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Regional Safeguarding Training

Cardiff and The Vale Regional Safeguarding Board hosted a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training Day on the 20th March 2019. The training covered County Lines and Prevent training and was attended by around 100 staff across many agencies.

The feedback received was overwhelmingly positive, with 98% of attendees stating they found the training either very, or completely, effective.

A huge thank you to the Police for delivering such interesting, valued, and well-received multi-agency training.

We hope to arrange further sessions in the coming year.

Public Guardian's Research into Mental Capacity Act (MCA)

Charlotte Gandhu and Andrew Parker delivered a presentation to the Adult Safeguarding Board on 2nd April 2019 on the results of recent research into professionals' understanding of the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG). There has been low numbers of Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) take up in much of Wales as well as an identified need to raise awareness of OPG functions and the searchable register.

There will be a promotional campaign to promote take up in Autumn 2019 in order to ensure professionals become better OPG informed.

To find out more please use the following links:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-of-the-public-guardian>
/ <https://www.gov.uk/find-someones-attorney-or-deputy>

Older People's Commissioner (OPC) for Wales: Strategy Launch

On 3rd April 2019, the Commissioner's three-year strategy was launched. The strategy sets out the Commissioner's three main priorities that will help to transform the experience of growing older in Wales:

- End ageism and age discrimination.
- Stop the abuse of older people.
- Enable everyone to age well.

The OPC has also published a work programme which sets out the wide range of work which will be delivered by in order to achieve the above priorities. The strategy and work programme can be accessed via the following links:

English: <http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/en/publications/strategy.aspx>
Welsh: <http://www.olderpeoplewales.com/wl/publications/strategy.aspx>

The Wales Extremism & Counter Terrorism Unit – WECTU

On behalf of the Regional Safeguarding Board, officers from WECTU delivered Prevent training to 100 multi-agency staff. The training covered the Prevent agenda of keeping people safe from terrorism. WECTU also raised awareness of the new Prevent referral form that was launched in March 2019. The new form enables all partner agencies to make referrals in the same format. Please click on link for further information:

[All Wales Partners Prevent Referral Form](#)

Wales Safeguarding Procedures – Update

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures are set to be launched during National Safeguarding Week (11th – 15th November 2019). The Planning & Intervention section draft has been sent out for consultation and feedback will be discussed at the Project Board meeting in May. Social Care Wales have confirmed that they will develop the training materials and support the regional safeguarding boards who will take the lead on training delivery.

A Practitioner's Guide – Basic Legal Principles

The above guide has been written for Regional Safeguarding Boards and practitioners who work on the frontline and is designed to get to the heart of the law relating to safeguarding practice in Wales. The guide will enable practitioners to have a basic understanding of some of the key areas of the law which may impact upon their practice and is intended to give practitioners access to the basic legal principles upon which their daily actions and decisions are based. The guide can be accessed from the National Independent Safeguarding Board website:

<http://safeguardingboard.wales>

Reforms to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM)

On Monday 29 April, the new Single Competent Authority (SCA) will be launched by the Home Office. From this date, the SCA will be responsible for all NRM decisions regardless of an individual's nationality or immigration status. This expert case working unit will sit in the Home Office, and will replace the competent authorities currently located in UK Visas & Immigration and the National Crime Agency.

This will create a single process for all NRM referrals to improve the service provided to victims, reducing decision-making timescales and increasing the certainty of NRM decisions.

The new contact details are as follows:

nationalreferralmechanism@homeoffice.gov.uk

VAWDASV Campaign: This is not love: This is control

There are four national campaign phases in 2018-2020 which will sit under the 'Live Fear Free' banner and will have an overarching theme of 'Control'. In January this year the first phase of the campaign: **This is not love: This is Control** was launched.

The second phase of the campaign has commenced: **Control and Diverse Groups**.

This campaign builds on the theme of the 'Control', but narrows the messaging to the specific experiences of those with protected characteristic groups e.g. older people, LGBT, black and minority ethnic groups, men and gypsy, roma traveller communities.

It seeks to highlight the specific types of controlling and abusive behaviour that survivors within these groups have described. It also aims to help people recognise these behaviours as wrong and abusive and encourages people experiencing or witnessing these kinds of behaviours to seek advice and support from the Live Fear Free 24-hour helpline: 0808 8010 800.

Watch the Deputy Minister and Chief Whip, Jane Hutt AM talk about this campaign here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0zg5u6ayKkQ&feature=youtu.be>

<https://livefearfree.gov.wales/campaigns/?lang=en>

twitter.com/LiveFearFree

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Written Statement: Appointment of the Chair and Members of the National Independent Safeguarding Board (NISB)

The NISB is an advisory body which works alongside safeguarding adult boards and safeguarding children boards to secure improvements in safeguarding policy and practice throughout Wales.

Following an open public appointments exercise and in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments, the Chair and Members of the National Board have been confirmed.

Information relating to the official appointments can be accessed from the following link:

<https://gov.wales/written-statement-appointment-chair-and-members-national-independent-safeguarding-board-0>

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