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Public Health Wales Annual Corporate Safeguarding Report (April 2020 to March 2021)

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Purpose

The 2020/21 annual report provides an overview of how the organisation discharges its Corporate Safeguarding responsibilities in relation to the Children Act 2004, The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015.

Recommendation:

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The Committee is asked to:

- ❖ **Approve** the Public Health Wales Annual Safeguarding Annual Report for 2020/21, and receive **assurance** on how the organisation has discharged its Safeguarding responsibilities during reporting period April 2020 to March 2021.

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 all strategic priorities

Summary impact analysis

Equality and Health Impact Assessment	An equality and Impact Assessment is not required as there are no adverse impacts at this stage.
Risk and Assurance	Applicable to all Strategic Risk Register and Corporate Risk Register
Health and Care Standards	<p>This report supports and/or takes into account the Health and Care Standards for NHS Wales Quality Themes</p> <p>Governance, Leadership and Accountability Person Centred Care Theme 2 - Safe Care</p>
Financial implications	None
People implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Named Lead for safeguarding will retire at the end of April, 2021.• Successor will join the organisation at the end of July 2021• Temporary cover arrangements to be provided by the Interim Assistant Director of Quality and Nursing.

1. Purpose / situation

This paper presents the Public Health Wales Annual Safeguarding Report to provide assurance on how the organisation has discharged its Safeguarding responsibilities during reporting period April 2020 to March 2021.

During the past twelve months, there has been reduced capacity to support the corporate safeguarding agenda with the deployment of the Named Lead safeguarding to support the organisations response to COVID 19.

Despite the operational and organisational challenges, we have (through adopting novel approaches to supporting staff remotely) achieved progress on milestones which are demonstrated within the Annual Report.

2. Background

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, came into force on 6 April 2016. The Act provides the legal framework for improving the well-being of people who need care and support, and carers who need support, and for transforming social services in Wales.

3. Description/Assessment

The 2020/21 annual report provides an overview of how the organisation has discharged its Corporate Safeguarding responsibilities during the reporting period in relation to the Children Act 2004, The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015. It also demonstrates how the organisation safeguards the people who use our services, functions and programmes and highlights compliance with relevant policies, procedures and training. We also aim to ensure that our staff are working in an environment where they can access appropriate help and support if they themselves become at risk from the various forms of abuse.

3.1 Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

This strategy takes into account the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, which are designed to be key enablers and places renewed emphasis on the importance of involving and listening to the people of Wales.

4. Recommendation

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its Safeguarding responsibilities during reporting period April 2020 to March 2021.