



Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter Issue 1 December 2022

Welcome to the PSAB newsletter!

We are hoping to produce a newsletter on a regular basis in future to help us keep in touch with all our partners across the city, and help people stay up to date with adult safeguarding news and developments.

We are keen to hear your news, success stories and ideas for future newsletter articles. Please contact us!

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What is the PSAB?



Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board (PSAB) is a multi-agency strategic partnership that oversees and leads adult safeguarding in Portsmouth. Our partners include Portsmouth City Council, Hampshire Police, Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board, Solent NHS Trust and Portsmouth Hospitals University NHS Trust. Healthwatch Portsmouth, Probation Service, Fire and Rescue Service, and many other organisations that work to keep adults safe in Portsmouth.

Our work includes:

- **Policies:** developing, updating and reviewing adult safeguarding **policies and procedures**
- **Safeguarding Adults Reviews:** Publishing reviews when an adult at risk dies or is seriously harmed as a result of abuse or neglect and there are concerns about how organisations worked together to keep them safe, and promoting the learning to staff and partners
- **Audits and quality assurance:** to make sure the safeguarding system is working well
- **Building awareness and understanding of safeguarding,** using our website, and by offering resources and training for staff

We work closely with our neighbouring safeguarding adults boards in Hampshire, Southampton and the Isle of Wight.

The Board has an independent Chair, David Goosey. The Board is supported by a Board Manager (Alison Lawrence) and a Board Administrator (Wendy Howard).

Our [PSAB website](#) is a great resource for professionals and includes policies, one minute guides, short videos, safeguarding adults review learning summaries, and much more.

Safeguarding Peer Review

At the end of November, adult safeguarding in Portsmouth was reviewed by a team from the South East Association of Directors of Adult Social Services. The aim of the review was to get some constructive challenge from a group of 'critical friends' to help us to understand how well the safeguarding system is working. The peer reviewers visited Portsmouth and spoke to a wide range of staff and managers from different organisations. They also carried out a staff survey, did a case file audit, and looked at data and documents.

We have had some initial feedback and we will get a full report soon which will include observations on where we are doing well and where we could consider making improvements. An action plan will be developed to address any issues. More information will be shared with you about the findings and the action plan in a future newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who completed the staff survey - the findings were really valuable to us!



Report from the PSAB Conference

Volunteers from the Chat Over Chai community group presenting about their experiences of working with the BAME community in Portsmouth



On 28th September we held a Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board conference at Portsmouth Football Club, 'Safeguarding adults at risk: Feedback from the frontline'. This was a conference with a difference - rather than hearing from leaders and experts, the aim of the conference was to hear from practitioners about what it is really like to do safeguarding work and the challenges they face on a daily basis. We also heard from people with lived experience of homelessness and substance misuse, and service users from the Integrated Learning Disability Service. Attendees were encouraged to be curious, make new connections and find out about each others' roles. The conference was a great success with over 100 people from a mix of organisations including Adult Social Care, Housing, Health, Police, Fire, and the voluntary sector. There was a real buzz about the day and the feedback was very positive, with lots of comments including "fabulous for networking", "fantastic", "a warm and friendly atmosphere".

Good practice - blood borne viruses

Our colleagues from the Society of St James and NHS Inclusion received this great feedback on a Blood Borne Viruses needs assessment project:

"Across Wessex, the aim of the project was to test 650 people for HIV, Hep B and Hep C via Capillary Blood testing over a 6 week period. Out of our whole area, Portsmouth was the most successful both in terms of communication, responsiveness, coordination and testing.

Portsmouth managed to test 112 people in 4 days which is the highest of all the other drug services across Wessex and one of the highest returns for a single drug service across the UK. We are currently working through the results and Nina is leading on the plan to update records. We identified 12 people who need Hep C treatment, some of whom already knew but we were able to assertively re-engage into care pathways and 3-4 new diagnoses. One had their Hep C treatment assessment completed in the same week.

The success of this was down to the excellent work led by Nina who was supported by Martin, having said that, your whole team was welcoming, helpful and supportive over the 4 days we were there. On behalf of the team we would like to extend our gratitude for this phenomenal piece of work"

Blood Borne Viruses are viruses that some people carry in their blood and can be spread from one person to another. They affect some of the most vulnerable people in our city including those who are homeless. Hep C can cause long term health complications, to find out more: [Hepatitis C - Symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#).

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Fire Safety Learning

The 4LSAB Fire Safety Development Group has recently published a briefing on the key learning from the fire deaths and near miss incidents reviewed by the Group over the last 12 months.

The briefing can be accessed [here](#).

Safeguarding Adults Week 2022



In November we took part in national Safeguarding Adults Week, which is an opportunity for organisations to come together to raise awareness of important safeguarding issues. The aim is to start vital conversations and share best practice. Along with our neighbouring Safeguarding Adults Boards and our partners, we used our website and social media to highlight messages and resources on safeguarding topics which are local priorities. The resources from the week are still available and are a valuable opportunity to support your learning and development. They and can be accessed at the links below:

[Self-Neglect and Hoarding](#)

[Homelessness](#)

[Safeguarding Concerns](#)

[Cost of Living / Fuel Poverty and Safeguarding](#)

[Domestic Abuse](#)

Domestic Abuse: Is this love?



Did you know that 1-3 women will experience domestic abuse in their lifetime and 1-7 men? The Community Safety Partnership has launched an 'Is This Love?' campaign, which aims to raise awareness of the different signs of domestic abuse and help people understand where to get support.

The campaign is encouraging people in Portsmouth to take a free, online relationship quiz. It doesn't take long and is completely confidential.

The quiz and more information can be found [here](#).

PSAB Policies update

Over the last few months we have published several new policy documents. Following on from the [thematic review of homeless deaths](#), we have produced a [briefing on homelessness](#) to raise awareness of the work of local authority housing and highlight how we can work in partnership to reduce the risks for homeless people who need safeguarding.

Secondly there is a new [Framework for Managing Risk and Safeguarding People Moving Into Adulthood](#) which sets out the principles for working with young people who are at risk due to things like criminal or sexual exploitation but may not meet the usual criteria for services. Dave Joyce is leading on work with Children's services to help us to embed this framework into practice. Lastly we have also updated the [Hoarding Guidance](#) which promotes evidence-based, person-centred working to support people who demonstrate hoarding behaviours.

Safeguarding Training

Did you know that the PSAB offers multi-agency safeguarding training? Current opportunities can be found on our [website](#), including access to our Safeguarding Concerns e-learning.



The image shows a screenshot of a digital resource page. At the top left, it says 'Adult Safeguarding Concerns Framework' and at the top right, 'Resources'. The main content area features a black and white photograph of an elderly man with a beard and a hat, looking thoughtfully to the side. Below the photo is the 'Making Connections' logo, which includes a stylized orange and purple icon and the text 'Making Connections' and 'Specialists in Safeguarding Adults' Training & Consultancy'. To the right of the photo, the text reads 'Introduction to the Adult Safeguarding Concerns Framework'. At the bottom right of this text area is a blue button with the text 'Lets go' and a right-pointing arrow. A small gear icon is visible in the bottom left corner of the screenshot.

Festive wishes!

The PSAB team would like to wish all our partners a peaceful festive period. We look forward to working with you in 2023.

