

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/22/480
Safeguarding Children

The CAV young wellbeing website

- 1. Who is responsible/accountable for the management of this internet page. A job title will be sufficient**

A Project Manager supports clinicians in Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health to add relevant content to the website

- 2. What policies does Cardiff & Vale UHB have for signposting children and young people to external organisations via websites/social media? Please provide a copy of the policy.**

There is no policy.

- 3. How are organisations vetted to ensure they are safe for Cardiff & Vale UHB to refer children and their families to for additional support and advice that Cardiff & Vale UHB doesn't provide?**

Organisations are added to the website upon recommendation from clinicians within Emotional Wellbeing & Mental Health. Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) work with partners that are nationally recognised organisations or local providers that are registered with Cardiff Third Sector Council and/or Glamorgan Voluntary Services, each of whom have their own processes in place to ensure they are supporting legitimate organisations with policies to ensure safety and quality in place. For services the UHB commissions directly, the UHB puts in place arrangements regarding data privacy and information governance with providers to ensure that services are of good quality and safe for children and their families, supported by regular contract monitoring.

- 4. How often is the CYPF website checked to see if the information provided is still valid, e.g. contact numbers, website addresses etc.**

The website is checked on a monthly basis for validity of information with ad hoc checks in between as additions are made to the website. The CYPFHS welcome feedback from organisations if there have been any missed changes.

- 5. Would a children's charity accidentally appointing a supporter of paedophile rights to its board of trustees be a reason for the charity to be removed or suspended from the Cardiff & Vale UHB website?**

The UHB will no longer promote Mermaids until any investigations have been concluded and will instead signpost to alternative services. Our team are in the process of updating our pages today.

6. Has Cardiff & Vale UHB ever commissioned training from the Mermaids charity? If so please provide details of the training, together with details of staff groups who attended training, the date and the fee Mermaids was paid to deliver the training.

No.

Safeguarding for Cardiff & Vale UHB Staff Working with Children and Families

7. Does Cardiff & Vale UHB provide specific child related safeguarding training for staff who work with children? If so, please provide an outline of the training.

Yes, the training is in line with the Wales Safeguarding Procedures (2019) All staff would be expected to complete Level 2 Safeguarding Children Training, this is mandatory.

8. Please provide compliance figures for the training, i.e. how many staff working with children have completed the training and how many staff are "non-compliant".

The UHB collate figures bi-monthly from across the Health Board the current figure of staff completing training is 62.86% (September 2022).

9. Who is Cardiff & Vale UHB's lead for children's safeguarding?

Director of Nursing.

10. If a staff member had concerns about the care a child was receiving from colleagues but felt unable to raise it in their team/department through fear of reprisals, who would they contact? Please describe the outline for whistleblowing/escalating concerns.

The member of staff would contact the UHB Safeguarding Team for advice and support initially. The Whistle Blowing policy could be enacted through the Concerns Team.

The Treatment of Children with Gender Dysphoria

11. If a child under the care of Cardiff & Vale UHB presents with suspected gender dysphoria, which service will that child be referred to, under which NHS organisation?

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) does not hold this information. Under Section 16 of the FOIA, which provides us with the duty to advise and assist, the UHB can inform you that these cases would commission care via The Welsh Health and Specialised Services Committee, please see their contact below:

WHSSC.GeneralEnquiries@wales.nhs.uk

12. How will the closure of the scandal hit Tavistock clinic impact on children with gender dysphoria in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan?

Please refer to the response provided to question 11.

13. Have the senior management team for children's services read the Case Review and have any changes been made to services for children based on the report.

Please refer to the response provided to question 11.

14. Do Cardiff & Vale UHB or have Cardiff & UHB ever signposted patients and their families to the "Gender GP" service run by Dr Helen Webberley?

No.

Social media policy for Cardiff & Vale employees (If this section doesn't come under an FOI request please let me know who I should direct a letter of concern to)

15. Does Cardiff & Vale UHB have a social media policy for its staff to follow?

The Health Board has a social media policy in place and if a member of staff is alleged to have breached the policy this will be looked into by their line manager, department head or their professional body.

16. If Cardiff & Vale UHB does have a social media policy, are staff allowed combine political campaigning/sharing of political views with their work activities?

The UHB does not hold this information.

17. Would a Cardiff & Vale UHB staff member be investigated under a social media policy if they were to regularly tweet attacking people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act, e.g. female women who want to keep the single sex space exemptions in the Equality Act.

The UHB does not hold this information. The Freedom of Information Act creates a right of access to recorded information. A public authority does not have to create new information or provide opinions or judgments that are not already held in recorded form.

18. Would a Cardiff & Vale UHB staff member who works with children who publicly supports an organisation with multiple child safeguarding failings be subject to enhanced supervision in their employment role?

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