



Agenda Item

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Quality, Safety & Experience Committee

Safeguarding Annual Report 2024/2025

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod / Date of Meeting	18/11/2025
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad / Report Purpose	Endorse for Board Approval
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Engagement (internal/external) undertaken to date (including receipt/consideration at Committee/Group)		
Committee / Group /Forum Individuals	Date	Outcome
Safeguarding Executive Group	21/07/2025	Approved

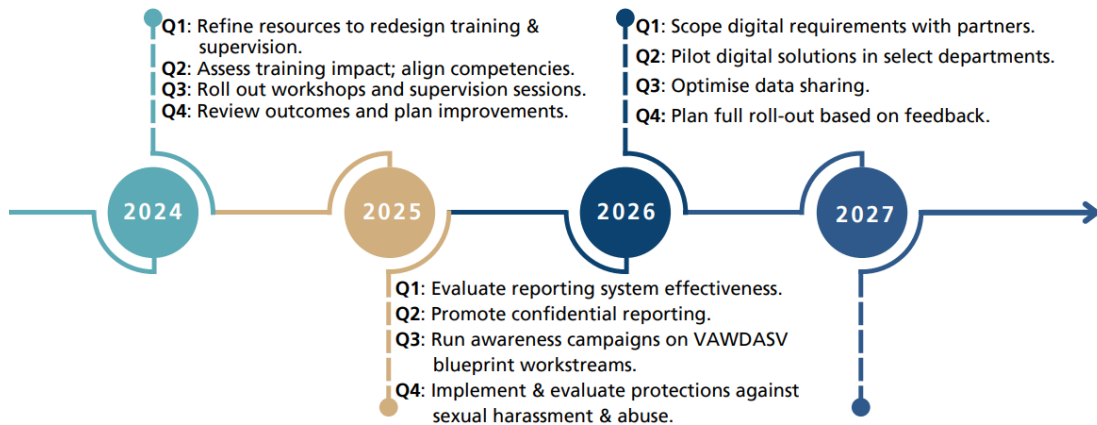
Acronyms / Glossary of Terms	
CTMSB	Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board

1. Situation /Background

- 1.1 The Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) annual report has been produced to reflect how it has achieved its outcomes against the three-year strategic plan and the associated priorities agreed to as in partnership with the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Regional Safeguarding Board (CTMSB). The report also summarises and aims to inform the public and other practitioners of how priorities for the year have been achieved and learning from inspections/reviews integrated into practice.

2. Specific Matters for Consideration

- 2.1 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 2024/2025. Reflecting learning and actions taken from Single Unified Safeguarding reviews, incidents and concerns. 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 Health Board complies with legislation, external standards and good practice guidance.
- 2.2 The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board (Appendix B) has also produced an Annual Report for 2024/2025, this has been produced to reflect multi-agency safeguarding activity across Cwm Taf Morgannwg. All partner agencies have contributed to the board work and worked collaboratively to meet the objectives and priorities of the Boards' strategic plans. This Annual Report presents an overview of the work that the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board carried out in 2024/2025 in pursuit of the aim to ensure that the people of Cwm Taf Morgannwg are safeguarded from abuse, neglect or other forms of harm.
- 2.3 In addition to working toward regional priorities, the corporate safeguarding team have also collaborated with the National Safeguarding Service through its implementation groups, to deliver on recommendations set out in the "Strengthening Safeguarding in Health Review" conducted in 2024 & commissioned by Welsh Government.
- 2.4 The health board's three year safeguarding strategic plan positions the priorities for the next three years. For 2024/2025 the priorities are detailed in the below diagram.



3. Key Risks / Matters for Escalation

- 3.1 Key areas of work undertaken this year have included the implementation of the all Wales safeguarding supervision policy. This incorporated the development of a CTMUHB policy, supervision request forms and supervision feedback forms to enable quality assurance in respect of advice and support offered to practitioners.
- 3.2 In collaboration with the School Nursing service, a safeguarding standard operating procedure was developed. Thus, ensuring that the health board evidence an appropriate response to the recommendations set out within the Joint Inspection for Child Protection Arrangements (JICPA) and safeguarding rapid review undertaken by Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW) and Health Inspectorate Wales (HIW).
- 3.3 An annual audit plan was undertaken across multiple services to provide assurance that the health board appropriately respond to safeguarding concerns, can identify opportunities for early intervention and evidence duty to report in line with the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014
- 3.4 Data collection and subsequent dashboards have been adapted to align with the agreed national safeguarding metrics required by Welsh Government. This data collection will be further strengthened once all health boards in Wales fully embed the Once for Wales safeguarding module.
- 3.5 In July this year the safeguarding team restructured to include all Clinical Nurse Specialists for safeguarding from the Children and Families Care Group. This has ensured a coordinated and collaborative approach to safeguarding across services, professional development and quality improvement. This has been successful, demonstrated through a whole team approach. In addition, the re structure ensured opportunity for the appointment of a dedicated practice educator for safeguarding.



3.6 With recurrent funding from Welsh Government, a continued effort has been made to reduce the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards backlog and Mental Capacity Act awareness throughout the organisation. This funding has also enabled recruitment of a Court of Protection Lead.

4. Assessment

Objectives / Strategy	
Dolen i Nod (au) Strategol BIP CTM / Link to CTMUHB Strategic Goal(s)	Improving Care
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Feysydd Strategol BIP CTM / Link to CTMUHB Strategic Areas	Living Well
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Ddeddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – Nodau Llesiant / Link to Wellbeing of Future Generations Act – Wellbeing Goals 150623-guide-to-the-fg-act-en.pdf (futuregenerations.wales)	A Healthier Wales
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Hwyluswyr Ansawdd (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (Ilyw.cymru)) / Link to Enablers of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Whole-systems Perspective
	If more than one applies please list below:
Dolen i Feysydd Ansawdd (Canllawiau Statudol Dyletswydd Ansawdd (Ilyw.cymru)) / Link to Domains of Quality (Duty of Quality Statutory Guidance (gov.wales))	Person Centred
	If more than one applies please list below:
Effaith Amgylcheddol/ Cynaliadwyedd (5R) / Environmental /Sustainability Impact (5Rs)	No - Not Applicable
	If more than one applies please list below:

Impact Assessment		
Ansawdd <i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Ansawdd? /</i> Quality <i>Have you undertaken a Quality Impact Assessment Screening?</i>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Outcome:	If no, please include rationale below: Not required
Cydraddoldeb a'r Gymraeg	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



<p><i>Ydych chi wedi ymgymryd â Sgrinio Asesiad o'r Effaith ar Gydraddoldeb a'r Gymraeg? /</i> Equality and Welsh Language <i>Have you undertaken an Equality and Welsh Language Impact Assessment Screening?</i></p>	<p>Outcome for Equality (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL NEGATIVE</p> <p>Outcome for Welsh Language (delete as appropriate): POSITIVE/NEUTRAL NEGATIVE</p>	<p>If no, please include rationale below:</p>
<p>Cyfreithiol / Legal</p>	<p>There are no specific legal implications related to the activity outlined in this report.</p>	
<p>Enw da / Reputational</p>	<p>There is no direct impact on the reputation of the Health Board as a result of the activity outlined in this report.</p>	
<p>Effaith Adnoddau <i>(Pobl /Ariannol) /</i> Resource Impact <i>(People / Financial)</i></p>	<p>There is no direct impact on resources as a result of the activity outlined in this report.</p>	

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 The Quality, Safety & Experience Committee are asked to **NOTE** and **ENDORSE** for Board approval the Safeguarding Annual Report.