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Single Unified Safeguarding Review Statutory Guidance

Learning from the past to make the future safer

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# Overview

This consultation seeks your views on Statutory Guidance which aims to create a Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) process for Wales.

The SUSR is a unique and groundbreaking example of how, through collaboration and co-production across political, organisational, and geographical boundaries, we can tackle a complex problem and deliver a shared response. Almost 200 stakeholders have been engaged in the design and delivery of the SUSR, all of whom have put the person who has been harmed, their families and communities first. This transformation supports our one public service ethos, creates a stronger culture of accountability, and dispersed leadership empowering people to share learning.

The SUSR lays out a framework for how Regional Safeguarding Boards should work with Community Safety Partnerships and other partnerships in the area such as Public Service Boards and Regional Partnership Boards to protect people from harm - sharing lessons and ensuring we work together to secure the wellbeing of every person in Wales.

This process will simplify the review landscape in Wales by combining Adult Practice Review, Child Practice Review, Mental Health Homicide Review, Domestic Homicide Review and Offensive Weapon Homicide Review processes. The statutory guidance will replace Working Together to Safeguard People Volumes 2 (Child Practice Reviews) and 3 (Adult Practice Reviews). As a result, any consequential changes to Volume 1 (Introduction and Overview) will be made to reflect this.

# How to respond

You can respond to this consultation in the following ways:

* complete our online form
* complete the consultation response form at the back of this document and return it to us by email to: SUSRWales@gov.wales or by post to:

Single Unified Safeguarding Review Consultation

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Safeguarding and Advocacy

Enabling People Division

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

Cardiff

CF10 3NQ

# Further information and related documents

[SUSR Draft Statutory Guidance](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.wales%2Fsingle-unified-safeguarding-review-statutory-guidance&data=05%7C01%7CSarah.Lamberton%40gov.wales%7C169d1600096a4d494b0008db1a3732c8%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C638132596589821922%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1dyoSbKflIkoLiG1HAVcULd%2F3PPMHzPqn0zJui1mnSQ%3D&reserved=0)

[SUSR Easy Read Draft Statutory Guidance](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.wales%2Fsingle-unified-safeguarding-review-statutory-guidance&data=05%7C01%7CSarah.Lamberton%40gov.wales%7C169d1600096a4d494b0008db1a3732c8%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C638132596589821922%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1dyoSbKflIkoLiG1HAVcULd%2F3PPMHzPqn0zJui1mnSQ%3D&reserved=0)

[SUSR Child Friend Draft Statutory Guidance](https://eur01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.wales%2Fsingle-unified-safeguarding-review-statutory-guidance&data=05%7C01%7CSarah.Lamberton%40gov.wales%7C169d1600096a4d494b0008db1a3732c8%7Ca2cc36c592804ae78887d06dab89216b%7C0%7C0%7C638132596589821922%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=1dyoSbKflIkoLiG1HAVcULd%2F3PPMHzPqn0zJui1mnSQ%3D&reserved=0)

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

**Contact details**

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# UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR)

The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide as part of your response to the consultation. Welsh Ministers have statutory powers they will rely on to process this personal data which will enable them to make informed decisions about how they exercise their public functions. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff and staff working in the Welsh Government funded Single Unified Safeguarding Review Coordination Hub, dealing with the issues which this consultation is about or planning future consultations. Where the Welsh Government undertakes further analysis of consultation responses then this work may be commissioned to be carried out by an accredited third party (e.g., a research organisation or a consultancy company). Any such work will only be undertaken under contract. Welsh Government’s standard terms and conditions for such contracts set out strict requirements for the processing and safekeeping of personal data.

In order to show that the consultation was carried out properly, the Welsh Government intends to publish a summary of the responses to this document. We may also publish responses in full. Normally, the name and address (or part of the address) of the person or organisation who sent the response are published with the response. If you do not want your name or address published, please tell us this in writing when you send your response. We will then redact them before publishing.

You should also be aware of our responsibilities under Freedom of Information legislation.

If your details are published as part of the consultation response, then these published reports will be retained indefinitely. Any of your data held otherwise by Welsh Government will be kept for no more than three years.

# Your rights

Under the data protection legislation, you have the right:

* to be informed of the personal data held about you and to access it
* to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
* to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
* for (in certain circumstances) your data to be ‘erased’
* to (in certain circumstances) data portability
* to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner’s Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection.

For further details about the information the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you want to exercise your rights under the UK GDPR, please see contact details below:

Data Protection Officer:

Welsh Government

Cathays Park

CARDIFF

CF10 3NQ

e-mail: Data.ProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

The contact details for the Information Commissioner’s Office are:

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745 or
0303 123 1113

Website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

# Consultation Response Form

Your name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Organisation (if applicable): Click or tap here to enter text.

Email / Telephone number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Your address: Click or tap here to enter text.

**Consultation Questions:**

1. Does the Introduction provide clarity on the aims and reasons for producing the Single Unified Safeguarding Review process (SUSR)? Is the Introduction as set out in Section 1 clear and easy to understand?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do the Principles which underpin the SUSR set out in Section 2 achieve the desired outcome of a proactive approach to taking solutions forward and a positive shared learning culture which avoids multiple reviews of an incident, helping to reduce further trauma for victims and families?

Yes[ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Does Section 3 provide the clarity required to determine when a SUSR should be undertaken and are the criteria clear and useful?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Does Section 4 provide clarity of the SUSR process and is there sufficient detail for each stage?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are each of the Roles and Responsibilities as set out in Section 5 clear and useful?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do paragraphs 5.6-5.9 and appendix 3 of the guidance help Reviewer(s) to consider whether community partners (such as independent and third sector organisations) should be engaged in the SUSR process?  If not, how could the guidance improve on this?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Do paragraphs 5.7 – 5.9 and Appendix 3 of the guidance help Reviewer(s) to consider whether specified information should be requested from a ‘qualifying person or body’? If not, how could the guidance improve on this?

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. To what extent do you think engagement from relevant community partners or the supply of specified information from a ‘qualifying person or body’, where appropriate, could assist the SUSR process?’

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Are the guidelines for engagement with victims, families and principal individuals as set out in Section 6 clear and useful? Consider whether it is clear that the Reviewer(s) and Review Panel need to approach each participant in the review on a case-by-case basis and ensures that the victim, families and principal individuals are at the heart of the review process.

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

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1. Section 7 outlines the number of stages which need to be undertaken as part of the review process. Are these stages in the appropriate chronological order and clear in terms of what is required?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

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1. Does Section 8 ensure that learning is a key component of the SUSR process and a statutory obligation by providing clarity on how learning and information is shared as part of the wider process including working with relevant partnerships such as Community Safety Partnerships and Public Services Boards?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

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1. Does Section 9 set out the data protection considerations in a way that is clear and useful? Would you like to see a clear legal obligation in this section requiring review partners to share information for SUSR review purposes when requested, if one could be found?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Does the guidance provide sufficient clarity and flexibility to ensure that key partners including Community Safety Partnerships and Public Services Boards will be effectively engaged and involved within the SUSR process, where this is appropriate and helpful?

Yes [ ]

No [ ]

Please comment:

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What in your view would be the likely impacts upon individuals and groups with protected characteristics of the ways of working set out in this guidance? Your views on how positive effects could be increased, or negative effects could be mitigated, would also be welcome. Please use the text box to explain your reasoning.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. What in your view are the likely other impacts of the ways of working set out in this guidance? You may wish to consider, for example, benefits, and disbenefits; costs (direct and indirect), and savings; other practical matters. Your views on how positive effects could be increased, or negative effects could be mitigated, would also be welcome. Please use the text box to explain your reasoning.

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. We would like to know your views on the effects that the SUSR process would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be?  How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Click or tap here to enter text.

1. Please also explain how you believe the proposed policy could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

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1. We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report.

If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here: [ ]