

Welcome to the April edition of the Single Unified Safeguarding Review Bulletin. This month we have been busy with preparations for the first SUSR Dissemination Event which will be held on the 20th of May in Llandudno. We hope to see many of you there!

Please continue to share your thoughts and feedback on these bulletins, all comments are gratefully received.

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Commissioned SUSRs

The Co-ordination Hub have received **7** SUSR notifications this month, bringing the total number of SUSRs commissioned since 1st October to **21**





Child Practice: 13
Adult Practice: 3
Domestic Abuse Related: 3
Adult Practice & Domestic Abuse
Related: 1
Mental Health Homicide: 1

With the help of a Policing in Wales Analyst, the SUSR Co-ordination Hub are working on a SUSR Data Dashboard. The Dashboard will allow users to quickly and easily access information on many aspects of SUSRs including how many have been commissioned, their status, review types covered, Reviewer and Chair data and information on recommendations including themes and completion status. All of this can be broken down regionally and by agency. Work will continue on the Dashboard with the aim to make this available on the SUSR webpage in the near future.

Good News

We have received positive feedback on the SUSR Statutory Guidance from one of the Regional Safeguarding Boards who told us:

We are finding that the SUSR statutory guidance is particularly helpful in providing the extra detail we needed in respect of information-sharing, which was perhaps not present in the former CPR / APR guidance.

It's providing more explicit information on the sharing of information, making it easier for some of our partners to understand their obligation here, whereas it was a bit less clear in the previous guidance, causing some apprehension for partners, we found.

For example, where we have referenced this within a specific MAPF Terms of Reference, when cross-checked with a local legal team they were happy with the clarity this provided.

Please contact the Co-ordination Hub if you have questions about any aspect of the Statutory Guidance.

We want to hear from you!

Please share any good practice identified as part of a SUSR with the Co-ordination Hub at SUSRWales@gov.wales

Training

As well as the two-day training and quarterly Support Network Sessions, Reviewers and Chairs will now also be able to access mentorship sessions. These are designed for those already trained to share any challenges or unpick any difficulties, within a space of other experienced colleagues who can assist.

Good Practice

In North Wales, a specific Safeguarding Training Sub Group meeting has been arranged to develop a response to the emerging themes from SUSR referrals and reviews that are underway.

In Swansea Social Services, there is work ongoing around embedding learning following the publication of SUSRs through open and reflective sessions with teams impacted by the findings. The Co-ordination Hub will be linking in with those undertaking this piece of work to produce a good practice guide for use within agencies across Wales.