



Key Messages from the North Wales Safeguarding Board March 2019

Learning from Operation Cassata – Presentation given by Fon Roberts Ynys Mon:

- Victims still receiving support from Barnardo's.
- Victims were reluctant to give evidence
- The perpetrator who was charged was not sentenced for as long as initially thought
- The perpetrator will be released in 6-7 years; the victims will still be young when he is released
- Perpetrator was a large personality in the community
- There are lessons learnt for the police force personnel
- The perpetrator has had strong criminal links for many years and who was been charged with offences relating to CSE.
- Most of the visits completed by police

Agency Inspections

- North Wales Probation – the inspection report will be published 12th April 2019.
- North Wales Police – the older people inspection has taken place; awaiting child protection inspection; the force will not be named and the report will be generic in this regards; inspection should take place between now and June.

Operation Lenten Update from Meinir Williams Jones

- Four week trial – two of the individuals were sentenced to 14 years each
- Gold Group have asked for therapeutic interventions for victims
- Some of the individuals were parents themselves
- Barnardo's Belfast Service are currently working with travelling community who have stated there are no issues of CSE – the service are looking to produce a video on this
- Victims felt they could be more open with Barnardo's staff but they did have to be clear they were working with the police
- Issues with universal credit; CAB involved to offer guidance and support
- Trauma Recovery Model – took six months to obtain this training
- Some of the individuals wanted to get into training/ employment
- One individual had not informed anyone – they were supported by Barnardo's to tell their partner, but still have not disclosed to their family
- When completing genograms there were a lot of deaths – support was given with this
- Unfortunately one young person took their own life - Staff support was essential at this time. It was helpful the service wasn't a 9-5 service as this incident happened on a Friday and support was needed over the weekend

NWSCB Business Plan/ Risk Register

NWSB is to have two shared priorities between the Children & Adults Board:

- i) Exploitation
- ii) Domestic Violence
- iii) Separate priority for Children which was agreed - Safeguarding in Education

A Risk Register has been drafted; NWSCB members to feedback any comments within two weeks.

Community Rehabilitation Company Update

Working Links community rehabilitation companies have gone into administration; they will hand over their work to Seetech. The Ministry of Justice said it had taken action to ensure continuity of probation services. The Board were assured there would be a safe transition of all cases.

Denbighshire County Council

An audit of Denbighshire County Council's Corporate Safeguarding will be completed by Welsh Government.

NSPCC

The NSPCC foster check service will be ending. Concerns have been raised with the Director and the National Head of the NSPCC.

Return from Home Interviews

Concerns had been raised that some people were under the impression LA's were not carrying out RFH interviews & around the level of intelligence going into the police. A piece of work has been completed for the 6 LA's in North Wales – this will be sent out to all parties next week. It has been agreed there would be a regional approach.

CSE Films in Schools

Report shared with members around concerns school children are being shown videos in school on CSE that are not age appropriate. The NSPCC have reviewed all their videos; Barnardo's have a checklist which can be utilised.

Safeguarding children and young people in education from knife crime

Report shared with members; group gave consideration to include this issue under safeguarding in schools and that some work is carried out with the Safer Communities Board.