

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting:	9 March 2021
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Dilwyn Morgan
Contact Officer:	Morwena Edwards, Corporate Director
Title of Item:	Strategic Safeguarding Panel Progress Report 2018-2020

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1 The Cabinet is asked to accept the report on the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Children and Adults Panel.

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. It is essential that Cabinet members are aware of the Panel's work on safeguarding and are satisfied that the Panel has undertaken the required work in a thorough and conscientious manner.
- 2.2. The Statutory Director is required to consistently and regularly report upon safeguarding matters to members.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. The purpose of this report is to update my fellow members on what has been achieved by the Strategic Safeguarding Panel during the period December 2018 – December 2020.
- 3.2. It is considered that the report accurately and fairly summarises the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel, and it also includes references to reports or observations made by external inspectors in relation to this work.
- 3.3. 2020 was a very different year for everyone, with the far-reaching impacts of Covid-19. Consequently, this report is published later than usual, as a number of the Council's staff have been redeployed to the work of supporting our communities. This report therefore relates to the work over a period of two years rather than one year. The essential work of safeguarding our residents has of course continued, it is only the task of reporting on this work that has been delayed.

4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 4.1. None to note.

5. Views of the Statutory Officers:

i) The Monitoring Officer:

As a member of this Panel, I welcome this report that appropriately summarises its work. It provides the Cabinet with assurance about this key responsibility.

ii) Head of Finance:

I understand that accepting this report does not bind the Council to any new/additional expenditure.

6. Appendices

Strategic Safeguarding Panel Report 2018-2020