

# Single Unified Safeguarding Review

Learning from the Past to make the Future Safer



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## 7 MINUTE BRIEFING

If you have any questions or comments, please email: [SUSRWales@gov.wales](mailto:SUSRWales@gov.wales)

### BACKGROUND

Create a single review process where a multi-agency approach is required, incorporating the following review processes Adult Practice Review; Child Practice Review; Domestic Homicide Review; Mental health Homicide Review; Offensive Weapon Homicide Review. The final report is then used to inform professional practice via the Wales Safeguarding Repository.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

- Mid and West Wales Regional Safeguarding Board have been awarded a grant from Welsh Gov and are now working to develop and deliver the SUSR Learning and Development Programme, with training planned to commence for chairs and reviewers across Wales late in the year in readiness for SUSR implementation
- Law firm Geldards LLP have been commissioned to identify a new legal footing to enable better sharing of information between organisations for the purposes of undertaking an SUSR. This aims to address current barriers identified, particularly relating to requests for patient information from health partners.

### SUSR FORMAL CONSULTATION

- The consultation is now live as of the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023. The consultation period will end on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Please use the following link to see the consultation document and response form: <https://www.gov.wales/single-unified-safeguarding-review-statutory-guidance>.
- Consultation focus groups and sessions have been delivered to many different groups and boards across Wales. Please get in touch if you would like us to attend an event in your area or via Teams for an existing group.

### WALES SAFEGUARDING REPOSITORY UPDATE

- The WSR team carried out testing of the repository with stakeholders from a range of organisations on key functions (logging in, searching etc).
- The overall response was positive with some helpful feedback and suggestions that will be used to inform 2023/24 developments.
- One user said they felt it is a 'system safeguarding has been hoping for' for a long time, and others thought the WSR could also be used as part of training (for Boards as well as students in social work and nursing).

### STAKEHOLDER REFERENCE GROUP

- If you would still like to get involved with the stakeholder reference group to contribute towards the implementation of the SUSR process, then please get in touch. Please invite any of your colleagues who may be able to assist with the work of this group. The next meeting is on 25<sup>th</sup> May 11:00-12:00

### SUSR CO-ORDINATION HUB UPDATE

- A meeting to discuss the proposed Approved Chairs and Reviewers List was held. Attendees advised the SUSR team on how the List should work in order to meet the needs of those using it.
- Please get in touch if you have any ideas on this.

### NEXT STEPS

- Please follow the below links to sign up to the remaining in-person events:
- 19th April 2023 at 14:00-15:30 in Rhyl Rugby Club ([SUSR Consultation Focus Group, North Wales | Eventbrite](#))
- 26th April 2023 at 10:00-11:30 in Dyfed-Powys Police HQ, Carmarthen ([SUSR Consultation Focus Group, Carmarthen | Eventbrite](#))
- 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 14:00-15:30 on Microsoft Teams ([SUSR Consultation Focus Group, Online | Eventbrite](#))

