



PWYLLGOR ANSAWDD IECHYD A DIOGELWCH HEALTH & SAFETY ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:	10 May 2021
TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:	Update on PREVENT – CONTEST Strategy, Serious Violent and Organised Crime (SVOC) Strategy and Community Safety Partnerships
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)
Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Ar Gyfer Trafodaeth/For Discussion

ADRODDIAD SCAA SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) has a duty under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act (CTSA) 2015 to have due regard for the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism and to act positively to report concerns.

CONTEST is the UK Government's counter-terrorism strategy and consists of four work streams, known as the 'Four Ps':

- **Prevent:** To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- **Pursue:** To stop terrorist attacks.
- **Protect:** To strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack.
- **Prepare:** To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

Prevent: this strategy focuses on stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. *Prevent* recognises that vulnerable individuals of all ages may be at risk of being exploited for terrorist-related activities and, as such, these people may have contact with HDdUHB's services and therefore fit within the Health Board's (HB) Safeguarding responsibilities.

Pursue: this element is the responsibility of the Police and Security Services.

Protect: aims to ensure that the environment and people are secure and aware of risks through secure working practices.

Prepare: aims to plan to mitigate the outcomes of an attack.

Following the United Kingdom and Welsh Government review, CONTEST has been relaunched in April 2021 as CONTEST CYMRU.

Cefndir / Background

Definitions:

CONTEST Board is a forum established to provide a strategic lead in addressing the Regional and County threat, risks, and vulnerabilities in relation to counter-terrorism. The Board encompasses elements from each of the 4 Ps (Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare).

Channel is a confidential, voluntary multi-agency safeguarding programme, which supports people who are vulnerable to radicalisation.

Serious Violent Organised Crime Strategy (SVOC)

The aim of this strategy is to substantially reduce the level of serious and organised crime affecting the UK and its interests. It uses the same framework developed for counter-terrorist work and has the same four streams working with public service partners as follows: prosecuting and disrupting people engaged in serious and organised crime (**Pursue**); preventing people from engaging in this activity (**Prevent**); increasing protection against serious and organised crime (**Protect**); and reducing the impact of this criminality where it takes place (**Prepare**).

The SVOC strategy applies to every Local Authority in England and Wales and addresses all types of extremism and criminality. It aims to provide early intervention to protect vulnerable children and adults who might be susceptible to being radicalised and who, if left unsupported, could become involved in crime or terrorist-related activity.

Dyfed Powys SVOC has launched as 'INTACT' - an education, engagement and enforcement campaign led by the Serious and Organised Crime Team, which will focus on a different area of crime each month, with all partner agencies involved.

Community Safety Partnerships

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) consist of a number of responsible agencies which, by law, must work together in partnership to reduce crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending. Partners include the Local Authority (LA)/ Council, Fire and Rescue, Police, Health and Care Services, Probation and others. Their aim is to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, fear of crime, substance misuse and reoffending for the local region.

Assesiad / Assessment

CONTEST Boards

HDdUHB works with Dyfed-Powys Police, LAs and other key partners and is represented by the HB's Security Manager at quarterly Dyfed Powys Regional CONTEST Board meetings, in addition to quarterly County meetings hosted by each LA.

Within the Dyfed Powys region, CONTEST Boards have in recent months been extended to include both SVOC and CSP meetings.

The HB's Security Manager attends each of the CONTEST Board meetings, including the Dyfed Powys Regional meeting and 3 separate County CONTEST Board meetings. The HB is also regularly represented at the County meetings by substance misuse colleagues from within the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Directorate.

There is currently no formal HB governance arrangement in place for the sharing of information, nor any assurance process regarding what is discussed or expected from partner agencies attending these meetings. Historically, ad hoc reports had been submitted to the now

disestablished Health and Safety & Emergency Planning Sub-Committee, which has been replaced by the Health and Safety Assurance Committee.

Certain information discussed at CONTEST Board meetings, including extended agenda topics, would be beneficial and of interest to Senior Operational Services Management - therefore there is a need to improve the current dissemination of information to these management teams. This is of particular importance in relation to relevant SVOC and CSP data.

Channel Panel

Monthly Channel Panel meetings are held in each county and sit within the safeguarding functions of the LAs who chair the meetings. The HB's Corporate Safeguarding Team represents the HB at these meetings and liaises with appropriate operational services to gather and share information and contribute to risk assessments. These are operational meetings in which discussions and risk-assessments relating to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into extremism are held. If individuals meet the criteria for Channel, the Panel will review relevant information to develop a bespoke support package, and should this require engagement from specific HB services, they will be asked to attend the Channel Panel specific to the individual being discussed.

This process has improved over the past 18 months with the Safeguarding Team liaising directly with LA organisers in providing health data on individuals prior to and during Channel Panel discussions. The sharing of information is in line with routine safeguarding Multi Agency Referral procedures.

Awareness for Staff

Prevent awareness training has previously been delivered and a joint approach with LA staff has been tested, with limited success. Currently, *Prevent* awareness is included within the HB's Managers Passport and the Health and Safety Managers Induction programme. Unlike other partner agencies attending CONTEST Board meetings, the Health Board has not been able to provide assurance to the Board that awareness training is being delivered consistently across the organisation. Neither can it demonstrate how many staff have attended or how many should receive the training, as this is not considered a mandatory training topic.

Channel Referrals/ Concerns

The HB has been actively involved in providing information, support and advice to the Channel Panels.

A number of *Prevent* concerns have been raised by staff and all have been appropriately and proportionately managed by the Health, Safety & Security Team in conjunction with Special Branch Police.

Counter Terrorism and Security Advisers (CTSA) Report

In 2018, a survey was undertaken by the Home Office CTSA in relation to HDdUHB's physical security arrangements. This covered all acute hospital sites and contained 14 recommendations for improvement, some of which remain outstanding. The main concern arising from this survey related to the lack of a dedicated Security Guard Force to support the HB's PREPARE & PROTECT arrangements.

Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs)

Historically, Strategic Partnerships Directorate represented the HB. There is a need to identify the most appropriate persons to represent the HB at these forums.

Executive Lead

This currently sits formally under the Director of Public Health's portfolio; however, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic planning arrangements, this role has been temporarily transferred to the Assistant Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience. The Operational lead remains in the Health, Safety and Security Team with Safeguarding covering the Channel Panel arrangements.

CONTEST Cymru

With the launch of CONTEST CYMRU, it has been proposed to create a Protective Security Preparedness Group with a LA lead to address gaps in terms of *Prepare* (Resilience Forums) and *Protect* (Protective Security Measures). The Terms of Reference and membership for this Group are to be considered and reviewed.

One of the primary objectives is to improve physical security at 'Public Accessible Locations'.

To address the lack of a formal governance arrangement in order to comply with the duty, it is recommended that:

- Improvements be made to the Governance of Security Matters within the HB, to better understand the threat from Cyber (IT) and Information Governance, physical and people.
- Governance arrangements for Channel be formalised, possibly being incorporated into the Terms of Reference for the HB's Strategic Safeguarding Working Group.
- Internal communication from the CONTEST Board, Channel and CSPs be improved. This could include the production of regular update reports to be disseminated amongst the Directorates.
- Appropriate HDdUHB representation be ensured at the various CONTEST Board and other meetings to avoid unnecessary attendance and ensure correct dissemination and response to actions raised.
- Health Emergency Planning lead on the Protective Security Preparedness Group, with support from the Security Manager with regard the *Protect* element.
- CTSA findings to be implemented, which will improve security in the HB's public accessible premises.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Health and Safety Assurance Committee is asked to note and discuss the Update on PREVENT – CONTEST Strategy, Serious Violent and Organised Crime (SVOC) Strategy and Community Safety Partnerships.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

Committee ToR Reference:

Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:

- 3.13 Provide assurance that risks relating to health, safety, security, fire and service/ business interruption/ disruption are being effectively managed across the whole of the Health Board's activities (including for hosted services and through partnerships and Joint Committees as appropriate), and provide assurance that effective risk assessments are undertaken and addressed..

Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not Applicable
Safon(au) Gofal ac Iechyd: Health and Care Standard(s):	2.1 Managing Risk and Promoting Health and Safety 2.7 Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Adults at Risk

Effaith/Impact:	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	Risks are detailed within the report
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	Not Applicable
Gweithlu: Workforce:	Not Applicable
Risg: Risk:	Potential risk to health and safety of staff
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	Not Applicable
Enw Da: Reputational:	Not Applicable
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	Not Applicable
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	Has EqIA screening been undertaken? No