

Trauma Practice Framework- Joint Statement – Wales Adverse Childhood Experiences Support Hub and Traumatic Stress Wales

We are delighted to announce our collaboration on the co-production of a National Trauma Practice Framework for Wales that covers all age groups and all forms of adversity and traumatic events. The Framework will help people, organisations and systems to prevent adversity/trauma and their associated negative effects. It will facilitate the development of a whole systems approach to supporting the needs of people who have experienced adversity/trauma.

We recognise that there is a huge amount of valuable work underway across many sectors and organisations in Wales to develop and deliver trauma informed approaches. The new Framework will seek to bring consistency and coherence to support that effort and ensure that it meets the needs of those affected by trauma. This extends from the need for empathic, compassionate responses at a universal end of the continuum through to more acute and specialist interventions that may be required to support those who have clinical needs following experiences of trauma.

The Framework will aim to set agreed definitions and provide a consistency of understanding of what is meant by the different levels of practice in preventing adversity/trauma and responding to people affected by it. This will provide a structure in which to situate the existing work, support identification of gaps in practice, and subsequently enhance knowledge and skills across a whole system.

We have brought together an Expert Reference Group to advise and support this work; this includes people with lived experience, practitioners from a range of sectors, clinical and non-clinical leads and academics to ensure the Framework is truly co-produced and which places humanity at its heart.

We look forward to the exciting but far-reaching challenge ahead, with the knowledge that we have such incredible insight, expertise and learning to build on. Look out for progress updates on our websites and social media as we progress through this journey that we hope will deliver a transformative Framework that supports everyone in Wales, but particularly helps people affected by trauma.

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