



## **Saving Futures: Cross Party Group on Child Sexual Abuse**

### **Minutes of meeting 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

#### **Speakers**

Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services  
Jayne Bryant MS  
Sam Clutton, Senior Policy Manager, Children's Safeguarding, Welsh Government  
Claire Short, Stop it Now  
Elinor Crouch-Puzey

Faith McCreedy  
Philip Walker  
Kelly Shannon  
Rob Lowe  
Sophie Hallett  
May Baxter-Thornton  
Kirsty Hudson  
Nici Evans  
Altaf Hussain MS  
Debbie Woodroffe  
Shannon Orritt  
Daisy Williams  
Sarah Walton  
Carys Morgan-Jones

#### **Attendees**

Tracey Holdsworth  
Alan Collins  
Sarah Walton  
Claire Short  
Hayley Fry  
Jayne Bryant MS  
Julie Morgan MS  
Sam Clutton  
Amy Bainton  
Daisy Williams  
Jan Pickles  
Catrin Simpson  
Deborah Job  
Leanne Parsell

#### **Apologies**

Pam Kelly – Gwent Police  
Janice Dent – VAWDASV Gwent team  
Llyr Gruffydd MS -Plaid  
Peredur Owen Griffiths MS  
Berni Durham-Jones, Stepping Stones

#### **Minutes**

This was the inaugural meeting of the sixth Senedd term so began with reconvening the chair and secretariat. Jayne Bryant MS was re-elected chair and NSPCC Cymru, Stop it Now, Survivors Trust, Stepping Stones and RASARC North Wales were re-elected joint secretariat.



## Key points from speakers

### Julie Morgan MS, Deputy Minister for Social Services;

- Welcomed the return of this important CPG and acknowledged the role it played in the fifth Senedd term
- The new programme for government includes the role of early intervention and prevention work with children and young people and the importance of timely support
- Acknowledged the important role the safeguarding boards played during the pandemic. The Minister is grateful to the work of the public and third sector during this time.
- Welsh Government pledged £80,000 to specialist services to help reduce waiting lists and launched the 'This is sexual violence' campaign.
- Acknowledged the stall in progress due to the Covid pandemic but that the NHS collaborative is in action
- The new NHS collaborative will give consideration to recommendations from the Light House report and how it will inform the work in Wales.
- There is a focus on implementing the current CSA Action Plan. Decisions about next steps and a review of progress will take place in the summer.
- Recommendations from the Independent Inquiry into CSA will be considered when it is finalised

### Claire Short, Stop It Now and Elinor Crouch-Puzey, NSPCC Cymru;

- Presentation focused on the importance of the public health approach
- The role of the CPG
- Key focus for this Senedd term;
  - Threat from online harms
  - Early intervention work with perpetrators
  - Role of direct services
  - Ensuring equal access to services

### Sam Clutton, Welsh Government;

- The Action Plan has helped cement cross-government working
- In response to the key focus for the CPG secretariat – work on online harms by the digital inclusion team and everyone's invited campaign
- Traumatic Stress Wales is working to equip professionals to respond to trauma in an informed way
- Work will continue to improve access to and outcomes for protected characteristics with a commission out on Sell t Wales on anti-racism work
- Acknowledged delay in progress due to pandemic and provided update on progress against the action plan to date.

## Questions and discussion from the floor

Joanna Williams from the NHS Collaborative provided a quick update;



- All Wales Board will sit four times a year
- Developing the regional model across Wales – Cardiff, Swansea, Aberystwyth. Two of which will be children’s hubs.
- Sexual assault sub-group working with Trauma Stress Wales.

Sam Clutton invited participants to digital conference on 18<sup>th</sup> November (more information to follow).

Suggestion for Estyn to be invited to speak at a future meeting on the ‘Everyone’s Invited’ work

Jayne thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.