maintained close links with the development of the National Protection Procedures

Engagement and Communication Group - formerly Engagement and Communication for children and Adults.

This is a new group which now combines work across both areas and works to include all citizens in the work of the Boards’.

- Agreed new Terms of reference
- Reviewed the work plans of both previous groups and carried over outstanding items
- Aligned previous priorities with new legislative changes
- Included representation from Gwent Citizen’s Panel as a standing group member
- Agreed to engage with children and young people by a variety of methods and forms
- Agreed to report to VAWDASV strategic Board

- Agreed to engage with survivors of Domestic abuse by a variety of methods and forums
- Agreed to have a standing project group to support website development and updates

Learning and Development Group – formerly Adults Training group and Childrens Training group

This is a new group which has combined the work of training across both children and adults whilst acknowledging both were at different stages of development. It is hoped that this merger will increase consistency across both areas of work.

- Agreed new Terms of Reference
- Reviewed and revised work programmes of each group
- Agreed a number of task and finish groups to look at quality assurance of training provision, putting adults training provision on an equal footing with children
- Moved away from the train the trainer model to that of a delivery group model which is more supportive and inclusive for professionals who provide resources to the board
- Acknowledged that provision for professionals in Children safeguarding is good but that this needs to be matched for professionals in adult safeguarding.

Details of the training provided by SEWSCB for the financial year 2016 to 2017 is provided below:

How much have we done																
SEWSCB Training courses delivered between April 1st 2016 – 31st March 2017																
Course Title	No of Sessions	A.B.U.H.B.	Education/ Schools	SSD	LA	YOS	Police	Probation	Housing	Barnardos	GAVO	NYAS	Voluntary/ 3 rd Sector	Fire	GDAS	Private
Child Protection Planning	5	9	9	34	2	3		2	5			1	3		2	
Hidden Sentence	5	12	10	14	2	3	1	7	4	6			6		4	
Managing Y.P. Engaged in HSB	5	8	31	38	6	5							9			1
Neglect	4	5	13	19	10	2		3	3	2	1		4		2	1
NPS Awareness	4	10	12	12	13	2	6	6	3	1			1		2	
Level 2 R & R	1		12	6	1	1				1					3	1
Introduction to Safeguarding - ½ day	23	83	85	46	62	9	1	10	15	1			33		11	9
Safeguarding Children RR & CPP - 1 day	2	6	21	2	1	1							1		4	
Safety with Technology	11	26	61	46	15	2			4	7			16			5
SERAF	8	24	15	43	3	2		11	2	2			8		2	4
Sexual Awareness	5	27	18	25	2	3	6	2	4	1			7		1	
Self Harm & Suicide	2	9	13	14	1		1	2	1	1						
TOTAL:	75	219	300	299	118	33	15	43	41	22	1	1	88	0	31	21

SEWSCB - Number of nominations, attendees, apologies and no shows per course					
Course Title	Number of Nominations	Number of Attendees	Number of Apologies/cancellations	Number of No Shows	Walk In
Child Protection Planning	102	70	10	5	1
Hidden Sentence	97	69	5	7	2
Managing Y.P. engaged in HSB	126	98	13	2	1
Neglect	166	65	12	5	1
NPS Awareness	130	68	11	2	0
Level 2 R & R	47	25			4
Introduction to Safeguarding - ½ day	447	365	32	29	9
Safeguarding Children RR & CPP - 1 day	79	36	6		3
Safety with Technology	223	182	6	6	6
SERAF	191	116	19	8	5
Sexual Awareness	157	96	9	10	2
Self Harm & Suicide	51	42	3	2	1
Total	1816	1232	126	76	35

How much have we done	
Hits to SEWSCB website between 1 st April 2016 – 31 st March 2017 = 59,934	No of Registered Users of SEWSCB Booking system as at 31.03.17 – 3,895

How much have we done

VAWDASV Training courses delivered between April 1st 2016 – 31st March 2017

Course Title	No of Sessions	A.B.U.H.B.	Education/ Schools	SSD	LA	YOS	Police	Probation	Housing	Barnardos	HMP	Fire	Voluntary/ 3rd Sector	CPS	GDAS	NYAS
Coercive Control	1	2		10				1	3	2			2			
Domestic Abuse Awareness	10	22	10	68	8	4	5	1	10	3	1	1	16	1	11	
DASH & MARAC	7	19	2	35	4	6	1	2	10	5	1	1	7		21	
Domestic Abuse & Effects on Children	1	2	1	8	1	2				1			1			
Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence	1			8		1	2	1					1		4	
Sexual Violence	2	2	1	14	1	2		1	4	4			2			
Understanding Perpetrators	2			14	2			1	2	1			5	1	2	1
Working with Victims	1	2		1					2				4			
Working with Men who suffer D.A.	1	1		3					4				3		2	
Total	26	50	14	161	16	15	8	7	35	16	2	2	41	2	40	1

VAWDASV - Number of nominations, attendees, apologies and no shows per course					
Course Title	Number of Nominations	Number of Attendees	Number of Apologies/cancellations	Number of No Shows	Walk In
Coercive Control	28	20	0	0	3
Domestic Abuse Awareness	221	161	13	16	6
Domestic Abuse & Effects on Children	32	16	3	0	0
DASH & MARAC	172	114	15	11	1
Forced Marriage & Honour Based Violence	21	17	4	0	1
Sexual Violence	44	31	0	2	0
Understanding Perpetrators	48	29	5	4	0
Working with Victims	10	9	0	0	0
Working with Men who suffer D.A.	23	13	0	2	0
Total	599	410	40	35	11

Conclusion

Whilst we can evidence that much work has taken place across the region we are aware that there is much further to go. Most of the work of the new sub groups has been developmental to this stage and we are confident that we can build on this work in future years.

The work plans for all groups are now aligned to the Boards' strategic priorities and reports in future years will be able to be smarter and more measurable as work streams are built upon year on year. To date no Adult Protection and Support orders have been obtained in the Gwent region, but we are mindful of national training to equip professionals in this important area of work.

We also acknowledge that work on Adult Practice Reviews is in its infancy in the region but we are confident we can utilise the skills of our children's workforce to help us progress this important area of work.

Lastly we are very proud of the collaboration that has taken place in the region with the VAWDASV strategic partnership. As teams the Business unit and VASDASV support unit work very closely together, often sharing office space and skills which enhance each others understanding of our work. This has helped us to minimise costs as we utilise this shared space for meetings and training venues.