



## Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter Issue 3 June 2023

### Welcome to the PSAB newsletter!

Welcome to the summer issue of the PSAB newsletter. It's a packed issue with lots of new resources to share. We'd love to include news and good practice from your teams in future newsletters, or guest articles on an area you are an expert on - please get in touch if you have anything to share.

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## Portsmouth Mental Health Hub



YOU ARE NOT  
ALONE

The Portsmouth Mental Health Hub is a **new free phonenumber which is available for mental health support.**

They can help you find the best support for your needs or offer advice if you're concerned about someone else.

You can call Portsmouth Mental Health Hub on 0300 123 6621 (Monday-Friday, 8am-6pm) to talk to the team. The service is for people aged 16 and over

Find out more on the [website](#).

## Suicide Prevention

On average around 18 people take their own lives by suicide each year in Portsmouth. Sadly the PSAB has had a number of referrals for Safeguarding Adults Reviews recently where the adult has died by suicide.

The City has a Suicide Prevention Action Plan which you can read [here](#). We can all play a part in trying to help reduce the incidence of suicide. Some free training and resources are listed below that can help all our colleagues make a difference.

[Zero Suicide Alliance training](#) - they offer a 20-minute awareness e-learning course covering:

- How to spot suicide warning signs
- How to have a conversation with someone you're worried about
- Where to signpost to for further support
- Suicide is preventable


There's also a shorter 5-10 minute 'gateway' training and a veterans' edition.

**Grassroots** offers a free [Stay Alive app](#) which offers help and support both to people with thoughts of suicide and to people concerned about someone else.

If you need to talk to someone, you can call the **Samaritans** 116 123 for free. The phone line is open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can also email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org).

## Homelessness lunch and learn resources

**Why is housing everyone's business?**



**Hampshire and Isle of Wight**

*"How we hold someone's hope for a better life when they are unable to do it themselves relies on how we work together, how we problem solve together – this means more than just individual relationships, but how we embed different ways of working in partnership together across our respective organisations"*

Ros Hartley,  
Director of Partnerships,  
Hampshire & Isle of Wight  
Integrated Care Board

This lunch and learn session to introduce the [4LSAB Housing Practitioner briefing on Homelessness](#) took place in April. It was well attended and the feedback was excellent. The aim was to help professionals to understand how they can work together in partnership to effectively reduce the risks for people experiencing or vulnerable to homelessness, with a safeguarding need.

Topics included:

- Why housing is everyone's business
- Statutory Duties
- Mental Health & Homelessness.
- Using the Multi-agency Risk Management Framework (MARM) to support a Homeless Adult at Risk

You can watch the recording of the session and download the slides on the [PSAB website](#).

## Recognising vulnerability



Portsmouth City Council has developed an [animation](#) to help people to understand why adults may be vulnerable and need support. It's only a few minutes long and the webpage also provides links to further information on the topics raised in the video - such as hidden disability, domestic abuse, and modern slavery.

## Domestic Abuse jargon buster

As we updated in our last newsletter, feedback from staff in a recent survey showed that many of us don't always feel confident working with adults who may be experiencing domestic abuse. Refuge has a useful [glossary of terms](#) to help expand your knowledge. Here are a few to start you off.

### IDVA

**Independent Domestic Violence Advocate:** A person who works with survivors at high risk of harm from intimate partners, ex-partners or family members to secure their safety and the safety of their children. Serving as a survivor's primary point of contact, IDVAs normally work with their clients from the point of crisis to assess the level of risk, discuss the range of suitable options and develop safety plans.

### MARAC

**Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference:** A MARAC is a meeting where information is shared on the highest risk domestic abuse cases between representatives of local police, health, children's services, housing practitioners, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs), probation and other specialists from the statutory and voluntary sectors. Find out more in this [One Minute Guide](#).

### DASH

**DASH (Domestic Abuse, Stalking, Harassment) RIC (Risk Indicator Checklist):** A nationally recognised [risk assessment tool](#) which gives a consistent and simple tool for practitioners who work with adult victims of domestic abuse to help them identify those who are at high risk of harm and whose cases should be referred to a MARAC meeting in order to manage their risk.

To find out more about domestic abuse services in Portsmouth, visit the [PSAB website](#). You can also access the latest version of the [Portsmouth domestic abuse pathway](#).

Information about the ['Responding to Domestic Abuse' training](#) provided by [Stop Domestic Abuse](#) is available on the PSAB website.

## Mental Capacity update

You may have seen that the Government recently announced that the planned Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS), which were intended to replace Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS), have been put on hold indefinitely. They are unlikely to be implemented in the foreseeable future, if ever.

Although many people have put a lot of work into preparing for the changes that will not now happen, this may be a good opportunity to refresh your knowledge of the Mental Capacity Act (MCA) and DoLS as they are here to stay. We have some resources on our website to help including a [One Minute Guide](#), [Seven Minute Briefing](#) and [toolkit](#). You could also check that you are up to date with the MCA training offered in your organisation.



The Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) protects the public by helping employers to make safer recruitment decisions, and by preventing individuals who pose a risk to vulnerable groups from working in certain roles. Kelly Matthews, DBS Regional Outreach Adviser for the South East writes about the different types of DBS checks available and when to make a barring referral.

*An employer may request a [DBS check](#) as part of their safer recruitment practices, but these should not be used in isolation to assess a person's suitability for a role. The level of check that can be applied for will depend on the work being undertaken as legislation determines eligibility for [Standard](#) and [Enhanced](#) level checks. Where an applicant's role would not provide eligibility for a Standard or Enhanced level check, they can always be asked to apply for a Basic DBS check.*

- *Basic DBS check will disclose unspent convictions and conditional cautions.*
- *Standard DBS check will disclose unspent and spent convictions and cautions subject to [filtering](#).*
- *Enhanced DBS check will disclose the same as a Standard DBS check but will also include a check of information held by police forces.*
- *Enhanced with Barred List(s) DBS check will disclose the same as the Enhanced check plus a check of the relevant barred list.*

*If you provide care services for adults, you also have the option of using the DBS [Adult First](#) service. This service is only available to organisations who are eligible to access the DBS Adult barred list and who have requested a check of the barred list on their enhanced DBS application form. An Adult First check will confirm, usually within 2 days, if the applicant can start work, as long as they are supervised, or if you should wait for the results of the DBS enhanced check. The Adult First check should be requested at the same time as the full enhanced with barred list application and costs an additional £6.*

*The DBS also offers the [Update Service](#) which is an online subscription service that provides employers with the opportunity to check the status of an existing Standard or Enhanced DBS certificate. With the individual's consent an employer can carry out an instant online status check for free.*

*In addition to providing DBS certificates, the Disclosure and Barring Service maintains the Adults' and Children's Barred Lists. These are lists of individuals who are not allowed to work in regulated activity with vulnerable groups.*

*Regulated activity providers (employers or volunteer managers of people working in regulated activity in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) and personnel suppliers (employment agencies, employment business, or educational institutions) have a legal duty to refer to DBS where certain conditions are met. This applies even when a referral has also been made to a local authority safeguarding team or professional regulator.*

If you are a regulated activity provider or fall within the category of personnel supplier, you must make a referral when both of the following conditions have been met:

### **Condition 1**

- You withdraw permission for a person to engage in regulated activity with children and/or vulnerable adults. Or you move the person to another area of work that isn't regulated activity.

This includes situations when you would have taken the above action, but the person was re-deployed, resigned, retired, or left.

### **Condition 2**

You think the person has carried out 1 of the following:

- Engaged in relevant conduct in relation to children and/or adults. An action or inaction has harmed a child or vulnerable adult or put them at risk or harm or;
- Satisfied the harm test in relation to children and / or vulnerable adults. For example, there has been no relevant conduct but a risk of harm to a child or vulnerable still exists. or;
- Been cautioned or convicted of a relevant (automatic barring either with or without the right to make representations) offence.

More information on when and how to make a [barring referral](#) to the DBS can be found on the GOV.UK website.

Kelly supports organisations and networks of all sizes and across all sectors with DBS related queries, including delivering training about DBS products and services. You can contact Kelly by emailing; [Kelly.Matthews@dbs.gov.uk](mailto:Kelly.Matthews@dbs.gov.uk).



The PSAB is currently working with Kelly and our other local Safeguarding Adults Boards to produce Safer Recruitment Guidance for organisations, so watch this space!

## **2023 NSAB Excellence Award Nominations - 'We See You - We Hear You'**

Do you know a professional and/or team who are:

- Inspirational?
- Go above and beyond?
- Share their skills and expertise?
- Overcome barriers to make a real difference?
- Work in partnership with others?

If so, please complete this quick [nomination form](#) to ensure they are considered nationally for their efforts.

The deadline for all nominations is 15th October 2023.

All Nominations will be considered in their own merit, a decision awarded and acknowledgements made in National Safeguarding Adults Week, November 2023. The winners of the National Award will be recognised in a press release, photo opportunities and signed certificate from the National Safeguarding Adults Boards showcasing the, 'We See You - We Hear You,' campaign.

There are so many inspirational people working in Portsmouth - it would be great to have this recognised at the national level, so get your nominations in!



## New resources for professionals

We have published a new [4LSAB Seven Minute Briefing on Predatory Marriage](#).

For professionals who may be asked to carry out a section 42 enquiry by the Portsmouth Adult MASH, we have produced a new [One Minute Guide to carrying out section 42 enquiries](#) to help you through the process.

Alcohol Change UK has published a new [handbook for Alcohol Assertive Outreach](#) and a [Guide to Identifying and addressing cognitive impairment in dependent drinkers](#).

The Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership has developed a new [Harmful Practices toolkit](#).

The Government has published a new [Forced Marriage resource pack](#).

## Upcoming Training and Events

### MARM Awareness

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July 12-1pm

Awareness Session: Multi Agency Risk Management Framework in Practice

The purpose of this workshop is to raise awareness of the 4 Local Safeguarding Adult Boards (4LSAB) Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework (MARM) Framework and its application in practice. The session will provide an overview of the identification and Assessment of Risk and support management, as well as the stages of process and recording.

[Awareness Session: Multi Agency Risk Management Framework in Practice Tickets, Fri 14 Jul 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 12-1pm

Awareness Session: Multi Agency Risk Management Framework – developing operational guidance

The 4LSAB MARM (Multi-agency Risk management) Framework is an overarching strategic document, so it is important that you also have a step-by-step operational guide for your staff to accompany it. This session will provide advice to support you in producing your own internal operational guidance around the MARM Framework.

[Awareness Session: Multi Agency Risk Management Framework Tickets, Tue 3 Oct 2023 at 12:00 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Abuse of Position for Sexual Purpose**

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Constabulary's Anti-Corruption Unit would like to invite you to a short virtual presentation on abuse of position for sexual purpose. The session covers:

- Spotting warning signs
- Reporting concerns to the force
- Reviews and appeals

This presentation is aimed at practitioners who work directly with vulnerable people across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and IOW.

19 September 2023 10am.

The presentation will last around an hour and will include an opportunity to ask questions. To book your space please email [Lorraine.Harbour@hampshire.police.uk](mailto:Lorraine.Harbour@hampshire.police.uk)

### **Information Sharing (Clare's Law and Sarah's Law)**

This course will give you confidence when it comes to:

- When and how to share information with vulnerable members of the public about people in their life for safeguarding reasons without the consent of the subject.
- What the Data Protection Act says about sharing information without consent.
- Clare's Law (DVDS) and Sarah's Law (CSODS) – the Right to Ask and the Right to Know.
- Where to find guidance from the government about when and how to share this information appropriately.
- The protections that exist for you if you share such information without consent in an appropriate manner.

This course is delivered by Hampshire and IOW Constabulary. It is aimed at any front-line practitioners working with children or adults at risk, including social workers, safeguarding leads, health workers, housing staff, teachers and those working in child care.

This training is online via Microsoft Teams. There is no need to book. Please put the session in your diary and join using the Teams links below.

Tuesday 4th July 12.00-13.15 [Click here to join the meeting](#)



Thursday 14th September 14.00-15.15 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

Tuesday 12th December 09.15-10.30 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **No Recourse to Public Funds (NPRF) network event**

Monday 17 Jul 2023 13:00 - 14:30

The NPRF Network is delighted to launch its guide to assessing and supporting adults who have no recourse to public funds in England. The guidance is aimed at professionals in adult social care, housing, public health and the NHS who are responsible for making decisions about entitlement to support or who are advising adults with NPRF who are experiencing homelessness.

Free places available to book at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nrpf-network-adults-guidance-launch-tickets-648198367767>