

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/422
Sexual Exploitation

The following information has been provided by Ynys Saff, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board's (the UHB's) sexual assault service. This service provides support for children and adults presenting with either acute or historic sexual assault. Ynys Saff provides an environment for police interviews, forensic examinations, historic Child sexual abuse holistic medical examinations, ISVA support and ongoing counselling.

1. How many adults did you support during the last 3 financial years who have experienced sexual exploitation?

5 cases recorded.

2. How many adults did you support during the last 3 financial years who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

10 cases recorded

3. How many children and young people did you support during the last 3 financial years who have experienced sexual exploitation?

45 cases where the reported incident leading to the SARC referral was felt to be linked to CSE.

4. How many children and young people did you support during the last 3 financial years who are at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

45 cases where the reported incident leading to the SARC referral was felt to be linked to CSE.

5. For Questions 1-4, do you collect data on those who have experienced sexual exploitation disaggregated across protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, including age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage, civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, and sexual orientation? Please provide the answers to Questions 1-4 for each characteristic listed if so.

Adults.

7 female

3 male

Please note: The UHB do have transgender clients but we only log what gender the client considers themselves at time of referral.

Disability

1 "don't know"

1 yes

8 no

Ethnicity

9 Any White Background
1 Black

Religion

10 "not religious"

Sexuality

9 Heterosexual
1 gay/lesbian

Children.

Disability

38 considered themselves non-disabled
7 considered themselves disabled

Ethnicity

38 Any White Background
2 Mixed race
1 Black
1 Asian
3 not stated

Gender

36 Female
9 male

Religion

42 not religious
1 Muslim
2 Other

Sexuality

34 Heterosexual
1 Gay/Lesbian
2 Bisexual
7 not stated
1 declined

6. Do you provide direct support for survivors to exit adult exploitation? If so, how many survivors have you supported in the last 3 financial years through this support?

No

7. How much funding was committed during the last 3 financial years towards projects that support adults at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation?

No specific funding stream for sexual exploitation.

8. How much funding was committed during the last 3 financial years towards projects that support children and young people at risk of or experiencing sexual exploitation?

There has been no specific funding for this.

9. The names of any specific projects dedicated to supporting adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation, the length of the contracts, and the length of support provided.

Ynys Saff work closely with Social services to discuss safeguarding plans for adults and children felt to be at risk. As part of these discussions, recommendations will be made for social services to look at risk assessments for CSE, or sexual exploitation.

Ynys Saff also link into wider networks across Wales, such as the Children's commissioner CSE/A Roundtable.

10. The names of any specific projects dedicated to supporting children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation, the length of the contracts, and the length of support provided.

Think Safe Team / CSE Police Team / Liaising with Social Worker

11. How are the needs of adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation assessed?

Information gathered at time of referral from the referrer, and subsequent assessments by an Independent Sexual Violence Advocate. Any concerns raised regarding sexual exploitation, or other safeguarding issues are reported using a multiagency referral form. We would submit a vulnerable adult form.

12. How are the needs of children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation assessed?

Previously known as SERAF – Now known as CSERQ4/15

13. Do you have a dedicated strategy for supporting adults at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

We work within the recommendations of Cardiff and Vale UHB Safeguarding policies and All Wales Safeguarding procedures.

13. Do you have a dedicated strategy for supporting children and young people at risk of experiencing sexual exploitation?

Within the health board – Attending MASMS (Education, Health (SARC, A&E, CAMHS), Children's Services, Think Safe Team, Police CSE Team, safeguarding meetings at DOSH

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14. How does strategic decision making around adult sexual exploitation link up with strategic decision making about VAWDASV in your organisation?

Cardiff and Vale UHB co-produced the following strategy specifically around VAWDASV.

http://nww.cardiffandvale.wales.nhs.uk/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/CARDIFF_AND_VALE_INTRANET/TRUST_SERVICES_INDEX/SAFEGUARDING/DOMESTIC_ABUSE/VAWDASV%20STRATEGY%20REGIONAL%20VAWDASV%20STRATEGY%202018-2023%20ENG.PDF

15. How does strategic decision making around child sexual exploitation link up with strategic decision making about VAWDASV in your organisation?

http://nww.cardiffandvale.wales.nhs.uk/pls/portal/docs/PAGE/CARDIFF_AND_VALE_INTRANET/TRUST_SERVICES_INDEX/SAFEGUARDING/DOMESTIC_ABUSE/VAWDASV%20STRATEGY%20REGIONAL%20VAWDASV%20STRATEGY%202018-2023%20ENG.PDF

16. Have you consulted directly with survivors of sexual exploitation in any strategic, policy, or support planning?

The strategy above was developed with the input and insights of survivors of VAWDASV, predominantly through the Welsh Women's Aid SEEdS (Survivors Empowering and Educating Services) project