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Report Title	Bi-annual Safeguarding Report: January – June 2018		
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Freedom of Information	Open		
Purpose of the Report	The purpose of this report is to provide the Quality and Safety Committee with an overview of the work taken forward by the Safeguarding Committee and the Corporate Safeguarding Team between January 1 st and June 30 th 2018.		
Key Issues	<p>The paper identifies activity during the 6-month period within the wide scope of ‘Safeguarding’.</p> <p>This includes how the Team and Committee work with other key agencies to develop the local and national agenda.</p> <p>It outlines the referral activity by the Health Board in a number of areas including children and adults, forms of criminal exploitation and safeguarding training</p>		
Specific Action Required <i>(please ✓ one only)</i>	Information	Discussion	Assurance
	✓		
Recommendations	The Quality and Safety Committee are requested to note the report		

BI-ANNUAL SAFEGUARDING REPORT: JANUARY – JUNE 2018

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to provide the Quality and Safety Committee with an overview of the work taken forward by the Safeguarding Committee and the Corporate Safeguarding Team between January 1st and June 30th 2018.

2. BACKGROUND

Key pieces of legislation (Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014, Children Act 1989, 2004) place a duty upon Public Bodies such as the Health Board to safeguard children and adults at risk of abuse or neglect. Other legislation regarding violence against women and domestic abuse, criminal exploitation, mental capacity and deprivation of liberty also influence the Health Boards 'safeguarding agenda'.

The Health Board Quality and Safety Committee is responsible for ensuring the organisation meets its statutory requirements under this agenda. The Safeguarding Committee and the Corporate Safeguarding team assist the Quality and Safety Committee to deliver the statutory and mandatory responsibilities and provide an appropriate system for the safeguarding of children and adults accessing healthcare across the Health Board. The Director of Nursing & Patient Experience who has Executive responsibility for Safeguarding, chairs the Committee. The Safeguarding Committee and Corporate Safeguarding Team are required to provide six monthly reports to the Quality and Safety Committee on their activities.

3. GOVERNANCE AND RISK ISSUES

The paper identifies activity during the 6-month period within the wide scope of 'Safeguarding'.

This includes how the Team and Committee work with other key agencies to develop the local and national agenda. Reference is particularly made to working with both Western Bay Safeguarding Boards and their associated sub-groups to ensure successful outcomes for children and adults locally who may be experiencing abuse or neglect, as well as working on an all-Wales basis via the National Safeguarding Network.

The Health Board self-assessment against the Health and Care Standards is outlined and whilst recognising improvement over the period, notes that training compliance and the completion of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards assessments in within timescale remain the two key areas of safeguarding risk.

Referral activity is referenced using a number of graphs and for this report (where possible) comparison is provided for the same six-month period in 2017 as well as the preceding six-months. The number of child safeguarding referrals has broadly similar to previous six-month periods, while the number of adult safeguarding referrals that are addressed within the Health Board has reduced slightly compared to the two previous periods.

Training compliance and attendance are also outlined in graphical form. The report notes that training compliance remains at an inadequate level, and confirms that each Service Delivery Unit has been tasked by the Safeguarding Committee to submit action plans manage improvement.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry financial implications

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Quality and Safety Committee is requested to note the report

Governance and Assurance											
Link to corporate objectives <i>(please ✓)</i>	Promoting and enabling healthier communities		Delivering excellent patient outcomes, experience and access		Demonstrating value and sustainability		Securing a fully engaged skilled workforce		Embedding effective governance and partnerships		
	✓		✓						✓		
Link to Health and Care Standards <i>(please ✓)</i>	Staying Healthy	Safe Care	Effective Care	Dignified Care	Timely Care	Individual Care	Staff and Resources				
		✓					✓				
Quality, Safety and Patient Experience											
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Financial Implications											
This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry financial implications											
Legal Implications (including equality and diversity assessment)											
This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry legal implications											
Staffing Implications											
This report makes no recommendations to the committee that carry staffing implications											
Long Term Implications (including the impact of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015)											
Collaboration – working with external agencies to ensure safeguarding of patients.											
Report History			This report has been presented to and approved by the Safeguarding Committee in July 2018								
Appendices			Appendix 1 - Bi-annual Safeguarding Report: January – June 2018								