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Neath Port Talbot Council

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
Social Care, Health & Well-Being Cabinet Committee**

25th July 2019

**Report of the Director of Social Services, Health & Housing -
Andrew Jarrett**

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected: All

**WEST GLAMORGAN SAFEGUARDING BOARDS JOINT ANNUAL
BUSINESS PLAN 2019/20**

Purpose of the Report:

To present the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards Joint Annual Business Plan 2019/20 for approval.

Executive Summary:

The West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards' annual plan for 2019/20 was published on **31st March 2019**. The annual plan encompasses both safeguarding priorities for Adults and Children. Three priority areas have been identified for the forthcoming year, these are:

- 1. We will tackle exploitation** – This will include identifying and understanding the pattern of exploitation across the region in order to develop strategies to tackle exploitation
- 2. We will improve our Engagement and Participation with Citizens and Partner agencies** – We will engage citizens and partner agencies in the work of the Board by providing opportunities to participate

3. Effective Management of the local Safeguarding Board – We will review the performance of the Board and its partners in carrying out its functions and objectives in safeguarding children and adults at risk.

Although this is designed as an annual plan the Safeguarding Board feel that these are such important priorities these will continue to be the focus over the next 3 years.

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

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

Background:

In accordance to the regulations within the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 Safeguarding Boards are required to produce and publish an annual business plan by 31st March each year.

Financial Impacts:

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.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

There is no requirement to undertake an Integrated Impact Assessment as this report is for monitoring / information purposes.

Valleys Communities Impacts:

No Implications.

Workforce Impacts:

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

Legal Impacts:

No implications

Risk Management Impacts:

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

Crime and Disorder Impacts:

Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 places a duty on the Council in the exercise of its functions to have "due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent:

- a) Crime and disorder in its area (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment);**
- b) The misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area; and**
- c) Re-offending the area".**

There is no impact under the Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Counter Terrorism Impacts:

The proposals are likely to have no impact on the duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Impacts:

Section 2(1) of the Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015 introduced a general duty where a person exercising relevant functions must have regard (along with all other relevant matters) to the need to remove or minimise any factors which:

- (a) increase the risk of violence against women and girls, or
- (b) exacerbate the impact of such violence on victims.

The proposals contained in this report are likely to compliment and work alongside the impact on the above duty. VAWDA SV is included in the priorities of the Board under exploitation.

Consultation:

There is no requirement for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Members approve the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards Joint Annual Business Plan 2019/20 attached as Appendix 1.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To comply with the regulations within the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 that Safeguarding Boards are required to produce and publish an annual business plan by 31st March each year.

Implementation of Decision:

The decision is for implementation after the three day call-in period.

Appendices:

Appendix A – West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards Business Plan 2019/20.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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