

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL  
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING CABINET BOARD**

**7<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH &  
HOUSING  
ANDREW JARRETT**

**Matter for Monitoring**

**Wards Affected: All**

**WESTERN BAY SAFEGUARDING BOARDS JOINT ANNUAL  
BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19**

**Purpose of Report**

To report on the Western Bay Safeguarding Boards' Joint Annual Business Plan 2018/19.

**Executive Summary**

As per the regulations within the the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 the Western Bay Safeguarding Boards are required to produce and publish an annual business plan by 31<sup>st</sup> March each year.

Attached is the Western Bay Safeguarding Boards' annual plan for 2018/19 which was published on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018. This is the first annual plan which encompasses both safeguarding priorities for Adults and Children recognising that most of what we do cuts across. Two priority areas have been identified for the forthcoming year which are:

1. Safeguarding People from Exploitation. This will include addressing current topics such as county lines and also increase focus on Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.
2. Safeguarding People in Care Settings. This priority intends to bring consistency to monitoring of Care Homes for adults and children in relation to safeguarding standards and aims to develop improved

contract and monitoring arrangements through the implementation of such standards.

The annual plan is developed in accordance with the regulations and is set in a template allowing consistency across Wales.

A copy has also been submitted to the National Independent Safeguarding Board.

### **Financial Impact**

Working Together to Safeguard People – Volume 1 is the statutory guidance which underpins Part 7 of the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014. Within the guidance a funding formula is set to ensure agency contributions to the functioning of the Safeguarding Boards and its work. NPTCBC hold a multi- agency ring-fenced budget on behalf of the Board which NPTCBC is also contributor.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

Not Applicable

### **Workforce Impacts**

The Safeguarding Boards have a dedicated management unit which is funded via the above mentioned multi agency budget therefore, there are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **Legal Impacts**

There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

### **Risk Management**

A risk register is maintained by the Boards' management unit.

### **Consultation Outcome**

Not applicable.

### **Sustainability Appraisal**

Not applicable.

### **Recommendation**

This item is for monitoring purposes.

### **Reasons for Proposed Decision**

Not applicable.

**Implementation of Decision**

Not applicable.

**Appendices**

Western Bay Safeguarding Boards Joint Annual Plan

**List of Background Papers**

None

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