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Safeguarding Policy and Procedures

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Business Executive Team (1 February 2022)

Purpose

The Safeguarding Policy and Procedures are presented to the Committee for approval, accordance with the Policies and Procedures process and Trust Scheme of delegation.

Recommendation:

APPROVE	CONSIDER	RECOMMEND	ADOPT	ASSURANCE
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The Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee is asked to:

- **Approve** the Safeguarding Policy (PHW03) and the following Procedures for ratification;
 - PHW03/TP01 – Adults at Risk Procedure
 - PHW03/TP02 – Children at Risk Procedure
 - PHW03/TP03 – Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Procedure
- **Note** that the 'Managing Allegations of Abuse by Staff Procedure' will be updated by March 2022, and that approval will be sought by Chairs Action.

Link to Public Health Wales [Strategic Plan](#)

Public Health Wales has an agreed strategic plan, which has identified seven strategic priorities and well-being objectives.

This report contributes to the following:

Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	6 - Supporting the development of a sustainable health and care system focused on prevention and early intervention
Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	4 - Securing a healthy future for the next generation through a focus on early years
Strategic Priority/Well-being Objective	1 - Influencing the wider determinants of health

Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	Included
Risk and Assurance	Aligns to the CRR, Risk 207
Health and Care Standards	This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes Theme 2 - Safe Care Choose an item. Choose an item.
Financial implications	There are not any financial implications.
People implications	There are not any people implications.

1. Purpose / situation

The Safeguarding Policy and Procedure is being presented to Quality, Safety and Improvement Committee for approval and ratification in accordance the Policies and Procedures process and Trust Scheme of delegation. The overarching accountability for safeguarding children and adults at risk and promoting their welfare rests with the Board of Public Health Wales through the Chief Executive and therefore the purpose is to seek assurance.

2. Background

The Safeguarding Policy and Procedures have been updated and reviewed in line with the review date. Amendments have been made to reflect the changes outlined in the All Wales Safeguarding Procedures published in 2019.

With the exception of the 'Managing Allegations of Abuse by Staff Procedure', which is currently in the process of being updated and will be presented for approval by the end of March 2022.

3. Description/Assessment

The Safeguarding Suite of Policy and Procedures have been reviewed in line with the review date. To date the policy has been implemented across Public Health Wales. Its implementation has been monitored, an Annual Safeguarding Report provides assurance that the Policy is embedded within the organization with the procedures being adhered to.

3.1 Consultation

Consultation has taken place to ensure that the Safeguarding policy and procedures meets the needs of our stakeholder and the Trust. The consultation undertaken specific to this document was as follows:-

The document was added to the Policy Consultation pages on the intranet between 22/12/2021 and 21/01/2022.

Where appropriate comments were taken on board and incorporated within the draft document.

Since the consultation, a final review of the policy and procedure has taken place by the Executive Lead and the Named Lead for Safeguarding to finalise the document. As part of this review, made minor amendments have been made to the policy and the procedure to provide clarity in some areas as well as improve the flow and readability of the document.

3.2 Committee/Groups that have received or considered this document

The Safeguarding Group Meeting on November 29th 2021 and the Business Executive Team Meeting on February 1st 2022 have considered the documents prior to being submitted for approval.

3.3 Implementation plan

Publication and dissemination arrangements will be implemented following approval at the QSIC meeting in February 2022.

3.4 Dissemination

The primary source for dissemination of this document (specify) within the organisation will be via the intranet communications and as part of ongoing education and training arrangements. It will also be made available to the wider community and our partners via the internet site.

4. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015



Safeguarding addresses immediate short-term needs to safeguard those at risk of abuse or neglect, however this also has an impact on long-term needs by implementing measures to change behaviour.



Safeguarding focuses on prevention with an aim to reduce abuse and neglect. This supports the goal within the act to develop a healthier Wales.



Safeguarding requires multiagency working and working to an integrated model.



Collaboration is met by working with partner agencies to safeguard individuals.



This is met in Safeguarding as it is important to involve people with an interest in achieving the well-being goals, therefore ensuring that

those people reflect the diversity of the area
which the body serves

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