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Neath Port Talbot Council

**NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
SOCIAL CARE, HEALTH & WELL-BEING CABINET COMMITTEE
16 September 2021**

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

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected All

**WEST GLAMORGAN SAFEGUARDING BOARDS JOINT ANNUAL
PLAN 2021/22**

Purpose of the Report

To present the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards Joint Annual Plan 2021/22 for approval.

Executive Summary

The West Glamorgan Safeguarding Boards' joint annual plan for 2021/22 was published on 31st March 2021. The annual plan encompasses both safeguarding priorities for Adults and Children.

As we will remain in pandemic status for some time to come, it is important the Board continue to view safeguarding through the lens of uncertainty and it is reflected in the joint annual plan and its priority for 2021/22:

- To ensure a robust, resilient and consistent approach to safeguarding practice during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 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 Joint Annual Plan 2021/22.

List of Background Papers

None.

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