

Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of meeting: 21 September 2022

Subject: Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board: Thematic Review following the deaths of Mr G, Mr H, Mr I and Mr J

Report by: Alison Lawrence, Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Manager

Wards affected: All

Key decision: No

Full Council decision: No

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To highlight to Health and Wellbeing Board members the findings of the Thematic Review following the deaths of Mr G, Mr H, Mr I and Mr J (see Appendix A) which was commissioned by the Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- a. Note the findings and recommendations from the Thematic Review.
- b. Write to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (HIOW ICB) to request that the ICB review the health-related actions in the action plan and consider whether these actions are relevant across the HIOW ICB.
- c. Ask the HIOW ICB to consider the provision of care and support to residents of HIOW who are homeless as part of the ICS responsibility for acting to minimise health inequalities, and request the ICB confirm to the Portsmouth HWB Board the actions the ICB intends to take.

3. Background

- 3.1 Section 44 of the Care Act 2014 places a statutory requirement on the Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board (PSAB) to commission and learn from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) in specific circumstances (see Appendix A section 2) and confers on the PSAB the power to commission a SAR into any other case.

3.2 The PSAB identified that there had been an increase in the number of deaths of homeless adults during 2020, in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. The PSAB decided that the reasons for the increase in the number of deaths should be explored to see what could be learned and to identify improvements in the way services in the city support homeless people. To do this, the PSAB's Safeguarding Adults Review subgroup chose four deaths which seemed representative to be the focus of a Thematic Review. An independent reviewer was engaged and an independent report was produced. This report highlighted the unprecedented challenges experienced by individuals and services at the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, and also identified a number of findings and recommendations (see Appendix A sections 7 and 8).

4. Progress and next steps

4.1 The PSAB has accepted the findings of the thematic review and has noted significant progress has already been made by agencies to improve services in the city to support homeless people, including the introduction of a healthcare team based in Portsmouth City Council's homeless day service; strengthened links between housing and social care services; new housing pathways; and recommissioned substance misuse services.

4.2. A multi-agency action plan has been developed to address the recommendations. The action plan contains 17 actions for Adult Social Care, Housing, Health and Public Health services and includes actions on the commissioning of services, staff training, improving coordination between services, and highlighting the wider issues identified by the review at a national level. The action plan will be monitored by the PSAB's Quality Assurance subgroup.

5. Reasons for recommendations

5.1 The learning identified by the thematic review and recommendations made have wide ranging implications for health, social care, housing and other services within Portsmouth. It is important that the whole system learns from the review and responds effectively to improve the support available for those experiencing multiple exclusion homelessness in Portsmouth.

6. Integrated impact assessment

6.1 As the recommendations within this report do not give rise to any changes to policies or services an Integrated Impact assessment is not required.

7. Legal implications

7.1 The report has incorporated legal implications and accordingly there are no other immediate legal implications arising from this report.

8. Director of Finance's comments

8.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations contained within this report.

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Signed by: David Goosey, Independent Chair, Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board

Appendices: Appendix A Thematic Review following the deaths of Mr G, Mr H, Mr I and Mr J

Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location
Thematic Review following the deaths of Mr G, Mr H, Mr I and Mr J	https://www.portsmouthsab.uk/scrs-2/

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by on

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