

Ref No.	Description of Risk	Triggers	Consequences	Likelihood	Impact	Status	Current Controls	Likelihood	Impact	Status	Proposed further controls to mitigate / reduce risk	Target Score		Risk Owner	Direction of Travel from Previous Quarter		
Directorate Risk EDDRR3  Corporate Risk Register CRR4	Safeguarding - Failure to ensure adequate. Safeguarding arrangements are in place for children & young adults in Blaenau Gwent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate assessments and monitoring</li> <li>Lack of documentation</li> <li>Increasing demand for services</li> <li>Lack of appropriate guidance and training</li> <li>Poor communication between all parties (internal / external)</li> <li>High turnover of staff</li> <li>Varying capacity as a result of the pandemic so routine activities do not take place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential significant harm / loss of life</li> <li>Long term reputational damage and confidence in the Council undermined</li> <li>Increase in complaints / Potential litigation / prosecution</li> <li>External intervention</li> <li>Increased pressure on budgets</li> <li>Low staff morale</li> </ul>	3	4	Critical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Social Services and Education Scrutiny established (<b>People Scrutiny</b>)</li> <li>Education Designated Lead and Deputy Officer nominated</li> <li>Education Safeguarding Officer established and in post</li> <li>Gwent Adult Safeguarding Board</li> <li>SE Wales Safeguarding Children's Board</li> <li>Safeguarding is a standing item on DLT agenda</li> <li>Lead Executive Member has been identified for having responsibility for safeguarding</li> <li>Senior leadership have all received Level 1 training.</li> <li>Programme of training for schools in place.</li> <li>Corporate leads established for each directorate who have been requested to identify staff for Level 1 training</li> <li>Safeguarding in Education matrix regularly updated</li> <li>*Use of MyConcern software in schools will be used to gather data, monitor positive cases and create consistency across the school estate. The roll-out project team is fully established.</li> </ul>	1	4	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improved reporting systems and databases in place</li> <li>Inclusion protocol in place</li> <li>Education Safeguarding Manager close working with School Improvement and Inclusion</li> <li>Close working relationships with Social Services Directorate</li> <li>Youth Services safeguarding arrangements are effective and monitoring is through the corporate arrangements.</li> <li>Half termly meetings to priorities to be diarised</li> <li>* DMT receive regular QA reports from Safeguarding in Education Manager</li> </ul>	1	4	Medium	Corporate Director of Education  Exec Member Sue Edmunds	No change in direction of travel	Status of Further controls  On track  Forecasted direction of travel  Work continues on target to reduce overall risk

**Quarter 1 progress update (April – June 2023)**

The Safeguarding in Education Manager continues to make good progress in implementing the various quality assurance processes for the current academic year and is now finalising the end of year position statement for education services with the Strategic Safeguarding in Education Manager through the completion of the corporate return and annual Local Government Education Services (LGES) self-evaluation process. The Education Directorate Leadership Team have received the required Fades that appropriately capture the areas for improvement and as such the improvement activities are being progressed. Strategic Safer Schools Partnership Board (SSSPB) continues to support the development of key pieces of work across LGES but it is too early to assess the impact of this work. Good progress continues to be made in the implementation of My Concern and the User Group are trialling the use of bullying and Restricted Physical Incident (RPI) returns with a view to rolling this approach to other schools during the autumn term. As part of this work a review of the Restricted Physical Intervention and Respectful Relationship policy is ongoing, one school still has not accessed My Concern training and this matter has been escalated within the Directorate

**Quarter 2 progress update (July - September 2023)**

The current safeguarding lead for the education directorate is an interim arrangement due to staff changes.

All schools are now using MyConcern to record and report concerns and the MyConcern group has continued to meet despite Action Short of Strike (ASOS).

Triage and filing concerns have been priority to ensure that safeguarding concerns are prioritised.

Usage of the system between schools is variable and one school still needs to undertake training.

ASOS has resulted in data submission being affected and this will need to be reviewed in order to ascertain the impact this has had.