

**PWYLLGOR ANSAWDD, DIOGELWCH A SICRHAU PROFIOD
QUALITY, SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE ASSURANCE COMMITTEE**

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| DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING: | 02 February 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 to 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 strategy focusses 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 our services and therefore fit within our Safeguarding responsibilities.

Pursue is the responsibility of the Police and Security Services.

Protect aims to ensure 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 UK Government and Welsh Government review, CONTEST is due to be relaunched in April 2021 as CONTEST CYMRU.

This report provides an update on the duty of HDdUHB to prevent people being drawn into terrorism and to act positively to report concerns.

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 components working with public service partners: 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**).

Dyfed Powys SVOC has been rebranded from Diogel to INTACT as a Dyfed wide strategy 2021-2024.

ISVOC is run in 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, whom, if left unsupported, could lead to their involvement in crime or terrorist-related activity.

Community Safety Partnerships

Community Safety Partnerships (CSP) 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. Its aim is to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour, fear of crime, and 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 Health Board'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 Health Board's Security Manager attends each of the CONTEST Board meetings, including the Dyfed Powys Regional meeting and 3 separate County CONTEST Board meetings. The Health Board is regularly further represented at the County meetings by substance misuse colleagues from within the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Directorate.

There is currently no formal Health Board governance arrangement in place for the sharing of information, nor 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 Health Board's Corporate Safeguarding Team represent the Health Board at these meetings and liaise with appropriate operational services to gather and share information and contribute to risk assessments. These are operational meetings that discuss and assess risk related to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into extremism. If individuals are suitable for Channel, the Panel will review to develop a bespoke support package and, should this require engagement from specific Health Board 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.

The governance arrangements for Channel need to be formalised and could be incorporated into the terms of reference for the Health Board's Strategic Safeguarding Working Group.

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 Health Board'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.

It is recommended that the decision not to make this training mandatory is reviewed.

Channel Referrals/Concerns

The Health Board 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 have all 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.

Community Safety Partnerships

Community Safety Partnership meetings are held in each county on a quarterly basis. They are sub-groups of the county Public Services Boards. They are a statutory partnership under Section 5 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and will deliver the actions and responsibilities

set out under Sections 5 and 6 of the Crime & Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by Sections 97 and 98 of Police Reform Act 2002, Section 1 of Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, Sections 21 & 22 of the Police and Justice Act 2006), the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (as amended), Substance Misuse (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) (Wales) Regulations 2007 (as amended) and Crime and Disorder (Prescribed Information) Regulations 2007.

Broadly, the aims of the Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) are as follows.

- To understand the nature of the crime and disorder issues facing the three LA regions.
- To reduce crime and disorder, in particular in the priority areas identified using partnership data, through the development and actions of the Safer Communities Partnerships.
- To provide a single focus and forum for community safety and consult with and involve the widest possible range of organisations and individuals in the community.
- To work as a partnership in promoting community safety and ensuring that the resources of the member organisations are used to greatest effect in community safety delivery.
- To maximise and manage funding available to the partnership and ensure that they are managed effectively, efficiently and with propriety.

The responsibility for attending these meetings historically sat with the Strategic Partnerships Directorate within the Health Board. However, recent attendance has been lacking and requires review of appropriate delegation to attend to address the CSP agenda and strategy. The work of the CSPs is local to each LA region and requires senior operational management engagement to discuss the locally relevant issues impacting upon health. There is regular representation from substance misuse services at these meetings.

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. Operational lead remains in the Health, Safety and Security Team with Safeguarding covering the Channel Panel arrangements.

To address the lack of a formal Health Board governance arrangement in place for the sharing of information, and the lack of an assurance process regarding what is discussed or expected from partner agencies attending the CONTEST Board and other meetings, it is recommended:

- To improve the communication channels between the CONTEST Board, Channel and CSPs with various services. This could include production of regular update reports to be disseminated amongst the Directorates.
- Following the CTSA report on Hywel Dda PREPARE & PROTECT arrangements, a review is required to ensure site plans reflect current abilities, identify shortcomings and secure investment to address.
- 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.
- Increase awareness training and practical application of the CONTEST and Prevent strategy to key staff, departments and directorates.

- To identify suitable existing governance meetings where the CONTEST agenda can be discussed, e.g. Quality and Safety, Business meetings, Information Governance Sub-Committee and Partnership Forums.
- Ensure appropriate HDdUHB representation at the various CONTEST Board and other meetings to avoid unnecessary attendance and ensure correct dissemination and response to actions raised.

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

To note and discuss the Update on PREVENT – CONTEST Strategy, Serious Violent and Organised Crime (SVOC) Strategy and Community Safety Partnerships

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Objectives: (must be completed)

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| Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor: | 4.3 Provide assurance that the Board has an effective strategy and delivery plan(s) for improving the quality and safety of care patients receive, commissioning quality and safety impact assessments where considered appropriate. 4.5 Provide assurance that the organisation, at all levels, has the right governance arrangements and strategy in place to ensure that the care planned or provided across the breadth of the organisation's functions, is based on sound evidence, clinically effective and meeting agreed standards. |
| 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 / Financial:
Ansawdd / Patient Care:
Gweithlu / Workforce:
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Gyfrinachedd / Privacy:
Cydraddoldeb / Equality:

Contained within the report.