

Aneurin Bevan University Health Board has welcomed this new legislation and the framework that it provides to ensure that agencies including the NHS fully meets responsibilities for this aspect of safeguarding and public protection.

In Gwent, the regional Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board is well established and provides the forum for partnership working and planning to improve arrangements within and across public, private and voluntary sectors for the prevention, protection and support for all forms of violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence. We are fortunate that the Independent National Advisor is Chair of this Board as this provides us with strong and informed leadership.

The requirements of the Act for the health boards have been incorporated into *Keeping People Safe*, Aneurin Bevan University Health Boards Strategic Framework for Safeguarding. This 3 year strategic plan identifies key priorities and includes a training framework to support healthcare staff in acquiring the skills and knowledge that they require