



## Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Newsletter Issue 5 December 2023

### Welcome to the PSAB newsletter!

Welcome to last PSAB newsletter of 2023. As always there's lots of news, updates and information in this issue:

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Please share this newsletter with your colleagues - it really helps to raise awareness and expertise around adult safeguarding.

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## PSAB Annual Report

We have just published our [annual report](#) for last year. The annual report sets out our priorities for the year, our key achievements, the findings from the Safeguarding Adults Reviews that we published during the year, and some data giving a snapshot of safeguarding in the city.

We also produce an Easy Read version of our annual report.

Please take the time to have a read and share the report with your colleagues and clients.



## Launch of Safe Places

A **new scheme** launched across Portsmouth during Safeguarding Adults Week **to provide help or support for any adult who feels vulnerable or unsafe while they are out and about.**

The Safe Places scheme will see a network of organisations across the city available for people to drop into if they need help or somewhere to take a few minutes to rest.

Local organisations and businesses can sign up to be part of the network by promising to provide a quiet and calm space for someone to sit, to listen to any problems, and to make a phone call to a family member, friend, or emergency services if necessary.

Safe Places will welcome any adult who feels vulnerable, particularly people with learning disabilities, dementia, mental health issues, physical disabilities, autism, and older people.

The launch of the scheme was featured in the Portsmouth News, and we hope that this will make residents aware of the current safe places, and encourage more local businesses to sign up to the scheme.



Find out more about Safe Places [here](#). You can download the **leaflets and flyers about Safe Places on our website**. You can contact Safe Places by emailing [safeplaces@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:safeplaces@portsmouthcc.gov.uk). They can provide cards with contact details for adults to carry.

## Latest learning about Fire Safety

Every year the 4LSAB Fire Safety Development Group publishes a briefing about the key learning from the fire deaths and near miss incidents over the last year. We have published 2023'd briefing, which includes the latest learning about:

- Risk management
- Identifying fire risks and vulnerabilities
- Fire safety control measures
- Mental capacity
- An updated vulnerability table.

You can download the learning briefing [here](#).

## Community Partnership Information (CPI) form

Sharing of information is critical to developing a clearer picture of local and wider issues, to inform the actions police need to take to reduce threat, harm and risk. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary are seeking the support of practitioners to share information known to them which, often without realisation, could provide crucial links where gaps in intelligence might exist.

To help improve information sharing, the CPI form gives professionals a safe and direct way to share non-urgent information with police relating to adults at risk.

Find out more and access the CPI form on the [Safe4Me website](#).

We are offering training on the use of CPI during 2024 - for dates and more details see the training section of this newsletter.

## New Advocacy provider

Portsmouth has a new advocacy provider, **SWAN Advocacy**, which took over the service from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

The service from SWAN Advocacy includes:

- Independent Mental Capacity advocacy, including Relevant Persons Representative
- Independent Mental Health advocacy
- Care Act advocacy

Find out more and access the referral forms [here](#).

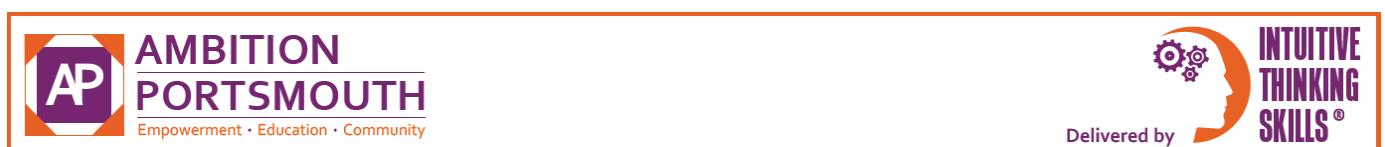
You can find out more about what advocacy is, when an adult may need an advocate, and more information about the different types of advocacy in our [One Minute Guide to Advocacy](#).



## Ambition Portsmouth

Ambition Portsmouth is a new service delivering open access peer-support groups with a positive and encouraging focus on providing opportunities for individual personal progression. They work with partners in the community by identifying suitable candidates with a variety of lived experience and specialisms, who are willing and able to volunteer their time to become Service Ambassadors. Ambition Portsmouth provides a route for people with lived experience to give something back, by supporting services, individuals and their communities. They are based at 67 Kingston Road and can be contacted on 02392 864 374.

Ambition Portsmouth is delivered by [Intuitive Thinking Skills](#).



## Financial abuse

Did you know:

- ✓ financial abuse was the 3rd most common type of abuse in safeguarding enquiries in Portsmouth last year
- ✓ the majority of financial abuse takes place in the person's own home
- ✓ financial abuse is linked to negative health outcomes and a decline in mental health ?

In response to the [Safeguarding Adults Reviews of Mrs E and Mr F](#), we have published a new [guide to financial abuse](#) to help professionals to understand financial abuse, spot the signs, and know what to do when they identify financial abuse. In the cases of Mrs E and Mr F, family members influenced the cancellation of care - it is likely this was financially motivated, but the possibility of financial abuse was not considered or addressed effectively.

The new guide covers:

- What is financial abuse?
- What does financial abuse include?
- What is the impact on the adult?
- How to identify financial abuse
- Preventing and addressing financial abuse
- More information and links



## Modern Slavery

The **Unseen app** provides a simple guide to **recognising the signs of modern slavery and human trafficking**, and reporting concerns in confidence. There is also a guide to types of modern slavery, an outline of key legislation, and an explanation of how to contact the Modern Slavery & Exploitation Helpline in 27 languages.

The app is on the phones of thousands of frontline professionals across the UK, and is recommended by senior police officers and anti-slavery experts.

You can download the app by searching “UnseenUK” on your app provider.



## New name for the Adult Safeguarding Team

The adult safeguarding team has changed its name from 'Portsmouth Adult MASH' to the '**Adult Safeguarding Team**'. This change was made as a result of feedback from the public, Safeguarding Adult Reviews, and partner agencies.

Please be reassured that **the team will continue to offer the exact same services**. Nothing about the referral or triage process will change other than the team email address, which is now [AdultSafeguarding@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:AdultSafeguarding@portsmouthcc.gov.uk). The team understands that this change may take some time to embed, so any emails sent to the old email address will still be received for the foreseeable future.

If you have any questions about the Adult Safeguarding Team, or if you need to raise a safeguarding concern, please email us at [AdultSafeguarding@portsmouthcc.gov.uk](mailto:AdultSafeguarding@portsmouthcc.gov.uk) or call us on 02392 688 613.

Please note that the form for making a referral has been updated to reflect the new name. You can **download the new form** from the [PSAB website](#).

## New resources for professionals

The [4LSAB Multi-Agency Guidance on Prevention and Early Intervention in Adult Safeguarding](#) has been updated. This document provides a useful list of activities to help promote wellbeing and prevent exploitation, abuse or neglect.

Health and Care Portsmouth has published new guidance for health and social care professionals on [Covert Medication Administration in Residential Care and Supported Living](#).

We have published a new guide to [Financial Abuse](#) and a new [learning briefing on fire safety](#).

In partnership with Dewis Choice, the Norfolk Safeguarding Adults Board have produced a [new animation, 'Hidden Harms'](#), to highlight the unique challenges that older adults face when domestic abuse occurs. The aim of this short animation is to be a tool to help support practitioners and families start a conversation with an older adult.

## Upcoming Training and Events - 2024 dates

### The Importance of Community Partnership Information (CPI) Sharing

Aim and learning outcomes:

- In what circumstances the form should be used

- When to call 999/101 to report a crime and when to do a CPI instead
- The importance of sharing information with police and how this relates to GDPR and the data protection act
- The journey of a CPI – what can the results be?
- How the form should be completed
- Common errors seen when partners complete the forms
- How we protect the details of the source of any such information

Target audience:

All front-line practitioners. In particular this is aimed at social workers, health care workers and pharmacists/GPs, schools and care settings, those who work in housing and substance misuse support.

Dates and booking information:

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 9th January 2024 11.00-11.45 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Thursday 18th April 2024 14.00-14.45 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Tuesday 16th July 2024 10.00-10.45 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Monday 14th October 2024 13.00 -13.45 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **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.

- Thursday 7th March 09:30-10.45 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Tuesday 18th June 14.00-15.15 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Thursday 12th September 2024 14.00-15.15 [Click here to join the meeting](#)
- Tuesday 3rd December 2024 09.30-10.45 [Click here to join the meeting](#)

### **Responding to Domestic Abuse**

Delivered by Stop Domestic Abuse the “Responding to Domestic Abuse” training combines the previous ‘victim’- and ‘perpetrator’-focused training, and aims to:

- Define what is domestic abuse
- What does domestic abuse look like for: Victims, people using abusive behaviours, children, professionals
- To increase knowledge and challenge stereotypes of victim, people using abusive behaviours, children and professionals.
- Types of relationships
- Engaging with your service users
- Understanding and accessing the referral pathway
- Effective safety planning and its application to your practice

Training dates:

- 6th February 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
- 13th March 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
- 15th May 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
- 11th June 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
- 11th July 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
- 12th September 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm
- 8th October 2024 – 9.30am – 4.30pm

To book a place contact Stop Domestic Abuse via email [portsmouthtraining@stopdomesticabuse.uk](mailto:portsmouthtraining@stopdomesticabuse.uk). Training is likely to move to face to face, however this will be confirmed once you are booked onto the course.

## Seasons Greetings!

The PSAB team would like to wish all our partners a peaceful festive period. We look forward to working with you in 2024.

