

Reference:	FOI.8021.22
Subject:	Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)
Date of Request:	20 January 2022

Requested:

1. How much funding is Hywel Dda University Health Board committing towards supporting children and young people with experience of VAWDASV? Please supply the following information, disaggregating statutory services from third sector services:
 - The annual budget and spending on support for children and young people affected by VAWDASV for the last 3 financial years.
 - The names of the services who are commissioned during the last 3 financial years and what specific support they are commissioned to provide for children and young people affected by VAWDASV? (as defined within the WG Statutory Commissioning Guidance)
 - The length of contracts for the above commissioned services.
2. What data does Hywel Dda University Health Board hold on the number and percentage of children affected by VAWDASV who are supported by their commissioned services? Please supply the following data, disaggregated across protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010. If it is not possible to provide the disaggregated data, please explain why and provide the aggregated data.
 - The number of children affected by VAWDASV supported by each commissioned service during each of the last 3 financial years.
 - The percentage of children affected by VAWDASV supported by each commissioned service during each of the last 3 financial years.
3. How is Hywel Dda University Health Board aligning their commissioning of social care and support for children and young people with commissioning of specialist VAWDASV support?
4. How does strategic decision-making around ACEs link up with strategic decision-making about VAWDASV within local authority committees?
5. When did the local authority Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee last scrutinise the provision of services and support to child VAWDASV victims? What were the findings, and how do the findings fulfil the duties on public bodies under the VAWDASV (Wales) Act 2015?
6. What is included about VAWDASV and its impact on children and young people in the local assessment of wellbeing as required under the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act?
 - How were the needs of children and young people affected by VAWDASV included in the aforementioned local assessment of wellbeing?
7. Has the Public Service Board consulted with adult and child victims of VAWDASV in preparation for the local wellbeing plan? If not, are there plans to do so?

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) regrets to inform you that it does not hold the information requested, as the UHB does not commission any specific support. However, it is committed to supporting anyone affected by VAWDASV including children and young people affected and who may access our health services.

The UHB is an active partner in the Regional VAWDASV Strategic Group and works closely with the Regional Advisor, Police, Local Authorities (LA), Probation and specialist providers in achieving its strategic delivery plan. We therefore suggest you contact the Regional VAWDASV Advisor in Carmarthenshire County Council, who may be able to assist you with the support in place for children and young people via the regional commissioning arrangements.

As part of your request relates specifically to the LA, we recommend that you redirect these parts of your request to the Freedom of Information Teams within each LA in the UHB's footprint, who may be able to help you with your enquiry. For ease, their details are set out below:-

Information & Data Protection Officer, Carmarthenshire County Council, County Hall, Carmarthen, SA31 1JP or by email foia@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

Complaints & Freedom of Information Team, Ceredigion County Council, Canolfan Rheidol, Rhodfa Padarn, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3UE or by email foi@ceredigion.gov.uk

Information Governance Team, Pembrokeshire County Council, County Hall, Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire, SA61 1TP or by email FOI@pembrokeshire.gov.uk

Additionally, the UHB works collaboratively with other statutory bodies including the three (3) LAs as part of the Public Services Board (PSB). As part of this work, the PSB has developed annual local well-being plans. This will assist with planning and the meeting of responsibilities under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The well-being assessments have been drafted to include themes surrounding violence and aggression and have been shared with the public for consultation and comment.

After the consultation, the UHB and PSB will use the information to develop and agree ongoing well-being objectives and will publish the final plan later in 2022. Furthermore, these will form part of the well-being plans due for publication in 2023.

For ease of reference, the links to the PSB webpages have been provided below:

[The Carmarthenshire We Want](#)

[Ceredigion Public Services Board - Ceredigion County Council](#)

[Public Services Board - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)