

Welcome...

to the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board's Spring Bulletin for 2022.

Ending Physical Punishment in Wales

21st March 2022 is a historic moment for children's rights in Wales. From this day on, physically punishing children will be illegal in Wales.

For further information, please select the links below:

- Ending Physical Punishment in Wales: Explainer Video**
- Ending Physical Punishment in Wales: Briefing Note**
- Ending Physical Punishment in Wales: Background Information**
- The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board's 7 Minute Briefing**

The 'All Wales Practice Guide: Safeguarding children in relation to the Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020' has now been published (link below):
Social Care Wales (safeguarding.wales).

The Out of Court Parenting Support Grant guidance has also been published on the Welsh Government's website (link below):

Out of Court Parenting Support Grant: Guidance | GOV.WALES.



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You are welcome to communicate with us in Welsh

Immediate Response to Critical Incidents

The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board has a '**Protocol for an Immediate Response to Critical Incidents**', which set out the arrangements in the Cwm Taf Morgannwg region to provide a rapid, multi-agency response to managing the consequences of critical incidents.

A critical incident (for the purposes of this protocol) can be defined as an event, or series of events;

- That is sudden, unexpected and out of the realms of common human experience; and
- It has resulted in (or could have caused) death, life threatening injury or sustained serious and permanent impairment of health or development; and
- An immediate effective response requires multi-agency co-ordination to manage threat, risk, harm and the impact on a group of individuals and/or the wider community.

Any agency can request an immediate response to a critical incident via the **Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board Business Unit / 01443 490122**.

Protocol for an Immediate Response to Critical Incidents

Protocol for an Immediate Response to Critical Incidents - 7 minute briefing

Commendation for domestic abuse animation

The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board previously worked with Merthyr Tydfil Borough Wide Youth Forum on a project on child/young person on parent/carer domestic abuse.

An animation was produced called 'In My House' and was released during the first lockdown due to the pandemic. This was particularly relevant as the young people in the forum though it might be a useful resource for families coping with the new normal living arrangements.

The Youth Forum were recently notified that they had been Highly Commended in the National Crimebeat Awards 2022.

Congratulations to all involved!

To view the video, please select this [link](#).

kooth

Free, safe and anonymous mental well being support

Kooth is a free, anonymous, confidential, safe, online wellbeing service, offering professional support, information and forums for children and young people.

Access 365 days a year to counsellors who are available:

Monday - Friday 12 noon - 10pm

Saturday and Sunday 6pm - 10pm

Below are resources that you may find useful, including Kooth's Spring Term offer for schools. Kooth has recently undergone a rebranding and as a result of this, their posters and cards carry a QR code. Digital examples of these are also available below.

If you would like to book sessions for your students leading up to the summer, please contact **Evan Musgrave**. If you require any additional resources, or want the opportunity to promote this service to your students at your convenience, the new Kooth resources hub is available **here**. This will allow you the opportunity to access posters, campaigns and videos.

Also available below is the sign up session with delivery notes. This would be a great activity for you to do with your students whenever you have a lesson free or some spare time.

- **Powerpoint Presentation and Delivery Notes**
- **Poster 1** • **Poster 2**
- **Kooth program of sessions - Spring Term**

If you have any questions, please contact **Evan Musgrave**.

Naloxone Click and Deliver Service

Barod has launched a Naloxone Click and Deliver Service. This is the first of its kind in Wales and is fully supported by both Welsh Government and Public Health Wales.

This new service is available to anyone across Wales and you can now have the life-saving medication delivered to your door for free. The Click and Deliver service will compliment already established Naloxone initiatives including the Take Home Naloxone provision and Peer to Peer pilots, while continuing to widen the availability of Naloxone.

For more information and to order a naloxone kit, visit <https://barod.cymru/naloxone-click-deliver-service/>

Victim Support's Safe Spaces Service

A new support service for adult victims of church abuse, both historic and recent, was launched last year by the Church of England and the Catholic Church of England and Wales.

Below is a list of resources, including a briefing paper giving information on this service and some leaflets and posters. Please note that although the title of the leaflets show Church of England, the service also includes the Catholic Church in England and Wales and the Church in Wales.

If you have any queries, please contact the service on **0300 303 1056** or through email on safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk.



- ➔ Safe Spaces Briefing Paper
- ➔ Safe Spaces 3 way leaflet
- ➔ Safe Spaces A5 leaflet
- ➔ Safe Spaces Poster
- ➔ Safe Spaces Tear Off Poster

My Support Space

My Support Space is an online resource designed to help you manage the impact that crime has had on you. It is a free, safe, secure and confidential space where you can choose how you want to be supported after crime.

My Support Space is for people aged 16 and over who have been affected by crime and traumatic events and feel able to cope, but who may need help to move forward, as well as being available for friends, family members, colleagues or other supporters of victims of crime. There are separate guides that have been specifically designed to help those supporting loved ones after they've experienced crime.

Please select this [link](#), which will take you to a leaflet providing further information.



Gambling Harms

Ara - Recovery for All is a charity and the National Gambling Treatment Service provider for all of Wales and they provide free support and counselling for anyone that is affected by gambling harms.

They also run free awareness sessions to professionals to raise the profile on this hidden addiction. Often times people present with low mood or anxiety and will often think that they have a debt problem as opposed to a gambling one. People suffering from problem gambling are at risk of suicide.

Referral into their service is easy. Clients can call, email or contact directly via their **website**. Alternatively, they can discuss a direct referral pathway from yourselves.

Training is also offered for professionals who come into contact with young people.

Ara Gambling Service Poster



The poster features the Ara logo at the top left with the tagline 'recovery for all'. The main text is contained within a large orange speech bubble that says 'Is it time to TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR GAMBLING?'. Below this, it states 'Free, confidential counselling available'. To the right of the main bubble are three smaller speech bubbles: one with three dots, one with a dice, and one with a telephone handset. At the bottom, a dark blue speech bubble contains the contact information: 'Talk to us 0330 1340 286 recovery4all.co.uk'. In the bottom left corner, there is a logo for the National Gambling Treatment Service and a QR code. Below the QR code, it says 'Registered Charity 1002224'.



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Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Over the last year, **Stop It Now! Wales** has been making new resources for parents, carers and professionals, as well as updating existing ones, to ensure that adults have the support and advice they need to prevent child sexual abuse.

Please select this **link** to view the new partner packs, which includes information on Stop it Now's services, upcoming training sessions as well as resources and relevant fundraising news. Also included are suggestions for how to share with your networks to help us keep children safe from harm.

If you have any questions about the packs or would like more information, please just get in touch: wales@stopitnow.org.uk

Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Training

Does your team regularly support people who are experiencing violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence?

Would you like to be the person in your team that can help and advise others, if so then group 3 Ask and Act will help you become a VAWDASV resource for your colleagues.

The criteria for the course is completion of the Group 2 Ask and Act training.

Merthyr and RCT course dates:

- 10th March
- 21st March
- 31st March

Bridgend dates:

- 15th March
- 24th March
- 28th March

To book Merthyr and RCT courses, please contact socialcaretraining@rctcbc.gov.uk

To book Bridgend courses, please contact scwdp@bridgend.gov.uk

Could you spot the signs of abuse?

New all Wales safeguarding training launched

A new **Wales Safeguarding Procedures** interactive online training module has gone live to help people across Wales spot signs of abuse or neglect.

The **training module** is aimed at those working in the public and third sectors in particular.

Paul Mee, Chair of Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board, said: "Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Whatever role you are employed in, we all have a duty to be able to recognise signs of harm or abuse and take action to protect those at risk.

"Safeguarding training is mandatory for the majority of staff working for statutory agencies, as well as NHS trusts, local councils and the emergency services. However, this is about more than just completing the course. It is about each of us being able support the most vulnerable."

The training module has been developed by Social Care Wales in line with the Wales Safeguarding Procedures, which launched in 2019. The procedures detail the essential roles and responsibilities for practitioners to ensure that they safeguard children and adults who are at risk of abuse and neglect.

The procedures were designed to standardise practice across all of Wales and the training module has been developed with the same intention.

The **new training module** will enable everyone to:

- explain the term 'safeguarding'
- recognise abuse or the risk of abuse, harm or neglect
- know what actions to take if they witness or suspect abuse, harm or neglect, or if someone tells them they are being abused
- demonstrate a basic understanding of the laws concerning safeguarding
- recognise that they have a duty to report abuse, harm or neglect.

This module contains 13 sections and includes scenario questions to help users build a practical understanding of safeguarding and what action to take if they think someone may be at risk.

The module is fully accessible. It is compatible with screen readers for those with visual impairments, uses Text Help Read and Write to help dyslexic users focus on key pieces of information, and can be navigated using the tab keys by users with mobility issues.

For further information on the Wales Safeguarding Procedures, please visit the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board's **website**.

Modern Slavery

UK Government have updated contact details and the list of first responder organisations within their 'Modern Slavery Victims: Referral Guidance. **Gov.UK**

Have you experienced or witnessed domestic or sexual abuse?

If you have experienced domestic abuse or sexual abuse and have been asked to give evidence at a trial, or need to attend a family court hearing, you can apply to give your evidence via any of the 15 video link facilities across Wales. These facilities are in safe and secure locations away from court.

For more information, select this **link**, view this **short video** or contact the Live Free Fear helpline on **0808 80 10 800**.

Ask Me Ambassadors

Do you want to help end violence against women? Why not attend free online **#AskMe** training on the 8th to the 29th March? For more info visit, **tinyurl.com/nryjvhx4**



The poster features a colorful illustration of diverse people at the top. Below it, the text asks if the reader wants to help end abuse and learn how to stop domestic violence. It promotes the 'Ask Me' community, which aims to raise awareness and provide support. A QR code is provided for more information, along with the email askmeWales@welshwomensaid.org.uk and the hashtag #BreakingTheSilence. At the bottom, there are logos for the Welsh Government, the National Domestic Violence Helpline (0808 80 10 800), and Cymorth i Ferched Cymru (Welsh Women's Aid).

New initiative launched for vulnerable people at risk of an accident in their home

THE Welsh Ambulance Service has partnered with fire and rescue services to launch a new initiative to better protect vulnerable people at risk of an accident in their home.

The new system allows ambulance crews to e-refer at-risk patients to their fire and rescue service counterparts in North, Mid and West and South Wales for a Safe and Well check.

Fire crews can then visit the property to mitigate any risks.

Nikki Harvey, the Welsh Ambulance Service's Head of Safeguarding, said: ***"Ambulance crews go to a patient's property to deliver medical interventions, but often while they're there, they'll spot things in the home which raise a red flag.***

"It could be that there isn't a smoke alarm, that electrical sockets are overloaded or that there's a build-up of fat on cooking appliances, all of which present a fire hazard.

"It could be that the patient has cigarette burns on their clothes or furniture, or that the patient's hoarding has blocked an escape route.

"The new referral form – which our crews complete on an iPad – streamlines the process completely and makes it easier than ever before to enlist the support of fire service colleagues and safeguard that patient.

"Anything that we can do collectively to improve patient safety, mitigate the risk of accidents and prevent harm could reduce 999 calls in the future."

Tim Owen, Community Safety Manager at North Wales Fire and Rescue Service, on behalf of the three Welsh fire and rescue services, said: ***"The Welsh Ambulance Service and the regional fire services in Wales work together operationally every day.***

"This agreement will enable us to extend this work, identifying those most at risk and vulnerable in our communities to make them safer.

"The sharing of information will enable us to develop the principles of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, targeting our services to those in most need of support.

"It will also provide a template for promoting future joint working."



Increased Support for Individuals experiencing Homelessness across Cwm Taf Morgannwg

The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Specialist Mental Health and Substance Misuse Housing Outreach Service is a new, innovative service currently being provided across Cwm Taf Morgannwg, specifically working with individuals who reside in Homeless Hostels, emergency bed and breakfast accommodation and Housing First Provision.

Evidence from recent National and local Health Needs Assessments identified a high level of substance misuse and mental health needs of the homeless cohort, including those in the across Cwm Taf Morgannwg area. It is recognised that these individuals, often with multiple complex needs were unlikely to access traditional services.

Read more [here](#).