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Spiking Workshop

21/12/2021, 14:00 – 16:00

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AGENDA

This workshop will discuss the approaches being taken to tackle and reduce the risk of 'spiking' in Wales with public bodies, third sector organisations and private companies. The workshop will give an opportunity to share information from across Wales and ensure that there are no gaps being left between the different agencies and partnerships, ensuring there is a coordinated and joined up response. This workshop will not solve the wider issues of VAWDASV, but this may be the first of a number of workshops and discussions on the topic.

- 14:00** **1. Welcome and Introductions**
Emma Thomas, Head of Wales Safer Communities Network
- 14:05** **2. Reasons and Aim for the Workshop**
Emma Thomas, Head of Wales Safer Communities Network
- 14:15** **3. Welsh Government Position**
Sian Brown and Paul Webb, Welsh Government
- 14:35** **4. The Threat Picture from Across Wales (including issues with data collection)**
Jon Drake and Lara Snowdon, Wales Violence Prevention Unit
- 14:45** **5. Cardiff and Vale Health Board: Working in Partnership**
James Dunn, Violence Lead, Cardiff and Vale Health Board
- 14:55** **6. Local Activity and Issues Update**
Sarah Capstick, Wales Safer Communities Network, on behalf of Community Safety Leads
- 15:05** **7. Prevention**
Jordan Brewer, Welsh Women's Aid
Wesley Williams, North Wales Police Prevention Hub
- 15:20** **8. Question and Answer Panel**
All speakers
- 15:50** **9. Next Steps and Close**
Emma Thomas, Head of Wales Safer Communities Network



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES & CONTACT DETAILS

Welsh Government Position

- **Sian Brown, Senior Policy Lead, Crime and Justice Team, Welsh Government**

Sian is a Senior Policy Lead in the Crime and Justice Team, Welsh Government. She has responsibility for policing.

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- **Paul Webb, Head of VAWDASV, Welsh Government**

Paul is the Head of VAWDASV at Welsh Government and has worked as a Civil Servant for 20 years.

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The Threat Picture from Across Wales

- **Jon Drake, Wales Violence Prevention Unit Director**

Jon is Director of the Wales Violence Prevention Unit and has overall responsibility for the team and work undertaken by the Unit. Jon is a resident of South Wales. He is a former Police Officer, having served for more than 30 years including in South Wales Police where he was Assistant Chief Constable.

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- **Lara Snowdon, Wales Violence Prevention Programme Lead**

Lara joined Public Health Wales in 2019 as Violence Prevention Programme Lead. In this role, Lara was one of the founding members of the Wales Violence Prevention Unit, and now leads the Unit's public health activity and strategic approach. Her role involves research, evaluation, strategic leadership, advocacy for a public health approach to violence prevention, and the management of a multi-agency team of researchers and analysts.

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Cardiff and Vale Health Board: Working in Partnership

- **James Dunn, Locum Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Cardiff and Vale Health Board**

James trained in London and has worked all over England then briefly in Australia before returning to work in Cardiff. He is currently working in the Emergency Department at University Hospital of Wales, is a Lecturer at Cardiff University, prehospita doctor, and co-chair of the Violence Prevention Board of Cardiff Council. James' interest is in Trauma, Violence Prevention and is long time disappointed Newcastle United football fan.

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Prevention

- **Jordan Brewer, Policy and Research Officer, Welsh Women's Aid**

Jordan Brewer is Policy and Research Officer at Welsh Women's Aid. Welsh Women's Aid is the umbrella organisation in Wales that supports and provides national representation for independent third sector violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence (VAWDASV) specialist services in Wales.

Jordan has taken key roles in shaping the organisations response to the rise in reports on spiking attacks and briefing Members of the Senedd ahead of November's Opposition Debate on Spiking.

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- **Inspector Wesley Williams, North Wales Police Prevention Hub**

Inspector Wesley Williams is working within the newly formed Prevention Hub in north Wales. The hub was created in April 2021 to bring together several business areas to increase focus on primary, secondary and tertiary prevention.

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FEEDBACK RECEIVED

“Thank you so much, it’s been a superb afternoon. There’s been some really exciting presentations, and it’s so reassuring to see quite so much work taking place in this area.”

“Thank you all for this workshop, very helpful from start to finish!”

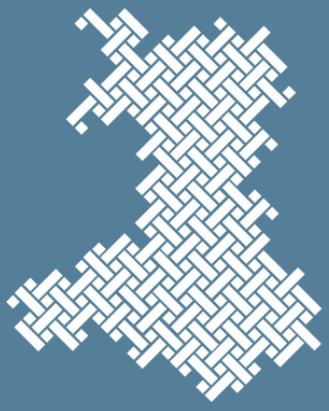
“Thank you for inviting me to the recent Spiking workshop. It was really interesting and informative.”

“Diolch yn fawr, very informative session.”

“Thank you for the workshop and sharing information.”

“Diolch o'r galon am heddiw, diddorol iawn!”

“This was very useful and interesting.”



FAQs

- **Care Cards**

Q. Who would be the best point of contact to obtain a supply of the care cards so that South Wales Police in Swansea can assist with the distribution?

A. James Dunn responded to say that once the care cards have been formally approved within South Wales Police, they will be distributed widely. There has been a significant number printed by Cardiff University's Students Union, who are keen to support the initiative. The care cards will be distributed to individual venues and will also be kept at Cardiff Central Police Station. The distribution phase is still being finalised. James welcomes conversations about sharing the cards further than South Wales, and sees no issue with sending the PDFs to Local Authority colleagues who can print them and distribute locally.

Q. Do the care cards have the details of Victim Focus to ensure that victims can seek support?

A. James Dunn confirmed that the care cards should have the Victim Focus details on them, and also that there are QR codes on the cards which link to a website hosted by Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board which has links to various agencies who provide further information, help and support.

Q. If the care cards were adopted as standard, could Welsh Government provide funding for these materials to be distributed across Wales?

A. Welsh Government will look to see what can be done through the campaign communications budget regarding distribution of the care cards across Wales.

ACTION: James Dunn to arrange for the care cards to be sent to Paul Webb in Welsh Government for further consideration.



FAQs

Q. There should be a consistent approach from all Health Boards and Emergency Services, so that regardless of where you are you receive the same level of support if you feel that you have been a victim of drinks spiking. Is there a way to bring those medical provisions together to ensure there is a consistent approach in Wales?

A. James Dunn responded that he is in contact with colleagues from across Wales and across the UK. If something looks like it works, there is a high chance that other Health Boards will get on board. There is an ongoing conversation about who would be best to drive this e.g. South Wales Police, Public Health Wales, etc.

- **Data**

Q. A student from Swansea University asked about the lack of clinical codes used for capturing spiking admissions and asked Welsh Government if this was something they were looking into for health care data collection on spiking.

A. James Dunn explained that, in terms of ED data, the numerous computer systems used by medical services do not currently allow for this to be a practical option. In Cardiff, there is better data capture due to the Violence Reduction work from John Shepherd but there remains the issue of under reporting by the public.

A. Paul Webb also commented that one of the actions from the draft VAWDASV Strategy is to establish a central repository of knowledge to coordinate all of the sources of information and evidence that is relevant in order to identify what do we know about the different parts of the wider VAWDASV agenda.

It was confirmed that Welsh Government officials would be interested in picking up conversations with Health colleagues as to how prevalent the issue is and what is the nature of this issue.



ADDITIONAL COMMENTS & INFORMATION

A delegate commented that the public narrative around spiking is focused on the use of illicit drugs and "stranger danger". However, it should reflect what has been discussed today, which is that the use of alcohol could also be a form of spiking, and that it can happen with someone that you know.

The delegate added that if work is going to be taken forward looking at data collection it would be really useful to identify the perpetrators of spiking, and their relationship to the victim.

Another delegate suggested that Jon Drake may wish to consider an All Wales approach being tabled at the next Policing Partnership Board for Wales.

ACTION: Emma Thomas to discuss with Jon Drake and Paul Morris about the possibility of an All Wales approach to responding, and communications in response to, Spiking.

Workshop Recording

To view a recording of the workshop please click [here](#).

Change that Lasts Model – Welsh Women's Aid

Change That Lasts is a new strengths-based, needs-led approach that supports survivors of all forms of violence against women, and their children, to build resilience, and leads to independence. Find out more [here](#).

Good Night Out Campaign

Unfortunately, the Co-founder from the Good Night Out Campaign couldn't attend the workshop, but they provided information that you may find useful:

- [The Loop](#) – A not for profit Community Interest Company established in 2013 which provides drug safety testing and harm reduction services at nightclubs, festivals and in city centre communities.
- An important [article](#) – 'The most common form of spiking is with alcohol, so why are we ignoring it?'
- The Good Night Out Campaign [position](#).
- A PDF resource on safety standards for nightlife spaces (below).



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SAFETY STANDARDS FOR NIGHTLIFE SPACES

1

Policy First

Enact a policy for dealing with and preventing sexual harassment and assault. Make sure customers know about it and staff can follow it. It should be published on your website. Good Night Out offers template policies as part of our accreditation programme.

2

Skill Up

Make sure your team has the knowledge, skills and confidence to respond to disclosures in a compassionate way that prevents further harm. This is best achieved through specialist, interactive training that effectively challenges the misinformation about sexual violence.

3

Start the Conversation

Let your customers know about your values, both on-site and online. Demonstrate that there will be consequences for inappropriate behaviour in your space, that reporting is encouraged and that those who speak up will be believed, supported and listened to.

4

Keep a Record

Staff should know the location of your incident book and how to use it. Ask your licensing officer for advice on information sharing and making reports. Find out where your local sexual assault support service and signpost to them.

5

Be Practical

Where can you designate a 'quiet/er space'? Find somewhere people can go for a time out, chill out or talk through an incident away from the main area and make sure staff know of it. Do staff know your policy on booking a taxi for a customer? Make it clear to all.

6

Champion Access for All

Nobody should feel excluded from nightlife because of who they are. Offer disabled and gender neutral bathroom provision on site, or make clear that you are committed to working towards this. Undertake an 'access audit' with our partners at [Attitude is Everything](#).

7

Promote Consent Culture

No single premises can end sexual harassment and assault by itself, but nightlife spaces have a huge role to play. How can your bookings, lineups, design, marketing and language evolve to create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for every single visitor?