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LGA 2024: Rethinking Justice: Reforming Homicide Reviews

22nd October 2024



Welsh Government Commissioned Review of Domestic Homicides 2017

Minister for Violence against Women and Girls and Sexual Violence Carl Sargeant commissioned a review of DHRs in Wales with the aim to:-

“To assess the effectiveness of the Welsh Government, Community Safety Partnerships and other public services response to Domestic Homicide Reviews and make recommendations as to how they might be fully acted upon by Welsh Public services”



2017/18 Review Findings

- History of Serious Case Review (SCR) and DHRs hindering common sense approach
- Plethora of devolved and non-devolved reviews on single incidents
- Home Office not delivering for Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) on DHRs and take too long (4-5 years in some cases)
- Chairs paid on average 10-15k in Wales up to 28K in England.
- Home Office do not hold central list of accredited Chairs and will not bar Chairs deemed to be inadequate
- Since 2014, APR/CPR process worked better for Wales
- No Welsh Government involvement in DHRs
- Lessons identified held locally, not shared or collated centrally
- National and regional recommendations not being followed through no one collating or sharing learning once identified



Sadler Case Cardiff

Emma Sadler, 28 , history of substance misuse and known to police. August 2015, child taken into care, **January 2016**, full care order granted.

10th January 2016, Sadler committed arson causing the death of her father, charged with murder, sentenced to be detained indefinitely in a secure unit.

- Domestic Homicide Review – Cardiff Community Safety Partnership
- Child Practice Review – Cardiff Council Children Services
- Adult Practice Review – Cardiff Council Adult Services
- Serious Further Offence Review – Probation
- Root Cause Analysis Review – Cardiff and Vale University Health Board
- Independent Police Complaints Commission Investigation
- Welsh Ambulance Service Internal Investigation

Seven reviews, not including the police investigation and coroner inquest. DHR Approved for publishing April 2021 (5 years)



Review Recommendations

- Creation of a **Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR)** which is cross agency, with a common framework, clear terms of reference, mapped in line with current APR and CPR frameworks.
- **Governance** of reviews to sit within Regional Safeguarding arrangements and not Community Safety Partnerships
- **Chairs** of the reviews independent but public servants
- Creation of **exceptional reporting process Ministerial Board**
- **Central Repository** for all reviews in Wales where key learning can be extrapolated and disseminated to prevent incidents and protect victims.
- **National Annual learning** and training events for practitioners.

Cardiff University Academic Review

Recommendations submitted to Welsh Ministers Autumn 2018.

Implementation of SUSR project agreed and commenced December 2019.



Project Delivery

SUSR Steering Group

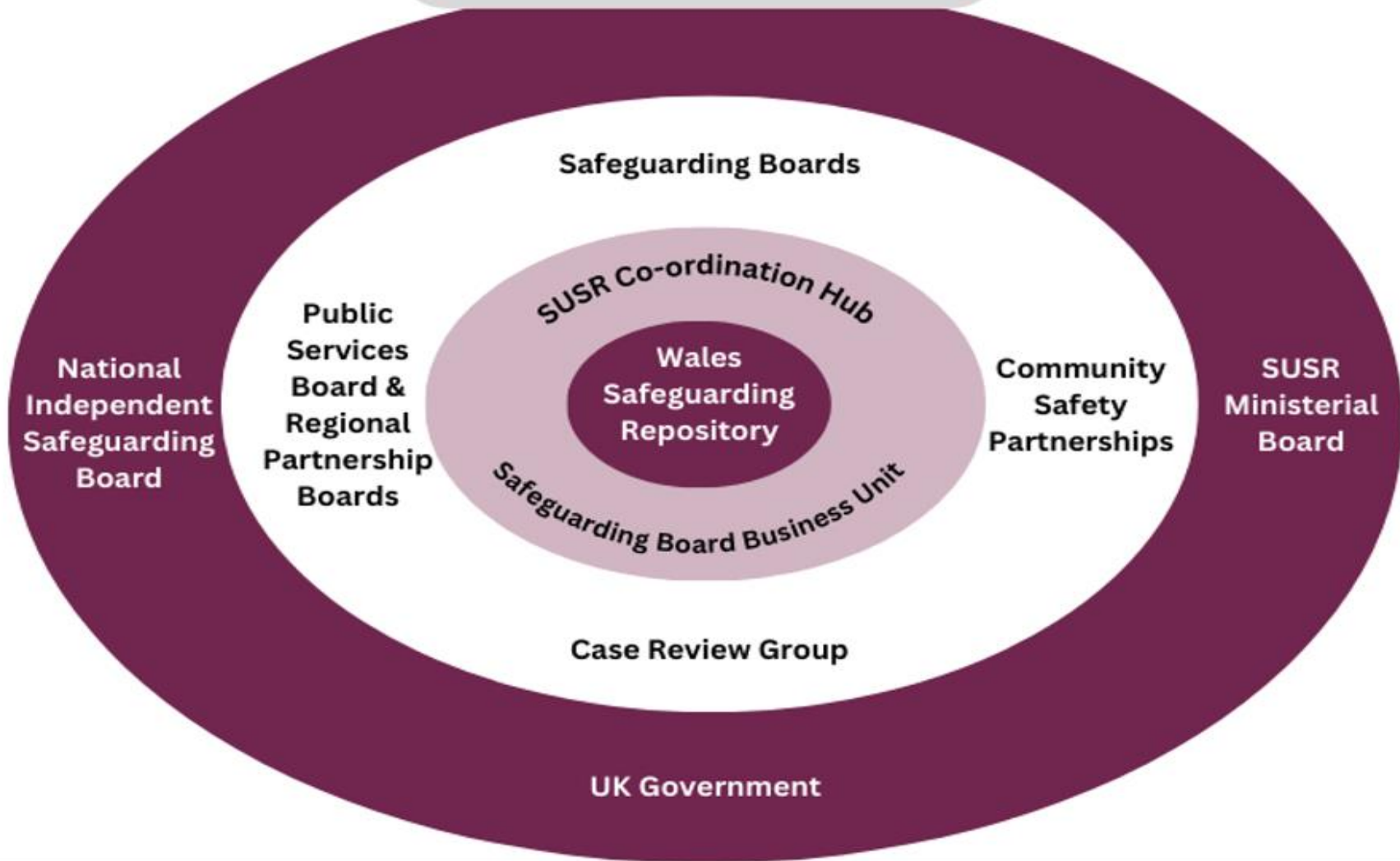
Six key pillars delivered by Task and Finish Groups

- **Wales Safeguarding Repository**
- **Training and Learning**
- **Policy and Process**
- **Legal and Governance**
- **Mental Health Homicide**
- **Offensive Weapon Homicide**



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Wider Partnership Network





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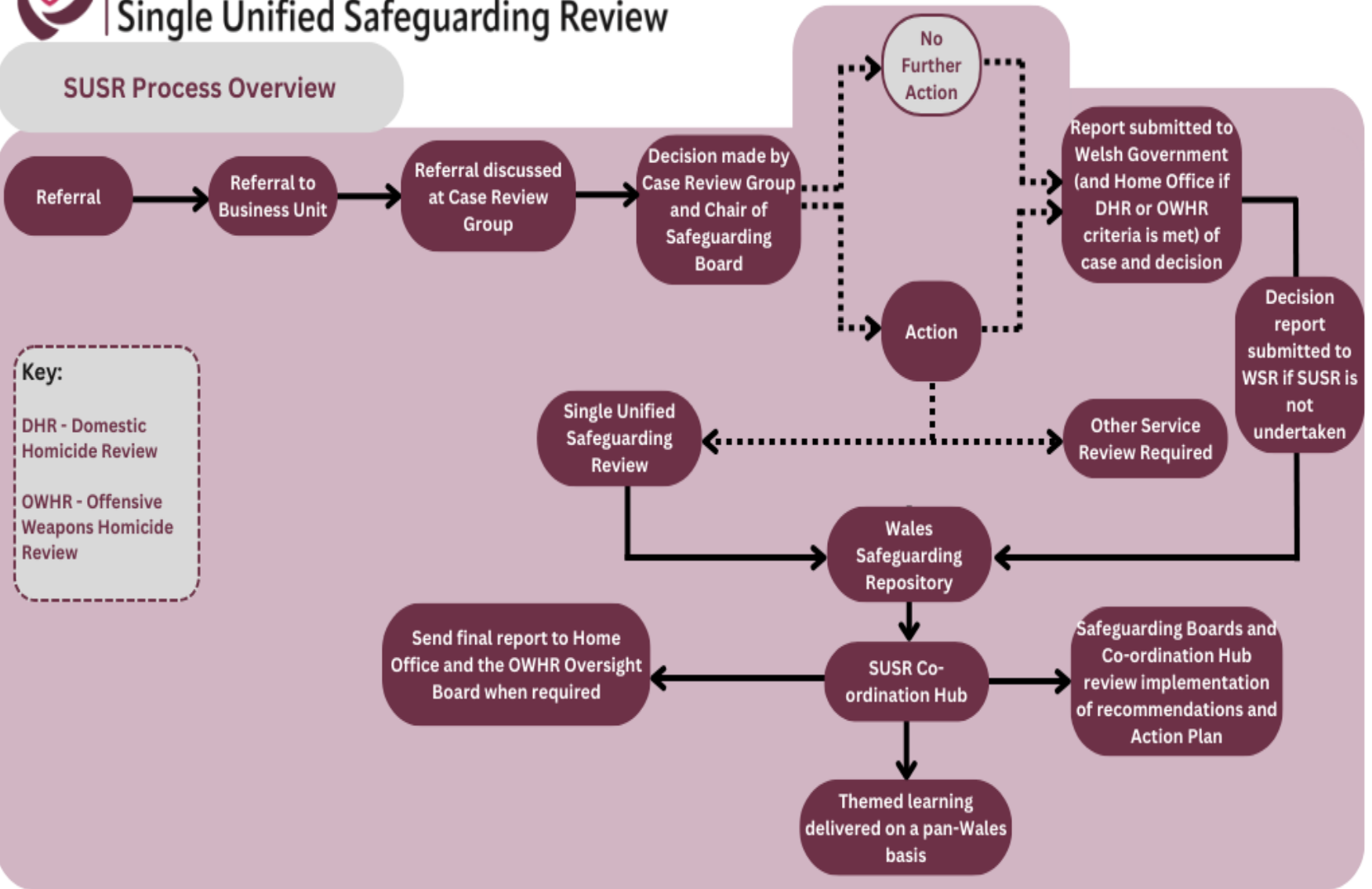
SUSR Support Network





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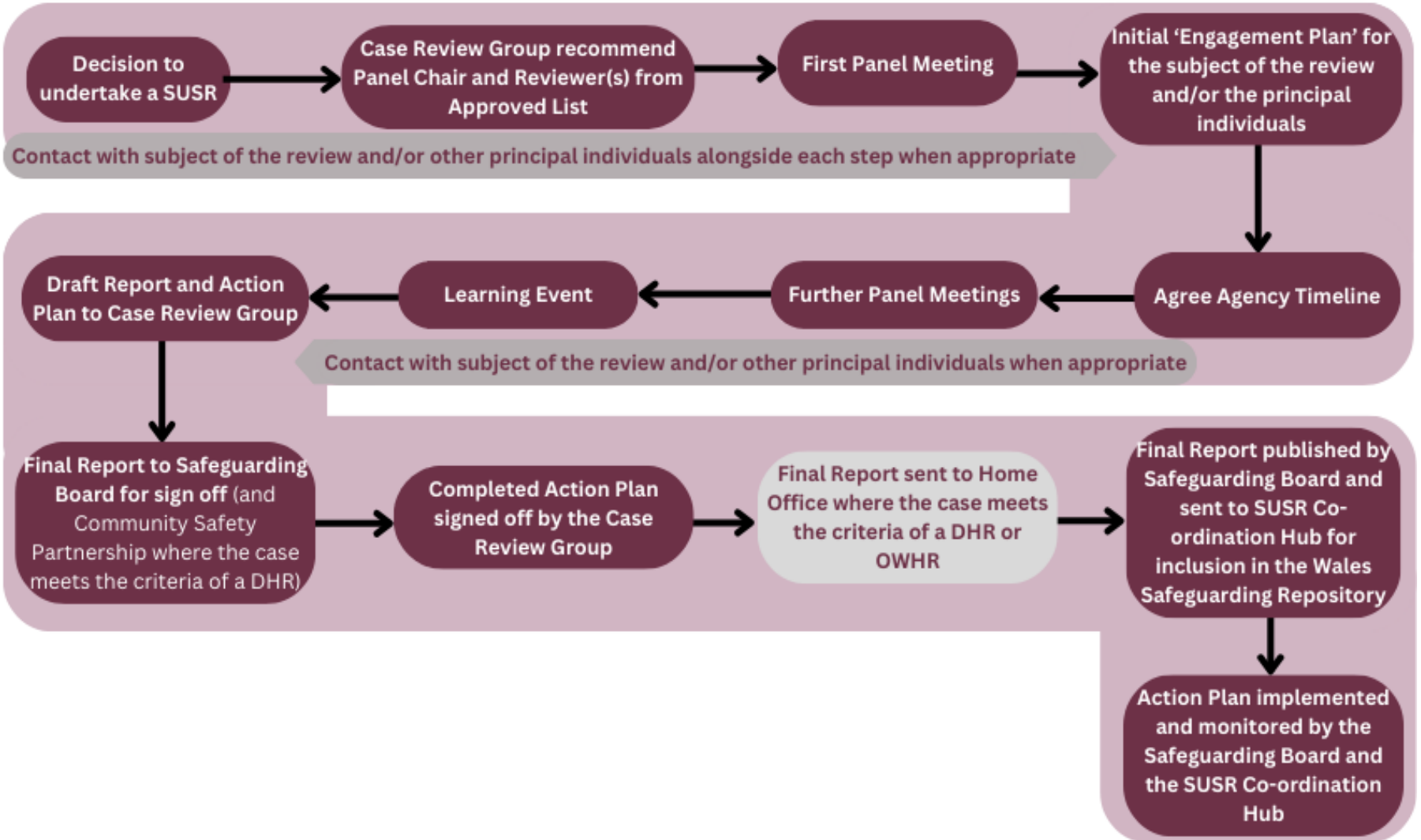
SUSR Process Overview





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SUSR Process





- The storage of multiple types of reviews and advanced searching capabilities supported by **computer science techniques** – including text retrieval, language processing and machine learning
- The WSR is **globally unique** in its scope, security, functionality, and centrality to government.
- Enables researchers and practitioners to **extract new learning** about violence, abuse, vulnerability and safeguarding to improve practice and ultimately reducing the risk of reoccurrence.
- **Primary and Mid Term Learning** - live interrogation of WSR during review
- **Recommendation Search Facility** enables reviewers to search and retrieve examples of previous recommendations to enable more actionable recommendations and not repeating previous recommendations.



Current Status

- SUSR was launched 1st October 2024,
- Ministerial Board 5th December with showcase event and formal launch of SUSR
- SUSR statutory guidance available online with SUSR Toolkit
- Stakeholder Reference Group
- WSR final phase testing
- SUSR Training complete
- National and International recognition
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