

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	
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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	C r i t i c a l	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Social Services and Education Scrutiny established (PEOPLE scrutiny committee)</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 CMT agenda</li> <li>Lead Executive Member has been identified for having responsibility for safeguarding</li> <li>Senior leadership have received Level 1 safeguarding training.</li> <li>Annual safeguarding training is in place which all schools are up to date with. Training is updated on an annual basis to ensure it reflects any emerging safeguarding concerns.</li> <li>Safeguarding in Education matrix updated March 2024 to ensure that all relevant safeguarding information from schools is now captured in one place.</li> <li>MyConcern safeguarding software is being used by all schools.</li> <li>A corporate safeguarding leads group has been established to drive forward the safeguarding agenda and action the recommendations made by the Blaenau Gwent Wales Audit Office report</li> <li>All directorate risk registers include safeguarding and include actions required to ensure safeguarding arrangements are in place.</li> </ul>	1	4	H i g h	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding Reports into PEOPLE Scrutiny contain corporate safeguarding information from all directorates</li> <li>Safeguarding training data to be reviewed by each Directorate to ensure all staff are undertaking this</li> <li>Regularly review the council's volunteering register to ensure DBS checks are up to date</li> <li>Ensure the audit Wales BG safeguarding report recommendations continue to be reviewed and met</li> <li>Each Directorate to undertake a safeguarding self-assessment</li> </ul>	1	4	M e d i u m	Corporate Director of Education  Exec Member Sue Edmunds	No change in direction of travel	<p><b>Status of Further controls</b></p> <p><i>On track</i></p> <p><b>Forecasted direction of travel</b></p> <p><i>Work continues on target to reduce overall risk</i></p>

