

Saving Futures: Cross Party Group on Preventing Child Sexual Abuse
Minutes of meeting 27th June 2023
Location: Virtual

Speakers

Jayne Bryant MS – Chair
Emma Barton – Wales Violence Prevention Unit
Anna Glinski – Centre of Expertise on CSA
Elinor Puzey – NSPCC

Sarah Keefe - Tarian
Naomi Evans - S. Wales Police
Heather Heaney - Monmouthshire
Damian Rees - Swansea
Janice Dent - Newport
Faith McCready - School Beat
Jan Pickles
Jo Williams - Welsh SARC
Corrina Williams -Sex Education Company
Katrjn Bennett- New Pathways
Kizzie Garner-Hughes - Ceredigion
Michelle Jones - Blaenau Gwent
Anna Williams - RASAC
Kirsty Hudson - Cardiff Uni
David Hopkins - Stop it Now chair
Buffy Williams MS
Sian Gwenllian MS

Attendees

Berni Durham-Jones- Stepping Stones
Nici Evans - CSA centre
Sarah Walton-Jones- Stop It Now
Catherine Lewis - South Wales
Sally Howells - Cyfannol
Helen Khezzadeh -Children's Society
Melissa Wood- Barnardos
Clare Sharp - CIW
Catrin Simpson- SARC

Minutes

The meeting started with the annual AGM. Jayne Bryant MS was elected chair for another year, first and seconded by Buffy Williams MS and Sian Gwenllian MS. NSPCC Cymru, Stop it Now, Survivors Trust, RASAC and Stepping Stones were appointed joint secretariat.

Jayne then opened the meeting explaining it will focus on CSA data collection.

Key points from speakers

Emma Barton – Violence Prevention Unit

- The portal includes publicly available data but stored in one place
- It allows identification of at risk groups and violence 'hotspots'
- Produces quarterly monitoring reports on 'spikes and trends' in data
- Plans to include data from SARCs, education and online harms

Anna Glinski – Centre of Expertise on Child Sexual Abuse

- CSA is no less common than other forms of child abuse, but data tells a different story
- CSA will remain hidden if we don't have data sets.
- Holistic data sets enable better understanding of the contexts in which CSA is taking place which can help with intervention and prevention initiatives

- A comprehensive data set will also inform commissioning of services

Recommendations

In the breakout rooms, two themes emerged, the importance of consistency and resources. The CPG therefore recommends that Welsh Government.

- create parameters for data collection so it can be collected consistently and uniformly across Wales and
- that resources are available to service providers to meaningfully gather information.

Jayne Bryant MS thanked everyone for attending and confirmed a briefing will go to Welsh Government with recommendations and closed the meeting.