Report to The Vale of Glamorgan Council Community Liaison Committee
26.11.2026 - Agenda Item 6 - Vale Council Public Services Board Meetings.
Prepared by Cllr. Phil Summers - Town and Community Council Representative

1. Since the last CLC meeting there has been one Vale Public Service Board meeting held on the 29th September 2026.

2. Minutes for this meeting are not yet available but will be published in due course and I will include a copy with my next report. However, minutes of the last meeting, held on the 24th June 2026, are attached. Once published the final versions of all minutes can also be found on the Vale of Glamorgan Council PSB web site. (https://www.valepsb.wales/en/PSB-Meetings.aspx)

3. In the meantime, a summary of the main activities at the meeting 29th September is provided below.

a. Approval of the minutes of the meeting 24th June 2026, attached.

b. A comprehensive update on the work and current position of the Regional Safeguarding Board in regard the reviews, and reports it is required to undertake into serious safeguarding issues brought before it from Cardiff and The Vale of Glamorgan was presented. This detailed and comprehensive update highlighted notable progress but significantly some cases particularly complex ones were still, perhaps unavoidably, still taking many months to complete. A copy of the report presentation is attached for information.

c. Deborah Gibbs, Community Safety Partnership Team Leader, provided an update on the work of the Safer Vale Partnership. A copy of her slide pack is attached to this report for information.

   Amongst other things she reported that their work and programs with their Police partners and local community organisations was having a significant results and benefits in regard to antisocial behaviour and shoplifting in the town centres.

   Similarly work to reduce rural crime through the Farm Watch and other programmes was starting to yield results. She stressed that the SVP was keen to build up their relationships with rural Communities and Community Councils. I would therefore suggest Community Councils and the Western Vale Rural TCC Forum may wish to reach out and arrange further discussions or meetings with Deborah or one of her colleagues.

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d. Christine Boston CEO Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS), presented on the Impact of the Third, Voluntary, sector. This included a film from Merthyr VS highlighting the huge contribution and impact VS organisations make to improving life and well-being across the whole of Welsh society and the funding issues they are encountering. These negatively affect not only the actual amount available to them to undertake this work but exasperated the problem by the short termism which severely damages many funding programmes. The massive holes which would be left if such organisations collapsed and the detrimental impact on some of the most vulnerable members of our society was clear to see. A copy of the slide-pack is attached for information. The film can seen at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z8Cwnr1Wc3Y

   Discussion followed which demonstrated the widespread contribution, willingness and competence of volunteers in the Vale and how in many cases low level funding generates very substantial multipliers in terms of the savings created for other Local Authority funded work.
   Despite the fact that simple examples exist, like the creation of volunteer run libraries in 5 Vale communities which allowed the Library Service to continue to fund 9 libraries across the Vale when otherwise funding might only have been sufficient for 4 or possibly 5: the discussion regrettably did not progress to challenge the underlying issue of inadequate funding and/or how we can make best directed use of the funding available, using these proven multipliers to significantly stretch existing constrained budgets, maintain essential services and even create new ones. This it appears is a matter on which we must continue to challenge budget holders directly.

e. The Vale PSB Forward Work Programme 2026 was reviewed and a copy is attached for reference.

4. If any member wishes to have further details of the Presentations /Discussions referred to in this report and cannot locate them please contact me and I will endeavour to provide them with copies.

5. The next PSB meeting is scheduled for the 8th December 2026. If the CLC or any members have any matters they wish to raise with PSB please let me know by the end of October.

Attach PDF copies:

- Vale PSB Minutes 24th June 2026
- Community Safety partnership PSB slides
- Vale PSB Forward Work Programme 2026
- Regional safeguarding report PSB slides
- Third Sector report PSB slides

Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Meeting
June 24th, 2026 @ 13:30-15:30
Agenda

In attendance:		
Name	**Title**	**Organisation**
Cllr Lis Burnett (LB)	Leader (PSB Chair)	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rob Thomas (RT)	Chief Executive	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Cerys Miles (CM)	Director of Communities, Partnerships and Prevention	South Wales Police & Crime Commissioner
Claire Beynon (CB)	Executive Director of Public Health	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Phil Summers (PS)	Town and Community Council Representative	Town & Community Council Representative
Kirsty Williams (KW)	UHB Chair	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Suzanne Rankin (SR)	Chief Executive	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Stephanie Howarth (SH)	Chief Statistician	Welsh Government
Michael Evans (ME)	Group Manager	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Natalie Rees (NR)	Head of Sustainable Development and Climate Change	Transport for Wales
Elizabeth Jones (EJ)	Director of Learning and Skills	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Christine Boston (CBT)	Chief Executive Officer	Glamorgan Voluntary Services
Miki Miyata-Lee (MML)	Senior Officer – South Central Operation	Natural Resources Wales
Also in attendance:		
Tom Bowring (TB)	Director of Corporate Resources	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Andreas Pieris-Plumley (APP)	Strategy and Insight Partner	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Lloyd Fisher (LF)	Corporate Policy and Insight Manager	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Rhianon Urquhart (RU)	Principal Public Health Practitioner	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Rebecca Stewart (RS)	Principal Public Health Practitioner	Cardiff and Vale UHB
Andrew Cole (AC)	Operational Manager - Adult Locality Services	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Kemi Nevins (KN)	Community Catalyst	Community Catalysts CIC
Varsha Roy (VR)	Strategy and Insight Trainee	Vale of Glamorgan Council
Apologies:		
Estelle Hitchon (EH)	Director of Partnerships and Engagement	Welsh Ambulance Service Trust
David Letellier (DL)	Head of Operations South Wales Central	Natural Resources Wales
Kate Fitzgerald	Head of Cardiff and Vale Probation Delivery Unit	HM Prison & Probation Service
Fin Monahan	Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Adam Openshaw	Deputy Chief Fire Officer	South Wales Fire and Rescue Service
Andy Robinson	Team Leader People and Places	Natural Resources Wales
Karen Lamprey	Vice Principal Curriculum and Standards	Cardiff and Vale College

Sarah Tipping	Head of Strategic Partnerships and Engagement	Cardiff and Vale UHB

No.	Agenda Item	Actions
1.	**Welcome and Introductions –** Rob Thomas, Chief Executive, Vale of Glamorgan Council RT welcomed attendees. Noted minor agenda change (Community Safety item postponed). Welcomed Stephanie Howarth (Welsh Government).	
2.	**Apologies for Absence –** Andreas Pieris-Plumley, Strategy and Insight Partner, Vale of Glamorgan Council Noted Above.	
3.	**Minutes of the Public Services Board 15th April 2026 -** Rob Thomas, Chief Executive, Vale of Glamorgan Council The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
4.	**Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair Positions –** Rob Thomas, Chief Executive, Vale of Glamorgan Council MML nominated LB to continue in the role of Chair, with KW seconding the nomination. TB informed that EH had expressed interest in assuming the role of Vice Chair. KW nominated EH to assume the role of Vice Chair, with CB seconding the nomination.	
5.	**PSB Annual Report 2025-26 –** Lloyd Fisher, Corporate Policy and Insight Manager, Vale of Glamorgan Council LF presented the PSB Annual Report for 2025–26, highlighting the breadth of activity delivered over the past year and the progress made against the Well-being Plan objectives. The Annual Report builds on the PSB's 6 monthly progress report to bring together detailed case studies and contributions from all partner organisations to set out the progress made across the partnership and continued collaboration in delivering the Well-being Plan. The report provides updates against the PSBs key workstreams, including: • Age Friendly Vale • Work to tackle inequities in deprived communities – Your Place • Work to address the Climate and Nature Emergency • Healthy Travel Charter • Amplifying Prevention: Good Food and Movement (GF&M) • Food Vale Partnership • Safer Vale • Value in the Vale (ViV)	LF to produce executive summary and circulate the published Annual Report.

	It was noted that the "Your Place" workstream is currently being reviewed following the end of Shared Prosperity funding, which had been used to support the project including the 'Senior Community Development Officer' who had been leading on the work. The Your Place Steering recently met to discuss options for taking the project forward, these discussions are ongoing. PS enquired where the report would be published. LF informed that the report will be published on the Vale PSB website: https://www.valepsb.wales/en/Our-Progress/Our-Progress.aspx and will be circulated to partners when finalised. CB welcomed the report and recognised the significant volume of work delivered across the partnership. It was noted that the report provides an important opportunity to reflect on progress and demonstrate collective impact. SR enquired as to whether a concise executive summary report would be produced to enable partners to share the report and publicise the report with wider stakeholders and the public. LF agreed that this would be useful and noted that short executive summary report would be produced and published on the website alongside the full Annual Report. LB noted the support for the the report and encouraged partners to review it in detail and share it within their respective organisations.	
6.	**Good Food and Movement Implementation Plan** – Rebecca Stewart, Principal Public Health Practitioner. Rhianon Urquhart, Principal Public Health Practitioner, Cardiff and Vale Local Public Health Team. RS and RU provided an update on the Good Food and Movement programme, including progress against the previous implementation plan and the development of the new 2026–2028 plan. It was outlined that the programme takes a whole-system approach to addressing healthy weight and wellbeing, recognising the influence of wider environmental, social, and economic factors rather than focusing solely on individual behaviour. The approach aligns with national policy and emphasises collaboration across sectors. Key progress over the previous period has included: • Improvements to active travel and transport infrastructure, supporting sustainable and healthy lifestyles • Development of community food initiatives, including food growing, community kitchens, and improved access to healthy food • Work within schools and settings, including promotion of healthy eating and physical activity • Targeted place-based interventions through the 'Your Place' programme • Strengthened partnership working and increased shared ownership across organisations	Members to provide feedback within one week

	Although good progress has been made, it was recognised that health inequities remain, particularly between more and less deprived communities, and that long-term, system-level change is required to address these challenges. The new implementation plan for 2026–2028 focuses on four key themes: • Leadership and Enabling Change - Enable change across the system though leadership, creating an enabling policy approach, building capacity and targeting support to the needs of people and communities. • Healthy Settings - Shape our schools, workplaces and community settings creating opportunities that enable, support and promote good food and movement. • Healthy Environment - Create an environment that enables, support and promotes opportunities for good food, and builds movement back into daily life. • Healthy People - Enable accessible and affordable opportunities for good food and movement that are equitable and inclusive for everyone throughout their lives. LB thanked RS and RU for their presentation and noted the amount of good work that has been taken forward through the framework and that will continue to be taken forward through this new implementation plan. CBT noted that this work highlights the importance of sustained investment in prevention, the third sector will be crucial to deliver this work but is faced by fragile short-term funding currently services. SH praised the evidence driven approach of the implementation plan and enquired how the project will assess and ensure that it is having the right impacts. RS informed that this was particularly challenging, especially evidencing longer-term change, but social network analysis has been commissioned to understand how the network is evolving and changing, and the implementation plan does include an overview of what success will look like if the partnership is successful in implementing the plan. MML noted opportunities to strengthen connections with climate and nature agendas. CB thanked MML for making this connection and the linkages between the Recall of the Wild report and this work. CB also thanked partners for their joint work in taking forward the Good Food and Movement work and noted the extent of progress that has been made in developing preventative approaches across the partnership. RT echoed his support for this prevention work and the recognition that achieving and delivering change will be over the long-term.	
7.	**Vale Community Micro-Enterprise Catalyst programme –** Andrew Cole, Operational Manager - Adult Locality Services, Vale of Glamorgan Council. Kemi Nevins, Community Micro-enterprise Catalyst. AC and KN introduced the Vale Community Micro-Enterprise Catalyst Programme, a new initiative aimed at supporting small, locally led enterprises	KN to share materials with partners (including UHB and primary care) to support promotion and links.

	to improve wellbeing, reduce social isolation, and strengthen community resilience. KN was introduced as the Vale of Glamorgan Community Catalyst and explained that the programme focuses on developing micro-enterprises, small local enterprises who employ typically fewer than eight people, providing flexible, community-based activities with individuals or groups. These micro-enterprises support the well-being agenda and co-create innovative solutions to support people and communities in the Vale of Glamorgan. The programme has a strong preventative focus, particularly in addressing loneliness and social isolation, key drivers of poor health and increased demand on services. It was noted that, older people and disabled people are significantly more likely to experience social isolation and that early intervention through community support of which micro-enterprises can form a significant part, can help to prevent escalation to more intensive health and social care services. AC highlighted that the Vale has taken a different approach to Community Catalysts with a focus more upon preventative work, recognising the importance of the impact that stronger and inclusive communities can have on people's wellbeing. Currently around 10 micro-enterprises are in development in the Vale, with ambitions to grow this number significantly over the life of the programme. Examples included bespoke activity-based support, social opportunities, and wellbeing-focused services tailored to local communities. CBT noted the importance of the work and community capacity building and enquired whether there might be opportunities to develop support in response to barriers to transport. KN answered that this was being considered and that it was essential to have catalysts in small pockets across the Vale to respond to these challenges. RT enquired as to how quickly we can respond to providing support. KN answered that the project is currently funded for two years and the fastest turnover of support for a community enterprise is about 6 weeks. KN noted that work has been undertaken with the social services support and intake teams to develop a directory called 'Small Good Stuff' which provides an opportunity for enterprises to then raise awareness of their support or business offer. SR noted the opportunities to link the programme with healthcare services, including discharge pathways, primary care, and social prescribing and suggested the sharing of materials to promote the offer to health colleagues. KN welcomed the opportunity to share information about the programme and agreed to share materials with SR.	
8.	**Safer Vale Partnership Update –** Deborah Gibbs, Community Safety Partnership Team Leader This item was deferred to a future meeting due to availability.	

9.	**Vale PSB Forward Work Programme 2026 -** Andreas Pieris-Plumley, Strategy and Insight Partner, Vale of Glamorgan Council APP outlined the upcoming agenda items for the next meetings of the Board. The September meeting will be held in person at the Civic Offices and will include an update from the Regional Partnership Board and the Safeguarding Board, there will also be a focussed item on the Third Sector in the Vale.	
10.	**Any Other Business** No additional items were raised	
11.	**Date of next meeting – 29th September 2026** To be held in person at the Civic Offices in Barry	

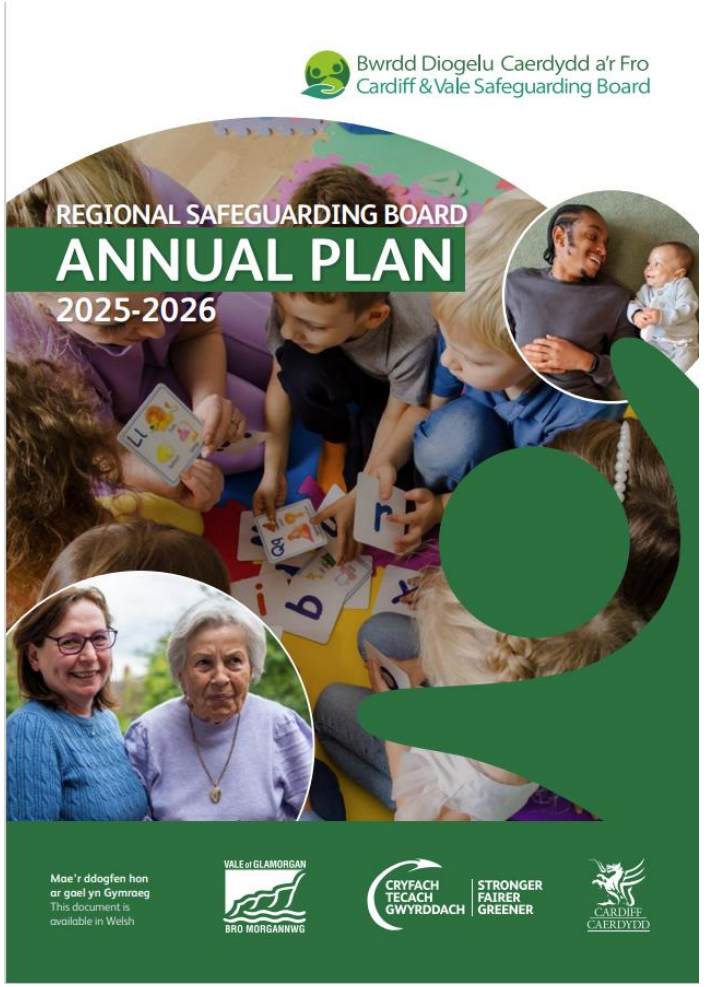
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Vale Public Services Board Annual Update

September 2026

Cardiff and Vale Regional Safeguarding Board – 25/26 Priorities

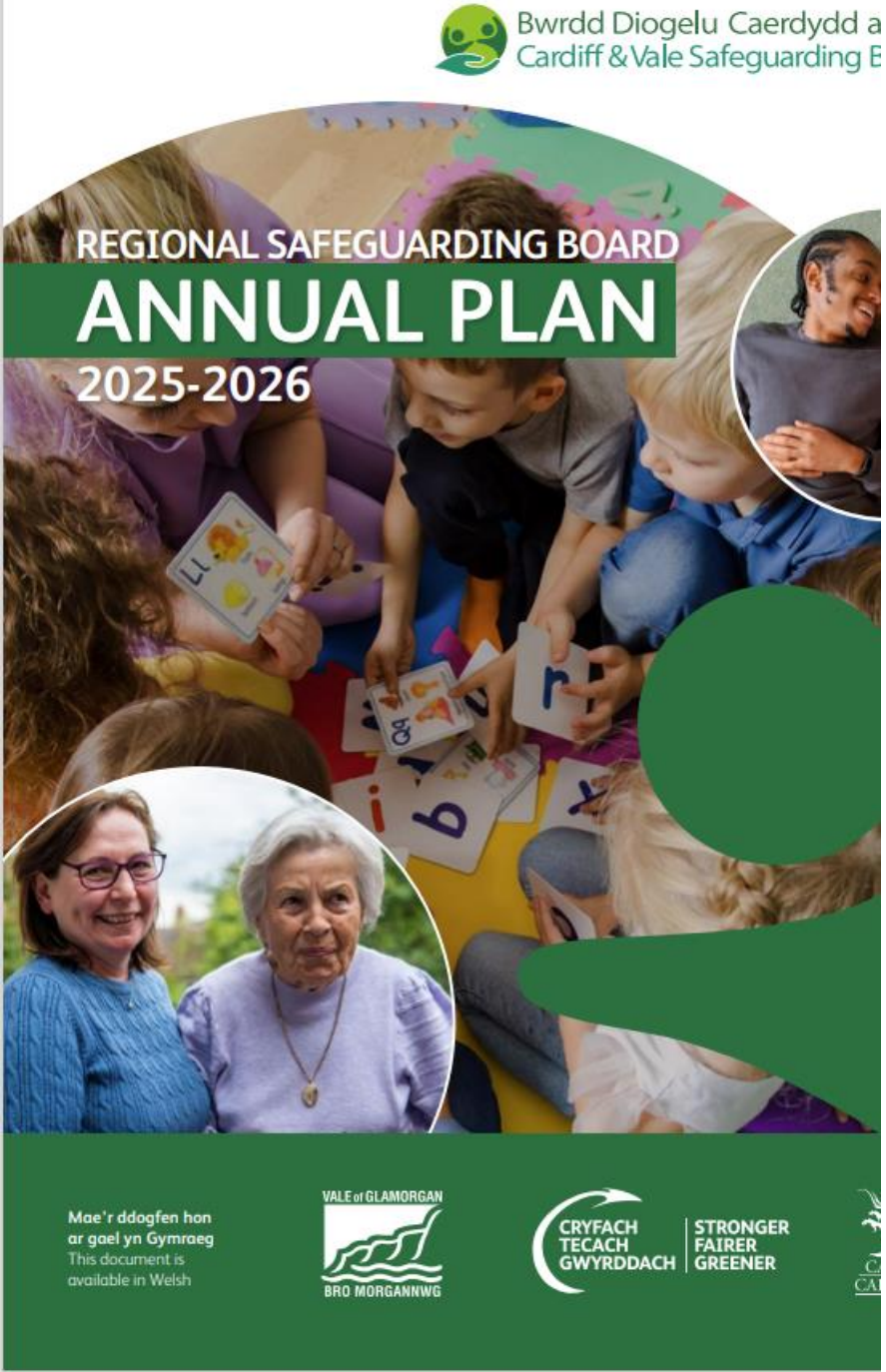
1. Safeguarding Process
2. Multi-agency Activity and Data
3. Thematic Hotspots
4. Service User Feedback
5. Workforce Information



Our RSB Annual Plan set out the priorities and delivery plan for the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Regional Safeguarding Board for 2025-2026

Priorities were aligned with the National Independent Safeguarding Board's recommended Safeguarding Domains

View Plans and Reports Here



2025-2026 Highlights

SUSR Implementation, CRG Improvement and enhanced staff wellbeing processes → Continued Recommendation Progression → Strengthened Cross Board working and Communication

Programme of Audit agreed and underway → Programme of Self assessment embedded into business as usual → Strengthened Risk management, oversight and mitigation

Coordinated partnership response to national learning → Successful National Safeguarding Week

Priority 1: Safeguarding Process

Strong progress has been made in strengthening safeguarding governance, review arrangements and accountability across the partnership. Improved oversight, more robust monitoring of review recommendations, strengthened review governance and increased workforce capability have provided greater assurance that learning is being identified, acted upon and embedded into practice. Focus is now shifting from completion of actions to evidencing the impact of learning on safeguarding outcomes

Strengthened governance and accountability through a successful Board self-assessment, demonstrating improvements in oversight, partner engagement and assurance arrangements.
Improved safeguarding review governance through the appointment of a Review Manager, strengthened Case Review Group arrangements and more consistent oversight of reviews.
Introduced a standardised recommendations dashboard, improving visibility, accountability and tracking of safeguarding review actions, with fewer delays and stronger challenge where required
Expanded the regional safeguarding review workforce, with 33 approved SUSR Chairs and Reviewers, 16 staff completing Chair/Reviewer training and 22 panel members trained across seven agencies.
Strengthened family engagement and trauma-informed approaches, ensuring families and professionals were better supported throughout safeguarding review processes.

Priority 2: Multi-Agency Activity and Data

Good progress has been made in strengthening the Board's assurance framework through improved audit activity, policy development and the implementation of the safeguarding performance framework. Foundations are now in place for a more robust and data-informed understanding of safeguarding effectiveness, although further work is required to expand multi-agency datasets and strengthen analytical capability.

Developed the first phase of the regional safeguarding performance framework, including a draft children's safeguarding dashboard to strengthen strategic oversight and data-informed decision making.
Implemented a robust multi-agency audit framework, improving coordination of audit activity and partner accountability for responding to findings.
Completed an Escalation and Challenge Audit, leading to updated protocols, simplified guidance and improved practitioner confidence in professional challenge.
Launched Multi-Agency Supervision Principles, reinforcing reflective practice, staff support and workforce wellbeing across partner agencies.
Established a national learning tracker, improving the Board's ability to capture, monitor and respond to learning from reviews, inspections and research

Priority 3: Responding to Safeguarding Themes

The Board has demonstrated a proactive and coordinated response to emerging safeguarding risks, with significant progress in key thematic areas including Child Sexual Abuse, Domestic Abuse, Transitional Safeguarding and Mental Capacity. Stronger partnership working, targeted delivery plans and improved workforce development have enhanced the region's ability to respond to complex and evolving safeguarding concerns.

Completed a regional Child Sexual Abuse self-assessment with NSPCC Cymru, creating a strong evidence base to drive future improvements and align with national strategy.
Developed a dedicated Child Sexual Abuse Delivery Plan and agreed a CSA Practice Lead Programme to strengthen workforce capability and professional confidence.
Strengthened collaboration with VAWDASV partners, improving information sharing, visibility of risk and coordinated responses to domestic abuse.
Established a Transitional Safeguarding Working Group with strong multi-agency engagement, supported by expert input and targeted workforce training on exploitation and cuckooing.
Progressed development of Mental Capacity Act practice resources, guidance and training to improve practitioner confidence in applying MCA principles within safeguarding practice.

Priority 4: Service User Feedback

Progress has been made in increasing opportunities for children, adults at risk and families to contribute to safeguarding activity, with service user experiences increasingly informing reviews, audits and improvement activity. While engagement mechanisms have strengthened, further work is required to consistently demonstrate how feedback directly influences decision-making, service development and safeguarding outcome

Increased opportunities for children, adults at risk and families to influence safeguarding activity through reviews, consultations, workshops and engagement events.
Strengthened mechanisms for capturing and reviewing service user feedback, ensuring it increasingly informs learning and improvement activity.
Developed a draft Board Engagement Plan to provide a more coordinated and consistent approach to community and service user engagement.
Continued to embed family feedback within safeguarding review processes, supporting more person-centred learning and practice improvement.

Priority 5: Workforce Information

The partnership has strengthened its understanding of workforce development needs through improvements to training, multi-agency learning opportunities and workforce assurance activity. Progress against national training standards, combined with a growing focus on wellbeing, resilience and collaboration, has enhanced workforce capability and provided a stronger foundation for delivering effective safeguarding services across the region.

Reviewed the regional multi-agency safeguarding training programme against National Training Standards, strengthening quality and consistency across the partnership.
Completed a repeat training self-assessment, providing greater assurance around compliance and identifying future development needs.
Supported the implementation of Group B Training Standards through regional implementation events and workforce engagement.
Expanded multi-agency forums, networks and learning events, creating more opportunities to share good practice, solve challenges and strengthen partnership working.
Increased focus on workforce wellbeing and resilience through trauma-informed support, wellbeing initiatives and exploration of digital and AI-enabled tools to support practice and learning.

Challenges – Areas of Continued Focus

- The broadened remit of SUSR presents significant challenges due to the increased number of reviews now overseen by the Board. These challenges relate to the capacity of chairs, reviewers, and panel members, as well as the coordination demands on the Business Unit. The expanded remit will also result in a higher volume of recommendations and actions requiring partnership oversight.
- Risk items, local and national learning, and wider national developments continue to impact the Board's capacity to maintain focused attention on all priority areas within the annual plan. It will be important to reflect this when shaping next year's areas of focus.
- Data capture remains a challenge. Although good progress has been made, there is still substantial work required to strengthen recording, reporting, and overall data quality.
- Training continues to require focused attention. Implementation of the SCW training framework has highlighted large staff groups requiring Group B and C training. Ensuring compliance and establishing effective mechanisms to track and monitor this remains an ongoing challenge.
- Responding to National Learning

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Reviews and Recommendations

Recommendations / Actions Progression 25-26

	March 2024	March 2025	March 2026
Open Actions	38	111	126
Archived as Complete	0	38	52
Complete	45% (17 actions)	47% (52 actions)	42% (53 actions)
Incomplete	35% (21 actions)	51% (59 actions)	58% (73 actions)
Green	45 % (17 actions)	81% (90 actions)	63% (46 actions)
Amber	47% (18 actions)	14 % (15 actions)	33% (24 actions)
Red	11% (4 actions)	4% (5 actions)	4% (3 actions)

RAG Rating Key

0 – 12 months from publication date - Green

12 – 24 months from publication date - Amber

Over 24 months from publication date - Red

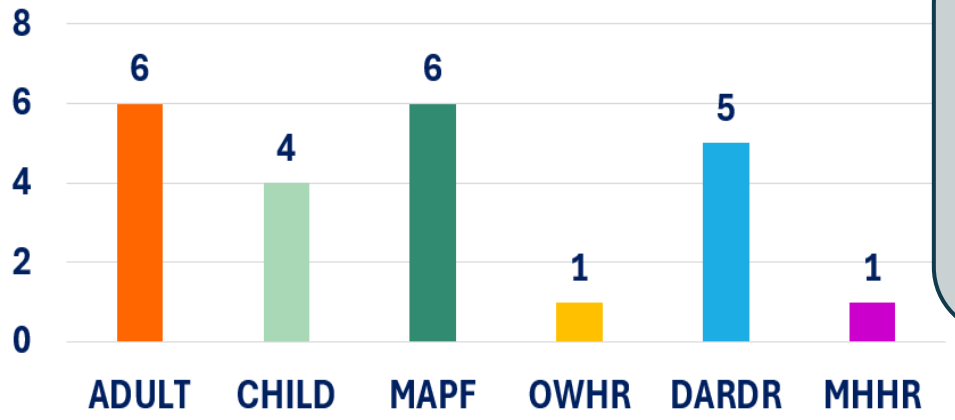
Practice Review Data Snapshot

23 Reviews On-going
21 – Cardiff / 2 -VOG

17 Practice Reviews & 6 MAPFs ongoing (Sep 26)

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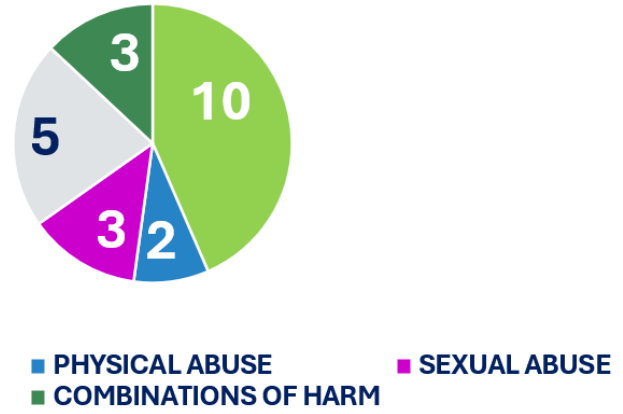
Curent Practice Review - Overview (Sept 26)



SUSR referrals - Jan 25 – Dec 25
19 new SUSR referrals
(13 (68%) Cardiff/ 6 (32%) VOG)
5 SUSR reviews / 2 MAPF's agreed

SUSR referrals - Jan 25 – Dec 25
8 new SUSR referrals
(6 (75%) Cardiff/ 2 (25%) VOG)
3 SUSR reviews / 1 MAPF agreed

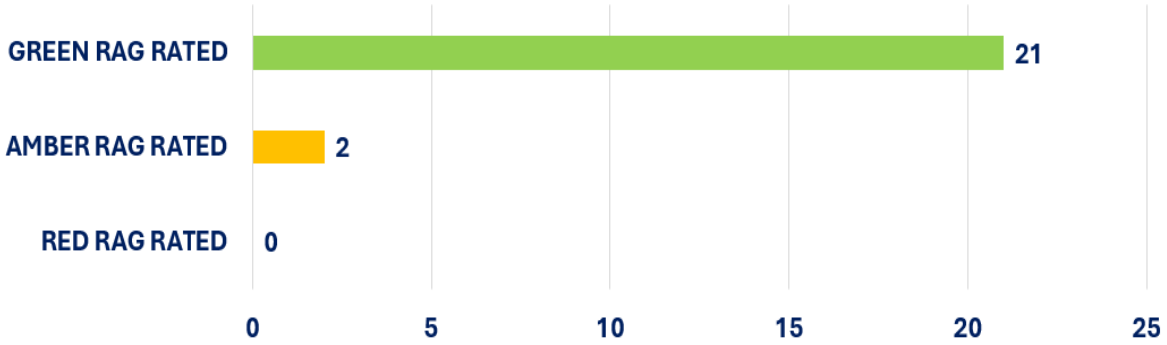
CATEGORY OF HARMS WITHIN CURRENT 23 CVSB REVIEWS (Sept 26)



RSB - Power BI

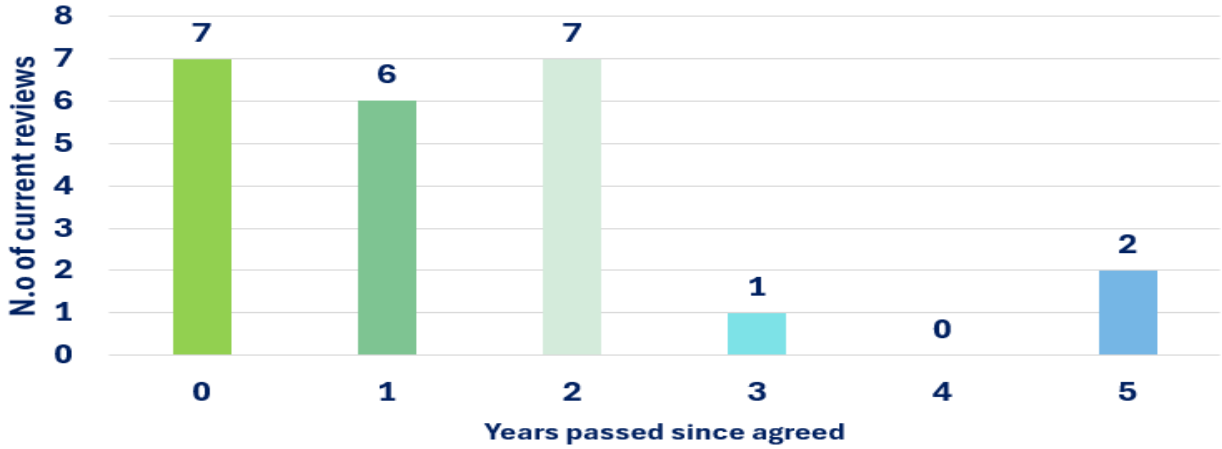
'In Progress' Review Progress Analysis

REVIEW RAG RATING SUMMARY

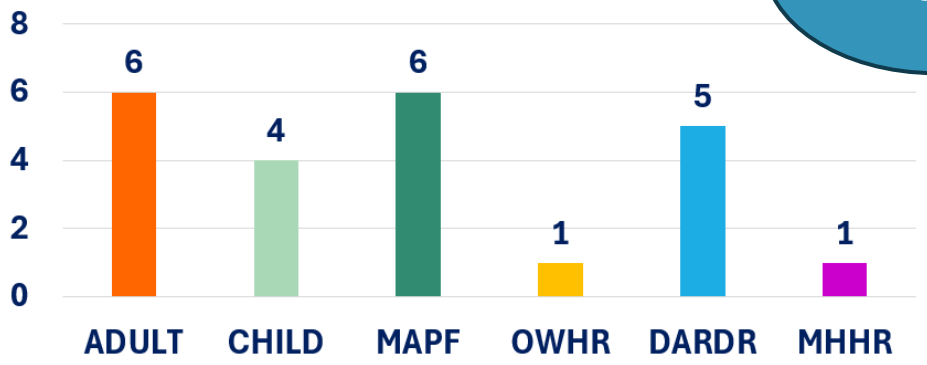


Timescales Since Referral – 'In Progress' Reviews

Years passed since Review agreed (Sept 26)



Curent Practice Review - Overview (Sept 26)



23 Reviews Ongoing

Recent Published Reviews

- 5 reviews have been published since Feb 25 – SUSR pilot - 3 CPR's and 1 APR. 2 MAPF have been agreed as complete
- 2 of the published reviews were red rag rated and 1 was amber

SUSR Referrals received in 2025

- CVSB received 19 SUSR referrals in 2025, with 16 being heard at CRG to date. 2 DARDR referrals have been received in January 2026)
- Of those 16 heard in 2025 – 7 have been agreed to be reviewed under one of the SUSR categories (2 of these are MAPFS (1 Child/ 1 Adult)
- Of the 16 referrals heard, 5 were DARDR's, with 3 of these being agreed as SUSR (Domestic Abuse Related Death reviews)

(13 (68%) Cardiff/ 6 (32%) VOG)

SUSR Referrals received in 2026*

- CVSB has received 8 SUSR referrals in 2026, with 7 being heard at CRG to date. 5 DARDR referrals have been received since January 2026, all 5 relating to suicide.
- Of those 7 heard in 2026 – 4 have been agreed to be reviewed under one of the SUSR categories (2 of these are DARDR's/ 1 Adult and 1 Adult MAPF)

* Until 28th September 2026

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Regional Learning



Published Reviews

- There were 5 reviews published in 2025 and 2 MAPFs agreed as completed.

Review Type	Number of Reviews Published/ Agreed as Complete
APRs	1 (APR 01/2021)
CPRs	3 (CPR 05/2018/ CPR 07/2018/CPR 07/2020)
MAPFs	1 (Adult MAPF 04/2019 / 1 Child MAPF 01/2024)
SUSR - Domestic Abuse Related	1 (SUSR pilot)

Themes from Regional Reviews



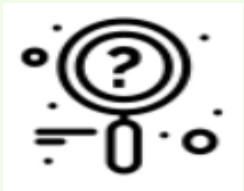
Voice of the child/ adult at risk



Information sharing



Supervision



Professional (Concerned) Curiosity



Record keeping



Training

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Risk Management

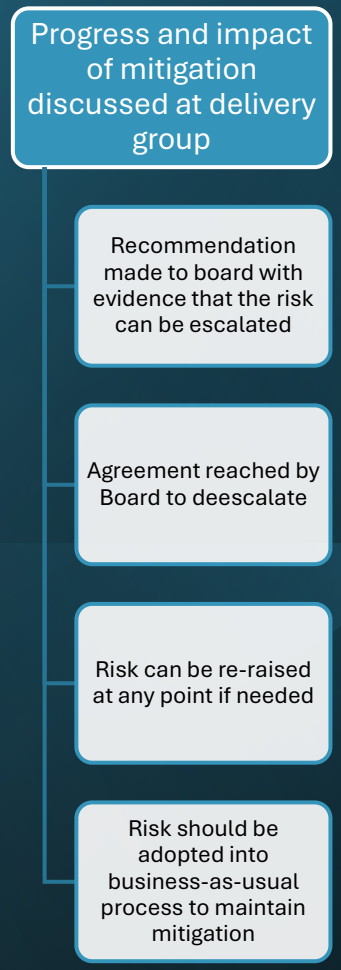
Risk

- Risks can be brought to the board attention if they are issues that highlight both;
  - **Something that is not working to effectively safeguard in multi-agency arrangement**
  - **Safeguarding risks that have a multi-agency impact**
- Risks can be related to a variety of factors that could impact the RSBs objectives including operational activity, compliance, governance and external factors. Risks that are single agency issues will need to be managed via agency risk management processes.

Current identified risks in Cardiff and Vale

- Availability of performance data
- Mental Health Bed Capacity
- Medicines Management Policy
- Deconditioning in hospitals
- MARAC Changes
- Probation changes (FT12/FT28)
- Unaccredited out of school providers and use of facilities
- Regional use of Section 136 and availability of S12 Doctors
- Single Unified Safeguarding Reviews (SUSR) Chairs and Reviewers

De-escalated Risks



- Homelessness Pressures
- Cross- boundary homelessness accommodation arrangements
- Elective Home Education
- Health Staff Capacity
- Placement Capacity / Operating without registration
- Probation Reset / ECSL
- Right Care Right Person
- Learning from Practive Reviews

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RSB Annual Plan 26-27

Overview

Overview



Developed collaboratively through the Development Day, Delivery Group scrutiny, and continuous learning from emerging themes and trends.



Outlines the priorities and actions for the year ahead, building on previous achievements and identifying key areas for further focus.



Includes clear “what does good look like” statements to support impact measurement and ensure our work remains focused and outcome-driven

Core Functions

This year we have framed our plan by setting out the core functions the Board must deliver as part of its ongoing business. These include:

- **Risk Management – identifying system-wide challenges and multi-agency risks through the regional risk register to support escalation and joint problem-solving.**
- **Audit & Quality Assurance – providing continuous scrutiny of safeguarding practice using the regional QA framework and annual audit programme.**
- **Learning & Improvement – embedding learning from reviews and ensuring actions are implemented, monitored and lead to sustained improvement.**
- **Communications & Engagement – ensuring safeguarding information and updates are shared widely and consistently across agencies through coordinated digital and strategic communication approaches.**
- **Cross Board Working – strengthening cross board working to ensure we are facing challenges together**

Our Priorities for 2026-2027

Priority 1: Safeguarding Process

Priority 2: Multi-Agency Activity and Data

Priority 3: Responding to Safeguarding Themes

Priority 4: Real Voices and Real Experiences

Priority 5 : Workforce Information

PRIORITY 1 : SAFEGUARDING PROCESS

Governance and Core Business

- **Strengthen governance, assurance and partnership oversight by improving Section 5 compliance, information sharing, implementation of learning and alignment with key safeguarding priorities.**

Effective Safeguarding Reviews (SUSR)

- **Embed a sustainable, high-quality SUSR framework through increased workforce capacity, strengthened learning and impact evaluation, and continued support for families and practitioners.**

Sharing & Embedding Learning

- **Develop a more responsive and effective learning culture by improving how safeguarding learning is identified, shared, monitored and embedded across the partnership.**

PRIORITY 2 - MULTI AGENCY ACTIVITY AND DATA

Data & Insights

- **Strengthen the use of data, performance intelligence and digital innovation to support evidence-based safeguarding decisions and improve oversight across the partnership**.

Policy & Procedure Development

- **Ensure safeguarding policies, procedures and practice guidance remain current, consistent and accessible, supporting high-quality practice across all agencies**.

Audit & Evaluation

- **Enhance assurance and continuous improvement through a robust multi-agency audit programme, stronger quality assurance arrangements and improved oversight of safeguarding performance**.

PRIORITY 3 - RESPONDING TO SAFEGUARDING THEMES (THEMATIC HOTSPOTS)

Child Sexual Abuse

- **Strengthen the regional response to Child Sexual Abuse through implementation of the national strategy, improved workforce capability, enhanced specialist support, and stronger use of data and learning to drive better outcomes.**

Domestic Abuse

- **Strengthen the partnership response to domestic abuse through improved data, multi-agency coordination, workforce confidence, and targeted action to address the needs of children, adults at risk and older people.**

Transitional Safeguarding

- **Develop a more coordinated and consistent transitional safeguarding approach that improves pathways, strengthens multi-agency working and supports better outcomes for young people moving into adulthood.**

Mental Capacity

- **Improve multi-agency understanding and application of mental capacity and DoLS through strengthened governance, workforce development, compliance and accessible practice resources.**

PRIORITY 4 - REAL VOICES AND REAL EXPERIENCES

Real Voices & Real Experiences

Strengthen how the partnership captures, listens to and acts on the voices of children, adults and families, ensuring lived experience directly informs learning, decision-making and service improvement.

PRIORITY 5 - WORKFORCE INFORMATION

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Training & Professional Development

Strengthen workforce capability through consistent safeguarding training, innovative professional development opportunities, wider community engagement and the embedding of trauma-informed practice across the partnership.

Strengthening Our Workforce

Improve workforce oversight and resilience through enhanced workforce intelligence, assurance arrangements and early identification of capacity and safeguarding risks.

Promoting Wellbeing & Resilience

Support a healthy, resilient and connected workforce through improved wellbeing support, staff engagement, recognition of good practice and the effective use of digital innovation.

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Thank You for Listening

Any Questions?

The Safer Vale Partnership

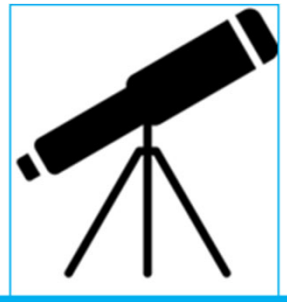
The Safer Vale Partnership is made up of representation from The Vale of Glamorgan Local Authority, South Wales Police South Wales Fire and Rescue, National Probation Service, Cardiff and the Vale University Health Board.

In addition to our statutory partners there are a large number of voluntary and private sector partners as well as community groups who collectively implement and deliver initiatives that will help keep the Vale of Glamorgan a safe place to live, work and visit.



The mission of the Safer Vale Partnership is to create

Work together to prevent and reduce crime and disorder and improve public perception, wellbeing and community safety for those who live, work and visit the Vale of Glamorgan.



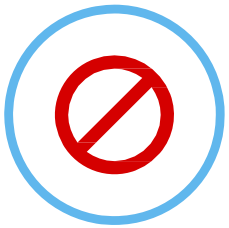
The vision of the partnership is to create

A Vale where everyone is safe and free from the fear of crime and disorder.

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The Priorities of the Safer Vale Partnership

The Safer Vale Partnership has developed four broad priorities that provide the structure within which the Partnership strives to improve and support the safety of the Vale of Glamorgan.



PREVENT AND REDUCE



ENGAGE



SAFEGUARD



WORK TOGETHER

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The Focus Area

In response to the legislative requirements and in response to local need, the Safer Vale Partnership Focuses on

Crime and Disorder	Antisocial Behaviour ASB	Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)
Substance Misuse	CCTV	Community Cohesion
Engagement	Serious Violence	PREVENT

Serious Violence Duty

- The Safer Vale Partnership established a Serious Violence Board at the beginning of 2025.
- A South Wales Strategy is in Place for Serious Violence
- A Multi Agency Single Needs Assessment completed in October 2025 specific to the Vale of Glamorgan.
- Priority areas established for:
  - Serious Violence in School Settings
  - Late Night Economy
- Delivery plans have been developed.

PREVENT

- The Prevent duty is a legal obligation under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.
- The regional Contest Board with Cardiff brings together updates and activity from the 4 P's – Prevent, Pursue, Prepare and Protect.
- A Prevent Delivery Group is well established in the Vale of Glamorgan. It has oversight of the Multi Agency Channel Process which covers both Cardiff and the Vale that manages support for those that have been identified as being at risk of radicalisation.
- Home Office awareness training is available on their website and this is monitored via the Community Safety Team / Prevent Delivery Board.
- The All Wales Prevent Referral link:

All Wales Partners Prevent Referral Form

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Any Questions?

Vale PSB – 3rd sector

'Because we weren't there...'







Because we weren't there...



CUBE

- For every £1 invested, between £98 and £311 of social value is created.
- 85% not working with any other services. CUBE supporting people before they reach crisis point.
- Gross Annual Social Value - £30m (HACT UK Social Value)
- *"The biggest thing is you trust them, you trust they'll be there, that they'll do what they say, you trust they won't let you down, and they are just consistent, and it's not like 'well you've had your time now so I can't see you any more', I know I can always come back. That's real support"*



Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern

"Our view is that there needs to be a greater recognition of the value of organisations that are already delivering successful community services.

Rather than continually encouraging new projects, there should be more opportunities for charities to secure longer-term funding that enables them to maintain what is already working well and give security to staff."





Age Connects Cardiff & Vale

- 60 staff 5 years ago. Now 20.
- 190 volunteers
- RIF funding
- *'If we don't change things soon, we'll be gone in 2 years'.*



Discussion

- Which of this Board's priorities would be most affected if the voluntary sector became significantly weaker over the next three to five years?
- What assumptions do we currently make about the capacity and resilience of the third sector?
- What can we do as a Board to strengthen the third sector to ensure the delivery of our collective goals?

Vale of Glamorgan Public Services Board Work Programme 2026	
Meeting Dates	**Agenda Items**
3rd February 2pm-4pm	✓ Clinical Services Plan engagement results ✓ Well-being Assessment Timeline ✓ South Wales Fire and Rescue Service - Community Risk Management Planning
15 April 11am to 1pm	✓ Climate Change Risk Assessment ✓ Healthier Advertising ✓ Regeneration and Placemaking ✓ Regional Partnership Discussion
24 June 1.30-3.30 pm	✓ Vale Community Micro-Enterprise Catalyst programme ✓ Good Food and Movement Implementation Plan ✓ PSB Annual Report ✓ Chair and Vice Chair Nominations
29 Sept 1.30-3.30 (in-person)	Safeguarding Board Update Third Sector Item Safer Vale Update
8 Dec 1.30-3.30 pm	Regional Partnership Board Update Well-being Assessment Draft Report WBP 6-month progress report Director of Public Health Annual Report 2026 Good Food and Movement annual report Let's Talk

Future Items

- Improvement to stroke services (South Central Wales stroke programme).
- The Centre for Digital Public Services
- Cardiff Capital Region Update – Child Poverty strategy
- Age Friendly Update
- Amplifying Prevention Update
- Raising awareness of children's rights (WG)
- Anti-racist Wales Action Plan Implementation Team
- Budget and Prevention
- Future Gens Report recommendations progress
- Barry Plans for Neighbourhoods programme leads