



## **RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **CABINET**

**18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**

### **CWM TAF MORGANNWG SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL PLAN 2019/20**

#### **REPORT OF THE GROUP DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES IN DISCUSSION WITH THE RELEVANT PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR GERAINT HOPKINS AND COUNCILLOR CHRISTINA LEYSHON**

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to share with Cabinet the Annual Plan for 2019/20 for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board (See Appendix 1).

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Cabinet:

- 2.1 Notes and endorses the content of the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board Annual Plan for 2019/20.

#### **3. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board has a statutory responsibility to publish an Annual Plan on 31st March each year, which sets out its priorities for the coming year.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 In June 2018, the Welsh Government announced that from 1st April 2019, Cwm Taf University Health Board will be responsible for healthcare services in the Bridgend County Borough Council area. This means that accompanying partnership structures in the delivery of social services across the Western Bay region will transfer to Cwm Taf, with the creation of a new Regional Safeguarding Board for the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area.

- 4.2 The area of Cwm Taf Morgannwg covers the local authority areas of Bridgend, Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf with a total population of almost 440,000.
- 4.3 The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board (CTMSB) is a statutory partnership made up of the agencies that are responsible for safeguarding children and adults at risk in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg area. The Board ensures that people of all ages, living in the region, are protected from abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm. This also involves preventing abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm from happening.
- 4.4 The two key safeguarding objectives around protection and prevention underpin the work of the Safeguarding Board and inform the priorities that we have agreed in this Annual Plan for 2019/2020.

## **5. ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

- 5.1 In addition to carrying out its core statutory safeguarding functions, the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board has agreed a number of key priorities for improvement for the coming year. These are specific areas that will enhance and support the Board in achieving its objectives and are as follows:
- Safeguard children, young people and adults at risk from the impact of domestic abuse
  - Improve the way in which we communicate, engage and promote participation with our communities and partner agencies
  - Ensure that the transition to the new regional footprint for safeguarding is managed effectively
- 5.2 A detailed work plan for the Board and its sub groups will sit underneath the Annual Plan. The work plan will include the actions required to achieve the improvements required, who is responsible, timescales and measures of success. The progress of the work plan will be monitored and reviewed on a quarterly basis and will form the basis of the Annual Report for 2019/2020.

## **6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) screening form has been prepared for the purpose of this report. It has been found that a full assessment is not required at this time.

## **7. CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Annual Plan has been approved by the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board and shared with the Welsh Government, the National Independent Safeguarding Board and the five other Regional Safeguarding Boards.
- 7.2 A copy of the report has been published on the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board website [www.cwmtafsafeguarding.org](http://www.cwmtafsafeguarding.org)

## **8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION(S)**

- 8.1 The Cwm Taf Safeguarding Board uses the national funding formula to assess and identify annual financial contributions from statutory partner agencies.

## **9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OR LEGISLATION CONSIDERED**

- 9.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 sets out the responsibilities and the functions of the Regional Safeguarding Boards.

## **10. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE AND NATIONAL PRIORITIES AND THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT**

- 10.1 The Board contributes to elements of the work of the Public Service Board by reporting on safeguarding activity.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**  
**AS AMENDED BY**  
**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**  
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**Background Papers:**

None

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