Welcome…

…to the inaugural Regional Safeguarding Boards Newsletter. This newsletter will be sent quarterly and is designed to update board members agencies and the public about the work the boards are undertaking. Going forward if there is anything you wish to be included in the newsletter please contact the Business Unit on 02922 330880 or via email cardiffandvalersb@cardiff.gov.uk.

The Boards have recently appointed a new Business Unit to facilitate their work, the team comprises of the Business Manager Kate Bishop, the Adults Business Coordinator Nicola Jones, the Children’s Business Coordinator Ben Davies and the Administrator Zoe Shioda who are pictured below.

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Child and Adult Practice Review (CPR/APR) Learning workshops

The commissioning of Child Practice Reviews in Cardiff and the Vale and in other regions in Wales has led to a number of emerging themes that our need to be addressed. Therefore, the CPR/APR Sub Group has launched a programme of Learning Workshops in order to engage front line staff when addressing these emerging themes.

These workshops are open to professionals from all partner agencies and the programme for these can be found on our website www.cardiffandvalersb.co.uk.

Review of the All Wales Safeguarding Procedures Engagement Events

Cardiff and the Vale Regional Safeguarding Boards are taking the lead, along with Professor Jan Horwath, in the Review of the All Wales Safeguarding Procedures.

During November, the team visited all the regions in Wales to hold Engagement Events to find out good practice and problems practitioners faced in order to try to resolve them in the new procedures.

There is an online hub available to keep up to date with how the review is progressing. You can access the hub here. If you have trouble signing up please contact Benjamin.davies@cardiff.gov.uk.
Launch of New Website!

The Cardiff and Vale Regional Safeguarding Boards are pleased to announce the launch of their new website www.cardiffandvalersb.co.uk

The website has been designed with a landing page where those accessing the site will have the option to visit either the Safeguarding Children Board or the Safeguarding Adults Board website.

The website will provide a range of information, advice and guidance to children, young people, parents, carers and the public. There is also a dedicated section within the website for professionals.

The site outlines the work of the Safeguarding Boards. Advice and information is also available on how to safeguard children and adults at risk and how to report any concerns.

The website will be updated on a regular basis with the latest safeguarding news. We look forward to hearing your feedback on the new website. If you have any comments or suggestions on how this website may be improved please let us know by contacting the Business Unit @ www.cardiffandvalersb.co.uk

National Safeguarding Week was held on 13th-17th November 2017.

The key focus of the week was aimed at delivering awareness-raising events around various safeguarding themes in relation to Community Engagement, Modern Slavery, Mental Health & Resilience, Online Abuse & Exploitation and Domestic Abuse. The week also reinforced the message that the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults at risk is everyone’s business!

The week was launched with a special Conference, hosted by the Welsh Government and the National Independent Safeguarding Board (NISB) entitled “Safeguarding in Sport – Taking Responsibility – Taking Action”.

The Conference was held at the Principality Stadium, Cardiff and was opened by the Minister for Social Services & Public Health. There was also a variety of inspirational guest speakers in attendance.

The Regional Safeguarding Children Board also launched a Policy for Mosque Schools and other Islamic Studies Settings during the week in partnership with the Muslim Council of Wales as well as helping to promote the launch of the CASCADE publication of the CSE Review Report led by Dr Sophie Hallett.

Planning arrangements for National Safeguarding Week 2018 will begin early in the New Year. If you have any suggestions or ideas on activities which you would like to see included in the programme then please contact the Business Unit at www.cardiffandvalersb.co.uk

RSAB Business coordinator Nicola Jones with Dr Stephan Collishaw from Cardiff University at a talk he gave for National Safeguarding week.

Tina Hitt, Senior Nurse Safeguarding & Public Protection, Velindre Cancer Centre and Ben Davies, Business Coordinator RSCB at an awareness-raising event in Velindre Hospital

Dr Sophie Hallett, CASCADE; Jade Harrison representing the RSCB; Sam Clutton, Welsh Government; Keith Towler; NISB and Dr Eleanor Staples; CASCADE at the launch of the CASCADE CSE report.