


Annex 3

**Ceredigion Community Safety Partnership
Ceredigion Domestic Homicide Review – Action Plan
Updated November 2023**



	ACTION	AGENCY	CSP Representative (Action Owner)	Point of Contact for Updates	Timescale	Update November 2021
1	That the VAWDASV specific working group that is being established in Ceredigion during the Autumn of 2021 investigate the opportunities for resourcing an older people's specific domestic abuse service or resourcing one through Dewis Choice/WWDAS	Ceredigion County Council	Cabinet member for partnerships	Elizabeth Upcott	31/12/21 In progress	The local VAWDASV Delivery Group will meet in January 2024. Services for older people will be on the agenda to review current arrangements and clarify future need.
2	That the Regional VAWDASV Commissioning Sub-Group, within development of the Regional VAWDASV Service Specification, maximises opportunities presented by ongoing initiatives that are aimed at closing the gap in support provision for older people in the region, for example, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales action group of organisations and the HOPE Project	Ceredigion County Council	Cabinet member for partnerships	Elizabeth Upcott	Complete	The service specification has been developed that includes services for older people. Action complete
3	That the Regional VAWDASV Communication and Engagement Subgroup and VAWDASV's survivor Engagement and communication framework, considers the merits of establishing a focus group of older person service users to examine issues around domestic abuse awareness raising and access to services.	Ceredigion County Council	Cabinet member for partnerships	Elizabeth Upcott	Complete	Dewis Choice have developed and completed a significant amount of service user engagement for older victims. The Communication and Engagement Subgroup are running a targeted campaign for older victims of abuse for both

						<p>survivors, families, the public and practitioners (this will launch during NSW).</p> <p>The Regional DHR learning materials (inclusive of an older victim specific unit) are also now available via the RSB website</p> <p>Action complete</p>
4	That Dyfed Powys Police engage in training around specific older victims of VAWDASV and that they share and encourage all officers to access the online DHR learning materials available, including older victims and rurality sessions.	Dyfed Powys Police	DCI Gareth Roberts	DCI Gareth Roberts	Complete	<p><u>October 21 update</u> The force is currently engaged with the work of the Older People's commissioner and have recently shared some of the information they've published around domestic abuse with older couples. As part of the NVAP we are looking to engage with harder to reach groups (this includes older people). The training will be provided through events and communications with officers during 2022. The wider engagement group will be conducted within the same time frame.</p> <p><u>January 22 update</u> Relevant learning is included in a vulnerability training roll-out to all officers starting from the 17th of January to end of March 2022. Delivery power point is included below that demonstrates consistent delivery of messaging to all officers.</p>

						 <p>DHR ActionPlan - DPP Update 01-22 -</p> <p><u>November 23 Update</u> The force has delivered an input through the vulnerability training days to all frontline and CID officers and first line supervisors. Dewis Choice provided an input to a multi-agency audience during our DA conference as part of safeguarding week in 2023, we also included an input on dementia and its impact on DA. The force is linked into the work of the Older Persons Commissioner for Wales and support their campaigns.</p> <p>Our force engagement strategy seeks to break down barriers for minority groups and this includes engagement with older persons and residential homes /sheltered accommodation which may include elderly couples.</p> <p>Action complete</p>
5	Hywel Dda University Health Board should share and promote the Regional thematic training materials in response to domestic homicides, including that on rurality	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Lead VAWDASV and Safeguarding Practitioner	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	Distributed Health Board wide via Global Email 08/12/21. Sent to Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services to distribute in the next Primary Care brief.

						Incorporated into the Autumn Safeguarding Service Newsletter distributed 10/11/21. Action complete.
6	That the Carmarthenshire IRIS I pilot is fully evaluated with a view to scaling it up for use in Ceredigion	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Head of Safeguarding	Head of Safeguarding	2025	The pilot is underway and are now in Year 2. Funding is being sought to extend the pilot. Funding IRIS remains a significant challenge for NHS Wales and a meeting recently took place with the WG VAWDASV Unit. A decision regarding sustainability has not yet been made by WG.
7	GP practices should be provided with resources (including the VAWDASV Regional Pathway to Support Document for GPs) to signpost victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	Complete and resent 15/07/21. Action complete
8	A single point of access in Primary Care should be identified to co-ordinate the distribution and implementation of resources	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	All resources are sent out in the Primary Care Briefing by the Deputy Medical Director Primary and Community Services. Action complete
9	The value of IRIS training needs to be re-emphasised and the proposals to implement pilots of IRIS in GP clusters should be renewed together with a review of ways of addressing any funding gaps. Should funding remain a barrier, the Welsh Government and the Home Office should be notified accordingly	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Head of Safeguarding	Head of Safeguarding	31/03/22	Funding IRIS remains a significant challenge for NHS Wales and a meeting recently took place with the WG VAWDASV Unit. A decision regarding sustainability has not yet been made by WG.
10	GPs and the Practice Nurse at Betty and John's GP Practice should attend Level 2 adult safeguarding training and all its practitioners should complete	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary &	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	Ask & Act is part of the Practice mandated training; they have access to Practice Index HUB, NHS

	'Ask and Act' training. Compliance should be monitored within Primary Care and reported to the UHB Strategic Safeguarding Working Group		Community Services			Wales e-learning & TeamNet Training Hub. All practice staff have attended Level 2 Adult Safeguarding Training and all clinical staff have attended Level 3 Adult Safeguarding Training. Action complete.
11	The GP Practice safeguarding policy should be updated to describe presentations that should be considered as possible indicators of domestic abuse and which therefore present opportunities for the GP to make triggered enquiries	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	Action complete
12	Processes should be put in place at the GP Practice to ensure that any messages received about domestic abuse are immediately notified to the doctor on call and that the information is recorded on patients' records	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	The Practice Safeguarding Policy has been updated to ensure that any concerns any clinicians/non-clinicians have are discussed with the safeguarding lead and it is written up within 24hours of the suspected event happening. Action complete
13	Similar messaging should take place across all GP practices in the county for consistency	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	Messages shared with all GP practices via GMS briefings. Action complete.
14	The UHB should highlight the fact that the safeguarding matrices in the All-Wales Clinical Governance Self-Assessment Tool (CGPSAT) are outdated and require review.	Hywel Dda University Health Board	Deputy Medical Director – Primary & Community Services	Head of Safeguarding	Complete	This work has been undertaken. Action complete