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Neath Port Talbot Council

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

17th October 2019

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

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All

WESTERN BAY SAFEGUARDING BOARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Members with the Western Bay Safeguarding Boards' Annual Report 2018–2019.

Background

The Western Bay Safeguarding Board was established in April 2013 following direction from Welsh Government to regionalise, initially, Safeguarding Children's Boards as recommended within sustainable social services white paper 2011/12.

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council is identified in the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) 2014 as being the lead partner responsible for establishing effective regional safeguarding boards for the Western Bay area.

This is the final annual report from the Western Bay Safeguarding Board following the change of footprint to the region with the departure of Bridgend in April 2019.

Executive Summary

The SSWA regulations and codes of practice issued under part 7 (Safeguarding) clearly set out requirements on Safeguarding Boards to produce and publish an annual report at 31st July each year.

The completed Annual Report was published on the 31st July 2019. The report is a reflection of the work of the Board, where it has achieved its objectives and what needs to be taken forward to this year's business plan. The report sets out what has been achieved against its strategic priorities and also provides an overview of performance of the Board against its core business requirements.

Financial Impacts:

Within the Annual Report there is a section which highlights the details of a multi-agency budget.

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:

Not applicable – for information only.

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

Not applicable – for information only.

Implementation of Decision:

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

Appendices:

Appendix A – Western Bay Safeguarding Boards Annual Report 2018/19.

List of Background Papers:

None.

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