

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 24TH OCTOBER, 2024

REFERENCE FROM LEARNING AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
19TH SEPTEMBER, 2024

“372 ANNUAL CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING REPORT 2023-24 (REF) –

The reference from Cabinet of 18th July, 2024 as contained within the agenda was presented.

Councillor Payne queried whether there was data on the impact of teaching staff implementing safeguarding measures, such as time taken away from other school activities. In reply, the Safeguarding Officer stated that a time and motion study could be considered for a sample of certain schools. Data on concerns raised by staff was available and anonymised information could be provided if requested.

Councillor Campbell highlighted the importance of School Governors completing the relevant Safeguarding modules.

C. Werrett (Co-opted Member) queried whether there was anything within the Safeguarding Policies around the prevention of radicalisation. In response, the Safeguarding Officer stated that radicalisation was a key element of staff training with all school based staff required to take Home Office PREVENT training on a three-yearly basis. In addition, members of a school leadership team would also attend WRAP training and all schools would have procedures in place around instances of radicalisation. In addition, the Safeguarding Officer would also attend school evaluation sessions as part of preparation for Estyn visits to ensure that school policies and procedures were robust around how schools prevented staff and pupils being drawn into extremism.

There being no further comments or queries, the Committee

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the work that had been undertaken to improve corporate arrangements for safeguarding and protecting children and adults be noted.
- (2) T H A T the comments made by the Committee be referred to Cabinet for their consideration, which included the following:
 - The inclusion of more data on the impact of teaching staff implementing safeguarding measures, such as time taken away from other schoolwork in order to do this.
 - The importance of School Governors completing the relevant safeguarding modules.

Reasons for recommendations

- (1) Having regard to the contents of the reference, appended report and discussions at the meeting.
- (2) In order for Cabinet to consider the comments made at the Scrutiny meeting.”