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Please note that as a Health Board we have a "Duty to Report" Adult and Child Safeguarding concerns to Local Authority under the Wales Safeguarding Procedures, 2019. Therefore, any concerns relating to sexual exploitation would be referred onto the Local Authority and Police, whose role it is to investigate.

You asked the following questions in relation to sexual exploitation:

1.How many adults did you support during the last 3 financial years who have experienced sexual exploitation?

The Corporate Safeguarding team record information in calendar years and have received 149 'Adult at Risk' referrals which include sexual abuse/ exploitation as a theme across the Health Board since January 2020. However please note that this may not be a true reflection of the total amount as not all adults experiencing or at risk of sexual exploitation would be considered an 'Adult at Risk'.

Adults are also signposted to third sector specialist organisations.

2.How many adults did you support during the last 3 financial years who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

See question 1.

3.How many children and young people did you support during the last 3 financial years who have experienced sexual exploitation?

The Corporate Safeguarding team have received 149 Child at Risk referrals since January 2022 where sexual exploitation is a concern.

4.How many children and young people did you support during the last 3 financial years who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

See question 3.

5.For questions 1-4, do you collect data on those who have experienced sexual exploitation disaggregated across protected characteristics as defined by Equality Act 2010, including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual



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orientation? Please provide the answers to questions 1-4 for each characteristic listed if so.

No.

6.Do you provide direct support for survivors to exit exploitation? If so, how many survivors have you supported in the last 3 financial years through this support?

No the Health Board does not provide direct support, however we will signpost survivors to third sector organisations that specialise in this form of abuse.

7.How much funding was committed during the last 3 financial years towards projects that support adults at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation?

There are no projects that the Health Board fund for sexual exploitation. The Health Board provide training for staff to enable them to recognise sexual exploitation and signpost appropriately. There is no funding specifically committed for this.

8.How much funding was committed during the last 3 financial years towards projects that support children and young people at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation?

There are no projects that the Health Board fund for sexual exploitation. The Health Board provide training for staff to enable them to recognise sexual exploitation and signpost appropriately. There is no funding specifically committed for this.

9.The names of any specific projects dedicated to supporting adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation, the length of the contracts, and the length of support provided?

There are no projects.

10.The names of any specific projects dedicated to supporting children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation, the length of the contracts, and the length of support provided.

There are no projects.

11.How are the needs of adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation assessed?

Through discussion with professionals. Staff when appropriate will ask targeted questions which they receive training on via the Welsh Government 'Ask and Act' training.

12.How are the needs of children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation assessed?

CSERQ (Child Sexual Exploitation Risk Questionnaire), this is a toolkit specific to Health and used in areas where it is expected a disclosure could be made.

13.Do you have a dedicated strategy for supporting adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

Local Authority Joint Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) strategy. Strategy between Local Authorities and the Health Board.

14.Do you have a dedicated strategy for supporting children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?



The Health Board work closely with Local Authorities and produce a strategy which includes support for children and young people at risk of sexual exploitation. The Health Board also attend strategy meetings to discuss identified at risk individuals and plan support and intervention once identified, the exploitation groups in each Local Authority are different in presentation however are have the same aims. The Health Board are represented at all levels of meeting ie: operational/ strategic. Any support required from the Health Board will be implemented on an individual case basis. The regional Safeguarding Board are in the process of developing an Exploitation policy which includes sexual exploitation and an expected multi-agency response.

15. How does strategic decision making around adult sexual exploitation link up with strategic decision making about VAWDASV in your organisation?

The Health Board have a joint VAWDASV strategy with each Local Authority which is written jointly. Both are in the process of being updated. This will include both adults/ children and young people.

16. How does strategic decision making around child sexual exploitation link up with strategic decision making about VAWDASV in your organisation?

See question 15.

17. Have you consulted directly with survivors of sexual exploitation in any strategic, policy, or support planning?

Each Local Authority have survivor groups sub groups which feed into the Local Authorities VAWDASV leadership groups. There is Health Board representation on these groups.

