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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Safeguarding Report: January 2019 – March 2019</b>		
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<b>Freedom of Information</b>	Open		
<b>Purpose of the Report</b>	The purpose of this report is to provide the Quality and Safety Committee with an overview of the work taken forward by the Safeguarding Committee and the Corporate Safeguarding Team between January 1 <sup>st</sup> and March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2019.		
<b>Key Issues</b>	The paper identifies activity during the 3-month period within the wide scope of 'Safeguarding'. This includes how the Safeguarding team and Safeguarding Committee work with other key agencies to develop the local and national agenda. It outlines the referral activity by the Health Board in a number of areas including children and adults, forms of criminal exploitation and safeguarding training.		
<b>Specific Action Required</b> <i>(please ✓ one only)</i>	<b>Information</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Assurance</b>
	✓		
<b>Recommendations</b>	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note</li> </ul>		

## **SAFEGUARDING REPORT: JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 – MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 2019**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Quality and Safety Committee with an overview of the work taken forward by the Safeguarding Committee and the Corporate Safeguarding Team between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

Key pieces of legislation (Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, Children Act 1989, 2004) place a duty upon Public Bodies such as the Health Board to safeguard children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Other legislation regarding violence against women and domestic abuse, criminal exploitation, mental capacity and deprivation of liberty also influence the Health Boards 'safeguarding agenda'.

The Health Board Quality and Safety Committee is responsible for ensuring the organisation meets its statutory requirements under this agenda. The Safeguarding Committee and the Corporate Safeguarding team assist the Quality and Safety Committee to deliver the statutory and mandatory responsibilities and provide an appropriate system for the safeguarding of children and adults accessing healthcare across the Health Board. The Director of Nursing & Patient Experience who has Executive responsibility for Safeguarding chairs the Committee. The Safeguarding Committee and Corporate Safeguarding Team are required to provide six monthly reports to the Quality and Safety Committee on their activities. The report format has been revised to align with the Safeguarding Maturity Matrix. Due to the recent boundary changes that took place on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 this report is for three months rather than the usual six in order to report on an overview of work by the Safeguarding Committee and the Safeguarding team prior to the boundary changes.

### **3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES**

The paper identifies activity during the 3-month period within the wide scope of 'Safeguarding'. This includes how the Corporate Safeguarding Team and the Safeguarding Committee work with other key agencies to develop the local and national agenda. Reference is particularly made to working with the regional Safeguarding Boards and their associated sub-groups to ensure successful outcomes for children and adults locally who may be experiencing abuse or neglect, as well as working on an all-Wales basis via the National Safeguarding Network.

The Health Board's engagement with self-assessment against the Safeguarding Maturity Matrix and Health and Care Standards is outlined. Training compliance and the completion of DoLS assessments within timescale remain the two key areas of safeguarding risk. These areas are being monitored via the Safeguarding Committee and the Mental Health & Legislative Committee, the breaches in DoLS application timescales during the reporting period for this report is consistent with previous reporting periods. Close monitoring of the DoLS improvement plan in conjunction with the Primary Care and Community Service Delivery Unit continues.

Referral activity and themes are referenced using a number of graphs and for this report (where possible) comparison is provided for the first three months of 2019 and the previous reporting period. It has been noted that the length of the last reporting period is different, so a more accurate comparison will be available in the next quarters report. At the time of writing the report data on HB children's referrals were not available from Local Authorities, this will therefore be reported in the next report. Safeguarding adult referrals continue to identify that the Mental Health and Learning Disability Service Delivery Unit address the highest number of referrals with abuse of a patient by another patient being an identified theme.

Training compliance and attendance are also outlined in graphical form. The report notes that training compliance has been maintained at similar levels to the previous reporting period, each Service Delivery Unit will be completing a Safeguarding training needs analysis, which will include Mental Capacity Act training in order to provide the Corporate Safeguarding team and the Safeguarding Committee with an improved understanding of numbers of staff requiring Safeguarding training.

Reviews by Public Health Wales and Health Inspectorate Wales highlighted that a lack of appropriate supervision is a contributing factor in the failings of staff in recognising and responding to signs of abuse. The Health Board recognises its responsibility to provide effective supervision and the Corporate Safeguarding team contributes to the Health Boards supervision arrangements. As a result of these reports the Corporate Safeguarding Team has commenced an audit of supervision arrangements within the Health Board to ensure standards are being met, the findings of this and recommendations will be reported to the Safeguarding Committee.

#### 4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry financial implications

#### 5. RECOMMENDATION

The Quality and Safety Committee are requested to note the report

Governance and Assurance							
<b>Link to corporate objectives</b> (please ✓)	Promoting and enabling healthier communities		Delivering excellent patient outcomes, experience and access		Demonstrating value and sustainability		Securing a fully engaged skilled workforce
	✓		✓				✓
<b>Link to Health and Care Standards</b> (please ✓)	Staying Healthy	Safe Care	Effective Care	Dignified Care	Timely Care	Individual Care	Staff and Resources
		✓					✓
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience							

The Health Board self-assessment against the Health and Care Standards and the Safeguarding Maturity Matrix is outlined and whilst recognising improvement over the period, notes that training compliance and the completion of DoLS assessments in within timescale remain the two key areas of safeguarding risk	
<b>Financial Implications</b>	
This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry financial implications	
<b>Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)</b>	
This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry legal implications	
<b>Staffing Implications</b>	
This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry staffing implications	
<b>Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)</b>	
<b>Report History</b>	This report has been presented to and approved by the Safeguarding Committee 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
<b>Appendices</b>	