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Welcome to the December edition of the Single Unified Safeguarding Review Bulletin. As the year comes to an end we have been reflecting on some of the key achievements of the SUSR over the past 12 months:

- 105 trained as panel members (total trained now 301)
- 42 trained as reviewer/chair (total trained now 190)
- Facilitation of four thematic support sessions for Reviewers/Chairs
- Delivery of two Learning Dissemination Events
- 192 individuals on the Approved Chairs and Reviewers List

It's been a busy year and we are excited to see what 2026 brings!

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Commissioned SUSRs

The total number of SUSRs commissioned since 1st October 2024 is now **33**



Child Practice: 16

Adult Practice: 5

Domestic Abuse Related: 6

Mental Health Homicide: 2

Joint Reviews: 4

Live Fear Free Helpline

When undertaking SUSRs, the Live Fear Free helpline should be contacted to establish if the subject of the review was known to them. A telephone number will be required to undertake the search. Please send all enquiries to: info@livefearfreehelpline.wales. Requests for information to the helpline should be considered for all SUSRs, not only those that are obviously domestic abuse related.

Farewell!

The SUSR team have been extremely fortunate to have Beth Aynsley join us on secondment from South Wales Police over the last 14 months. Unfortunately, that secondment has come to an end and Beth will be leaving on the 2nd January 2026. Beth has considerable practitioner experience which has enabled the SUSR Co-ordination Hub to produce numerous pieces of literature, guidance, support and events which have benefited the development of the SUSR and wider safeguarding community.

Beth has left a legacy within the team and the SUSR as a whole and will continue to work closely with the SUSR back in her substantive role. Liane James the SUSR Strategic Engagement Lead said *"Beth is an extremely talented, professional and inspirational person who will be sorely missed by all. We are hoping, when the opportunity arises, she will return to work with us in Welsh Government and continue the incredible work she has achieved"*

The team will welcome Hazel Jones to the SUSR Co-ordination Hub from the 5th of January 2026. Hazel is moving into the role from the Safeguarding and Advocacy Team in Welsh Government.

From 2026, the SUSR Bulletins will reduce to one per quarter.

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

The Panel Member e-learning is currently being tested by the Training Steering Group in readiness for the package to be piloted for the Panel Member training taking place in the new year.

The Reviewer and Chair e-learning will soon be available for any Reviewers and Chairs with experience of CPRs/APRs who have not undertaken the SUSR training.

The first two senior leaders sessions have taken place in November and December, with good attendance and feedback.

Support Network Session

December's Support Network Session was on Learning Events. The SUSR Team shared the resources that are available in the [toolkit](#) to assist Chairs and Reviewers in planning and delivering learning events and a [guide](#) produced by Barbara Firth during development of the Child Practice Review Framework. We were very fortunate to have a presentation from Maxine Thomas who gave the group a 'walk through' of a learning event. The panel shared their top tips for facilitation of events which included the need for flexibility and the importance of really listening to participants.