

# **CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee**

**Date of meeting: 4 March 2024**

**Title: Mid and West Wales Safeguarding Children and Adults Board Annual Report 2022-2023**

## **Purpose of the report:**

To inform Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee of the annual performance of the Regional Safeguarding Board and Ceredigion County Council's role.

## **Reason Scrutiny have requested the information:**

For information and to determine the ongoing performance of Ceredigion County Council as a partner of the Regional Safeguarding Board.

## **Background**

The focus for Safeguarding Boards is twofold. First and foremost the protection of children and adults who are in need of care and support from abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm, and the prevention of children and adults from becoming at risk of abuse, neglect or other kinds of harm.

These two objectives inform the priorities of Safeguarding Boards and partner agencies when considering work programmes and annual plans, and reviewing their performance.

Keeping children and adults who may have needs for care and support safe is everyone's responsibility. This means feeling safe and being safe with those with whom they live and who support and care for them, as well as being safe in environments outside the home where they may live, travel, play, learn, work or undertake sport, cultural, leisure and other activities. This responsibility lies primarily within the family or with carers and within the wider community.

The Annual Report demonstrates how the agencies have worked together to fulfil these duties.

## **Current Situation**

Ceredigion continues to be a fully contributing partner to the Regional Safeguarding Board activities and takes seriously the duties conferred on us to be active participants.

The next Annual report covering 2023-24 will be published in August 2024.

**Wellbeing of Future Generations:**

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

This is a report that has been compiled outside the Local Authority.

**Summary of Integrated Impact Assessment:**

**Long term:** N/A  
**Collaboration:** N/A  
**Involvement:** N/A  
**Prevention:** N/A  
**Integration:** N/A

**Recommendation(s):**

The Overview and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee take note of the content of the report.

**Reason for recommendation(s):**

None.

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**Acronyms:** Definitions contained in the report.