



Report of the Cabinet Member for Care Services

Child and Family Services Scrutiny Performance Panel – 24th October 2023

UPDATE FROM REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING BOARD

Purpose	To present the 2022/23 annual report of the West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board.
Content	The annual report reflects on the work of the Board for the previous year.
Councillors are being asked to	Receive and consider these reports.
Lead Councillor(s)	Cllr Louise Gibbard
Lead Officer(s)	Dave Howes – Director of Social Services Julie Davies – Head of Child & Family Services
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Legal Officer	N/A
Finance Officer	N/A
Access to Services Officer	N/A

1. Background

- 1.1 The Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) regulations and codes of practice issued under part 7 (Safeguarding) clearly set out the requirements of a Safeguarding Board to produce an Annual Report each year. The Annual Report is published on the 31st July each year.
- 1.2 The West Glamorgan Safeguarding Board (WGSB) was established to promote, inform and support multi agency safeguarding for Children and Adults across Neath Port Talbot and Swansea.

The WGSB is a multi-agency forum, which brings together representatives of each of the main agencies and professionals who are responsible for helping to protect Children and Adults from abuse and neglect.

The WGSB is the key statutory mechanism for agreeing on how the different services and professional groups should co-operate to safeguard children and Adults, and for making sure that arrangements work effectively in bringing about better outcomes for Children and Adults in West Glamorgan.

2. Briefing/Main Body of Report

- 2.1 Please see attached report

3. Conclusions/Key Points Summary

- 3.1 Please see attached report

4. Legal implications

- 4.1 None

5. Finance Implications

- 5.1 None

6. Integrated Assessment Implications

- 6.1 None

Glossary of terms: *Please add glossary of terms if you are using acronyms*

Background papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix A: Annual Report 2022/23