

**Child Sexual Abuse Round Table;**  
**with particular focus on Child Sexual Exploitation**

**Children's Commissioner for Wales**

<b>CSA Round Table Written update</b>
<b>Name of Agency and person: The Welsh Government, Sam Clutton</b>
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<b>Part 1: Child Sexual Abuse (not including CSE)</b>
(Please complete as relevant)
<p><b>1. Research</b></p> <p><b>CSA Prevalence Study-</b> The Welsh Government has part funded research commissioned by the Centre for Expertise on CSA which will use a local authority level case files audit to better inform an understanding of the prevalence of CSA in the context of an historic reduction in the number of registrations for CSA. The research is being undertaken by Dr Sue Roberts, Swansea University. The 6 month project commences January 2019.</p> <p><b>2. Awareness raising</b></p> <p><b>Stop it Now -</b> The Welsh Government has commissioned Stop in Now to develop resources on CSA awareness and to deliver 10 sessions per Safeguarding Board area (professionals and parent/carers). The resources were launched in National Safeguarding Week. Safeguarding Boards are reporting that the sessions are being very well received, some areas have had issues with attracting parent/carers to attend sessions. (</p> <p>For parents/carers English: <a href="https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Parents_ENGLISH_OCT18.pdf">https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Parents_ENGLISH_OCT18.pdf</a></p> <p>For parents/carers Welsh: <a href="https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Parents_WELSH_OCT18.pdf">https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Parents_WELSH_OCT18.pdf</a></p> <p>For frontline workers English: <a href="https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Professionals_ENGLISH_OCT18.pdf">https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Professionals_ENGLISH_OCT18.pdf</a></p>

For frontline workers Welsh:

[https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Professionals WELSH OCT18.pdf](https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/files/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Professionals_WELSH_OCT18.pdf)

**NSPCC- Professionals Breaking the Silence** - The Welsh Government has part funded work being undertaken by the NSPCC in relation to handling disclosures from children as part of their Professionals Breaking the Silence project. Welsh Government funding has supported the translation of resources and has funded 6 sessions for practitioners – one per Safeguarding Board region. The sessions will be delivered in February and March 2019. The sessions aim to support implementation of the resource and support practitioners in handling disclosures and hearing children.

### 3. Policy

**National Action Plan on Preventing and Responding to Child Sexual Abuse** - The Welsh Government has committed to the development of a National Action Plan on Preventing and Responding to Child Sexual Abuse (including CSE and HSB). A first draft will be completed for mid February and shared with stakeholders. A meeting will be called in mid March to discuss the draft and amend the draft. We will look to translate, design with a view to issue in April/May 2019.

The framework of the National Action Plan is to be agreed as a first step options include:

- Prepare, Prevent, Protect, Pursue (as with current CSE National Action Plan).
- Prevention, Protection, Support (as with current VAWDASV consultation draft indicators)

In contrast to the [National Action Plan to Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation \(Wales\)](#) National Action Plan on CSE the National Action Plan on CSA will include a section on actions for the Welsh Government and identify as a 'sister' document to the [An online safety action plan for children and young people in Wales](#)

Indicators will be agreed with the Boards in advance of issue. The Safeguarding Boards will:

- Report in January 2020 on the measures that have been put in place by December 2019 for partners to report against the outcome indicators/gather information/monitor.
- Report in January 2021 against the outcome indicators on the period January 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021 (and then annually).

## Part 2: Child Sexual Exploitation

Under the following headings, please highlight the following (if relevant) :-  
New Developments; Trends; Blocks/Challenges/Concerns; Good Practice.

### 1. Policy

**Statutory Guidance on CSE:** Three of the four chapters of the updated Statutory Guidance on CSE have been drafted with a multi-agency Task and Finish group chaired by Dr Sophie Hallett:

Chapter 1: Understanding Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) as a form of Child Sexual Abuse

Chapter 2: Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)

Chapter 3: Responding to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) –putting the child at the centre

To be drafted- Chapter 4: Responding to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)- responding to perpetrators and the prosecution process.

The aim is to get a complete consultation ready draft ready for translation and then a formal 12 week consultation by the end of April 2019. This would provide for issue in Autumn 2019.

Budget is being sought in the next financial year to support implementation/awareness raising/training resource.

**All Wales Practice Guide – safeguarding children at risk of or abused through CSE** – This will go to the Safeguarding Boards for feedback at the end of January 2019 with the second tranche of All Wales Practice Guides and can be shared with members of the CCfW group at the same time. It will then pass to Cardiff and the Vale Safeguarding Board who will issue with the main Wales Safeguarding Procedures.

Budget is being sought in the next financial year to support implementation/ awareness raising/training resource.

**All Wales Practice Guides on related issues – safeguarding children at risk of or abused through HSB/children missing from home or care/Child Criminal Exploitation/ child trafficking**– have already been shared with the Boards, feedback has been received and final drafts will be ready to go to the project team on the main Wales Safeguarding Procedures with the other Guides once feedback received.