



AGENDA ITEM

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CTM BOARD

SAFEGUARDING ANNUAL REPORT

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Report purpose	FOR NOTING

Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/group)

Committee/Group/Individuals	Date	Outcome
Safeguarding Executive Group	(20/10/2021)	ENDORSED FOR APPROVAL
Quality & Safety Committee	22/11/2021	NOTED

ACRONYMS

CTMUHB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board
DoLS	Deprivations of Liberty Safeguards
LPS	Liberty Protection Safeguards
CTMSB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board

1. SITUATION/BACKGROUND

1.1 The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board and Corporate Safeguarding Team for the Health Board produce an Annual Report

every year. These reports are developed to summarise and inform the public and other practitioners of Safeguarding activity throughout the year.

2. SPECIFIC MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THIS MEETING (ASSESSMENT)

The Health Board's Safeguarding Annual Report (Appendix A) has been produced to give an overview of the safeguarding activity undertaken throughout the health board in 2020/21. The COVID pandemic resulted in Safeguarding practices being developed and adapted to address some of the increased safeguarding issues that were affecting the communities of CTM. The report demonstrates the effective leadership, commitment and operational support in all aspects of Safeguarding and Public Protection across Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board and how the UHB complies with legislation, external standards and good practice guidance.

The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board (Appendix B) has produced an Annual Report for 2020/21; this has been produced to reflect multi-agency safeguarding activity across CTM. All partner agencies have contributed to the board work and worked collaboratively to meet the objectives of the Boards' safeguarding plans. This Annual Report presents an overview of the work that the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board carried out in 2020/2021 in pursuit of the aim to ensure that the people of Cwm Taf Morgannwg are safeguarded from abuse, neglect or other forms of harm.

3. KEY RISKS/MATTERS FOR ESCALATION TO BOARD/COMMITTEE

Sharing learning across Cwm Taf Morgannwg is a priority for the Safeguarding Board this year. It is also on the CTMUHB improvement plan for next year. Action plans and recommendations from safeguarding statutory practice reviews need to be effectively disseminated across the Health Board for learning. It is anticipated that this will be achieved through the Safeguarding Executive and Safeguarding Operational Groups. In addition, CTMUHB also have a Listening & Learning Forum for wider cross Organisational sharing and a repository of learning available to all colleagues via our intranet.

Training compliance for the Health Board has reduced for 2021/21; this is primarily due to the accessibility of training during the COVID pandemic. Many staff were re-deployed, resulting in other patient facing training taking priority. This has now been addressed with all training being reviewed, multi-agency and now being available on virtual platforms. In addition, the Corporate Safeguarding team are providing bespoke training for those who need it urgently due to the nature of their work or on identification of any need.

Following COVID and its related restrictions, we have seen an increase in all referrals during this year, including Adult, Professional and Child Protection concerns. This has placed additional pressures to deliver all training packages throughout the Health Board. It is vitally important that staff are aware of the increased risks to both children and adults. Each Public Protection Nurse has been allocated to an Integrated Locality Group; this has given a point of contact and allows for clear regional information sharing. They have been positively received by all three ILGs.

Throughout 2020/21 and during the COVID pandemic there were National reports of increased use of Domestic Abuse helplines and increased numbers of children identified as perpetrators of Domestic Violence against their parents/carers. In addition, several of our professional concerns involved staff who were victims or perpetrators of abuse. In response to this, the Health Board have trained more staff to become Ask and Act Trainers. Monthly virtual training has been produced and promoted throughout the Health Board. This will ensure that staff have increased awareness of how to recognise and refer concerns identified around domestic violence, as well as better support to colleagues.

Compliance with Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards continues to feature on the risk register with a rating of 16. The delay in authorisation has resulted in patients being unlawfully deprived of their liberty. The implementation of the Liberty Protection Safeguards has been delayed and the code of practice is now expected in April 2022. There is appropriate representation from CTMUHB at the All Wales Groups, this will ensure that CTMUHB's planning and preparation is in line with other Health Boards. Welsh Government funding has been successfully secured to recruit increase resources in order to improve preparedness and clear the backlog of DoLS authorisations.

The Health Board's Safeguarding Maturity Matrix and Improvement Plan has been approved at the Safeguarding Executive Group and will address any matters highlighted within the Annual Report. The Improvement Plan can be made available to Committee Members upon request.

4. IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Quality/Safety/Patient Experience implications	There are no specific quality and safety implications related to the activity outlined in this report.
Related Health and Care standard(s)	Safe Care
	If more than one Healthcare Standard applies please list below:



<p>Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) completed - Please note EIAs are required for <u>all</u> new, changed or withdrawn policies and services.</p>	<p>No (Include further detail below)</p> <p>If yes, please provide a hyperlink to the location of the completed EIA or whom it would be available from in the box below.</p> <p>If no, please provide reasons why an EIA was not considered to be required in the box below.</p> <p>The Annual Report's produced by the Corporate Safeguarding Team and Safeguarding Board provide an overview of Safeguarding Activity for the CTM region in 2020/21.</p>
<p>Legal implications / impact</p>	<p>There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.</p>
<p>Resource (Capital/Revenue £/Workforce) implications / Impact</p>	<p>There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.</p>
<p>Link to Strategic Goals</p>	<p>Sustaining Our Future</p>

5. RECOMMENDATION

5.1 The Board is asked to **NOTE** the report.