

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	20 January 2026
Subject:	Corporate Safeguarding
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Dylan Rees

1. Who will be the portfolio holder presenting / leading the report?

Portfolio Holder	Role
Councillor Dyfed Jones	Portfolio holder for Children Young People and Families
Service Officer (Supporting)	Role
Fon Roberts	Director of Social Services and Head of Children Services
Sian Peacock	Service Manager for Safeguarding and Quality Assurance.

2. Why the Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the matter

The Scrutiny Committee is required to challenge and scrutinise the work and performance of the Strategic Corporate Safeguarding Board. The Scrutiny Committee's comments will guide and influence the priorities in the Corporate Board's work programme.

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

- ☒ For assurance
☐ For recommendation to the Executive
☒ For information

Recommendation(s):

Having examined the information presented and reviewed developments over the past 12 months, the Committee is requested to accept the contents of the Safeguarding Report and seeks assurance that the Council is fully meeting its Corporate Safeguarding obligations.

4. How does the recommendation(s) contribute to the objectives of the Council's Plan?

Prevention & Safeguarding is listed in the Corporate Plan 2023-28 as one of the Council's key general principles

“Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility. All Council Services and employees, regardless of their role or title, have a responsibility to safeguard people.

The Council believes that every child and adult has the right to be safe from harm”.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:

1. Training
2. Multi-agency collaboration
3. Safeguarding communications plan

6. Key points / summary

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures (WSP) define safeguarding as:

“Preventing and protecting children and adults at risk from abuse or neglect and educating those around them to recognise the signs and dangers”

Safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility. This principle is set down in legislation, statutory guidance and Codes of Practice in Wales, under the Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2015.

The Wales Safeguarding Procedures help staff from all agencies and across Wales to apply safeguarding legislation and guidance to their practice. They provide advice about identifying and responding to concerns about individual children at risk and adults at risk. As well as ensuring that we can respond to safeguarding concerns about individual children and adults, work is needed to ensure that services, places and spaces in Wales prevent risk and promote safety.

The Council play a crucial, statutory role in safeguarding children and adults and have a key responsibility to lead in preventing the abuse of children and vulnerable adults by promoting their well-being. Safeguarding can only be truly effective if it is embedded across all Directorates, Departments and teams within Isle of Anglesey County Council. Everyone, including employees, contractors, volunteers and Elected Members have a role to play in protecting children and vulnerable adults from harm, whether this is inside or outside the home.

7. Impact assessments

7.1. Potential impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

N/A

7.2. Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage (strategic decisions)

N/A

7.3. Potential effects on opportunities to use Welsh and not treat the language less favourably than English

N/A

7.4. Potential impact on the Council's Net Zero Carbon target

Neutral

8. Financial implications

N/A

9. Appendices

- Safeguarding Newsletter
- Terms of Reference for Corporate Safeguarding Board
- Prevent Training
- Prevent Quality Assurance 2025.

10. Report author and background papers

Sian Peacock