

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting:	7 July 2026
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Dewi Jones
Contact Officer:	Dylan Owen, Social Services Director
Title of Item:	Strategic Safeguarding Panel Annual Report 2025/26

1. The Decision Sought

- 1.1 The Cabinet is asked to receive the Annual Report of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel for 2025/26.

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 thoroughly and conscientiously.
- 2.2. The Statutory Director is required to report consistently and regularly to Elected Members on safeguarding matters.

3. Background

- 3.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on what has been achieved by the Strategic Safeguarding Panel during the year.
- 3.2. It is considered that the report provides an accurate and balanced summary of the Panel's work, reflecting the key challenges, the progress made, and the areas where further action is required.
- 3.3. The report was presented to the Care Scrutiny Committee (4th of June) and was the subject of a constructive discussion. Members acknowledged the significance of the issues under consideration and agreed that this remains an important area for ongoing scrutiny.

4. 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:

Nothing to add from the perspective of financial propriety.