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Ymchwiliad ôl-ddeddfwriaethol i Ddeddf Trais yn erbyn Menywod,
Cam-drin Domestig a Thrais Rhywiol (Cymru) 2015

Post legislative inquiry into the Violence against Women,
Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015

Ymateb gan: Heddlu Dyfed – Powys

Response from: Dyfed–Powys Police

- To what extent the approach to tackling violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence is improving as a result of the obligations in the Act?

It is too early to assess the impact of the act as the operational structures and framework for delivery have yet to be established. The consultation events have yet to be held (scheduled for September) and local authorities and health boards have yet to fully establish how they will deliver against the act. Governance structures are being reviewed within Dyfed-Powys area to ensure they align with the provisions of the act. Leads from the relevant authorities have not been appointed across all agencies.

- What are the most effective methods of capturing the views and experiences of survivors? Are arrangements in place to capture these experiences, and to what extent is this information being used to help inform the implementation of the Act's provisions?

Each Police Force has a requirement, directed by the Home Office to develop a victim survey in respect of DA. The survey work is in the process of being scoped, but will only consider police response as opposed to all agencies.

A wider qualitative approach would be welcomed.

- Whether survivors of abuse are beginning to experience better responses from public authorities as a result of the Act, particularly those needing specialist services?

The funding of specialist services such as IDVAs is uncertain and Home Office Funding is likely to be removed. The Police and Crime Commissioner has requested a meeting with partner agencies to consider joint commissioning of services. The funding of such arrangements will need to be agreed in due course.

- Whether the National Adviser has sufficient power and independence from the Welsh Government to ensure implementation of the Act?

It is felt that the National Adviser has the independence but as the name suggest, they can only advise and do not carry the authority to ensure implementation of the Act.

- To what extent the good practice guide to healthy relationships is successfully influencing the development of a whole school approach to challenging violence against women, domestic abuse and sexual violence?

No information to provide.