

# Cyngor Sir CEREDIGION County Council

**REPORT TO:** Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

**DATE:** 23 January 2023

**LOCATION:**  
**TITLE:** CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group  
Safeguarding Report  
Qtr 2 2022/23

**PURPOSE OF REPORT:** To monitor activity on a multi-agency basis of the actions taken to safeguard children and adults within Ceredigion

**REASON SCRUTINY HAVE REQUESTED THE INFORMATION:** To ensure members monitor progress in the CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group quarterly management meetings

## **BACKGROUND:**

Please see attached CYSUR-CWMPAS Combined Local Operational Group Safeguarding Report for Qtr 2, 2022/23.

These are multi-agency management reports in relation to safeguarding children and adults in Ceredigion during the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022. They provide management information on action taken under the Wales Safeguarding Procedures.

The Reports include information provided by other agencies in relation to safeguarding the welfare of children and adults in Ceredigion.

The management information is discussed by members of the CYSUR/CWMPAS Combined (Ceredigion) Local Operations Group in order to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the safeguarding of children and adults arrangements in Ceredigion and the outcomes achieved

These multi agency meetings provide an opportunity to identify and act upon any performance and other issues within this area of work.

Performance information is also provided to the Mid and West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board which is also an opportunity to analyse performance, trends and issues across the Region.

## Summary of Key points:

- In Quarter 2, there was an increase in the overall number of contacts/reports received regarding children/young people compared to Quarter 1-with there being 1030 contacts/reports received in Q2 compared to 943 contacts/reports received in Q1.
- However, there was a decrease in the overall number of contacts/reports which proceeded to actions needing to be taken under Child Protection Procedures, 182 in Q2 compared with 221 in Q1
- The percentage of reports that proceeded to a Strategy Discussion in this quarter was 16.7% compared to 23.4% in Q1. 8.3% of reports proceeded to a Section 47 Enquiry in Q2 compared to 11.5% in Quarter 1. 0.97% of reports received needed to proceed to an Initial Child Protection Conference in this quarter compared to 1.4% of reports in Quarter 1. So although there was an increase in the number of contacts/reports received in Q2, there was decrease in the number of reports that needed action under Child Protection Procedures which meant that the majority of the reports received were either signposted for Early Intervention/Prevention support or care and assessment support or the reports were closed with no further action required.
- The total number of children placed on the Child Protection Register in this quarter following the Initial Child Protection Conference was 16 compared to 12 in Q1.
- The total number of children removed from the register was 13 compared to 14 in Q1
- The total number of Section 47 enquiries undertaken in this quarter were 86, 69 were undertaken jointly with the Police and 17 were undertaken as a Social Services Single Agency. In Q1 the number of Section 47 enquiries undertaken were 109, 92 were undertaken with the Police.
- The main category of abuse that led to a Section 47 enquiry in quarter 2 was Physical Abuse (35) and then sexual exploitation abuse/exploitation (18), this is in line with Q1 where physical abuse (22) was also the primary main category of abuse and sexual abuse/exploitation was the second main category of abuse.
- There were 46 children on the Child Protection Register as of the end of this quarter. 23 children were registered under the category of neglect, 17 under the category of emotional/psychological abuse and 6 under neglect and physical abuse.
- The main Risk Factors for the 46 children who were on the Children Protection Register as of the 30/09/2022, were Domestic Abuse (42), Parental Mental Health (34), Parental Substance Misuse/Alcohol Misuse (34), Parental Separation (34) and Adult Offences of Violence (30).
- In terms of Adult Safeguarding, there has been a further decrease in the number of adults suspected of being at risk of abuse and/or neglect with there being 104 reported in this quarter compared to 115 in Q1 and 126 in Q4 of last year so there has been a steady decrease in the number of reports received.
- The most reported category of abuse this quarter again was emotional/psychological abuse, with 54 reports stating that this was the main category of abuse. Neglect was the second main category of reported abuse (37), then financial abuse (29) and physical abuse (26) and sexual abuse (12).

**Has an Integrated Impact Assessment been completed? If, not, please state why** No

**Summary:**

This report is provided on an ongoing basis and demonstrates the continuing work that is undertaken in relation to safeguarding children and adults in Ceredigion.

**WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS:**

- Long term:** Balancing short term need with long term planning for the future
- Integration:** Positively impacting on people, economy, environment and culture and trying to benefit all three
- Collaboration:** Working together with other partners to delivery
- Involvement:** Involving those with an interest and seeking their views, stakeholder engagement and consultation
- Prevention:** Putting resources into preventing problems occurring or getting worse

**RECOMMENDATION (S):**

To note the contents of the report and the levels of activity with the Local Authority

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):**

So that governance of the Local Authority activity and its partner agencies are monitored

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**Acronyms:**

CP – Child Protection  
CPR – Child Protection Register  
Part 4 – Allegations against a member of staff or those working with children,

e.g. - foster carers, volunteers, playgroups, etc.  
CPCC – Child Protection Case Conference  
ICPC – Initial Child Protection Conference