MEETING	Care Scrutiny Committee
DATE	13 June 2024
TITLE	Annual Strategic Safeguarding Panel Report 2023/24
REASON FOR SCRUTINY	This gives Members the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel for 2023/24
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Cyngor Gwynedd's main priority is to ensure that children and adults at risk are protected from abuse, neglect, radicalisation, slavery, domestic abuse, and exploitation. The Safeguarding Strategic Panel has been established to look at Safeguarding as a corporate, cross-departmental issue.

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on what has been achieved by the Safeguarding Strategic Panel during the period April 2023 to March 2024.

1. Why does it need scrutiny?

This gives Members the opportunity to scrutinise the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel over the period. It is believed that the report summarises the work of the Panel accurately and fairly, also including references to reports or comments from external auditors on this work.

2. What exactly needs to be scrutinized?

- Do Members have any comments on the content of the report?
- Are there any gaps in relation to safeguarding at a corporate level?
- Do the Members agree with the priorities for 2024/25?

3. Summary and Key Issues

This is a factual document that reports on the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel over the year.

4. Background / Context

See the attached Report.

5. Consultation

Members of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel were consulted in order to draw up this report.

6. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

Ensuring that vulnerable people and children are safe is an essential and core part of enabling prosperity for future generations.

7. Impact on the Characteristics of Equality, the Welsh language and the Socio-Economic Duty

The safeguarding work with adults looks specifically at the needs of individuals who have a disability or are vulnerable in some way.

8. Next Steps

It is intended to present the Report before the Full Council in July.

9. Background Information

The Report was presented to Cabinet on 11 June 2024.

Appendices

• Strategic Safeguarding Panel Annual Report 2023/24