

**Title of meeting:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**Date of meeting:** 27 September 2023

**Subject:** Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board: resourcing

**Report by:** David Goosey - Independent Chair Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board

**Wards affected:** All

**Key decision:** No

**Full Council decision:** No

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**1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. To highlight to Health and Wellbeing Board members the current resourcing position for the Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board (PSAB) and the implications for the PSAB in discharging its duties.

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:**

Write to Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (HIOW ICB) to request that they set out their formulas for funding the respective Safeguarding Adults Boards (SABs) in their area and how they intend to enable the PSAB to meet its obligations in 2023-24 and 2024-25.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Section 43 of the Care Act 2014 places a statutory requirement on Local Authorities to establish a SAB in its area. The objective of the SAB is set out in the Care Act: to help and protect adults in its area who have care and support needs and are experiencing (or at risk of) abuse or neglect, and who are unable to protect themselves as a result of their needs. SABs must do this by co-ordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of what each of its members does.
- 3.2 Schedule 2 of the Care Act sets out the statutory members of the SAB: the Local Authority, the Chief Officer of Police for the area, and the Clinical Commissioning Group (now ICB). Schedule 2 also makes provision for these statutory members to contribute funding or other resources to the SAB for expenditure incurred by, or for purposes connected with, the SAB.

3.3 The Care Act imposes a number of duties on the SAB: to produce a Strategic Plan (with the involvement of the local community) and Annual Report (Schedule 2), and to commission and learn from Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) in specific circumstances (section 44). Further requirements are outlined in the [Care Act Statutory Guidance](#) and include additional requirements about how the SAB must engage with service users and the community; communicate about its work; analyse data and assess the effectiveness of safeguarding; and promote and ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding training.

#### 4. PSAB resourcing

4.1 In 2022, Portsmouth City Council and the Portsmouth SAB participated in a peer review conducted by the Local Government Association. A number of the recommendations that emerged from the review focussed on the financial resourcing of the PSAB, including benchmarking against other boards. The review team commented on the low level of resources available to the PSAB.

The PSAB has identified that at the current level of funding, the PSAB will not be able to meet the functions outlined above or deliver the ambitions within its strategic plan in 2023-24 or in future years. A benchmarking exercise with the other local SABs (Southampton, Isle of Wight and Hampshire) showed that the funding for the PSAB is considerably less than for the other Boards, and not commensurate with the population or level of need in the city.

Financial contributions to Safeguarding Adults Boards across Hampshire & the Isle of Wight for the 2022/23 financial year:

##### **Portsmouth SAB 2022-23**

PCC Contribution	£42,014
PCCG Contribution	£31,227
Police Contribution	£13,178
Other Board members (training)	£3,750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,169</b>

##### **Southampton SAB 2022-23**

Southampton City Council	£97,428
Southampton Clinical Commissioning Group- now ICB	£56,042
Hampshire Constabulary	£22,417
<b>Total</b>	<b>£175,887</b>

##### **Hampshire SAB 2022-23**

Hampshire County Council	- £95,000
Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group	- £39,000
Hampshire Constabulary	- £17,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>- £151,000.</b>

##### **IoW SAB 2022-23**

ASC 65%	=86,759
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Police 12% =16,017  
CCG 23% =30,699  
**Total £133,475**

4.2 A proposal for partner contributions for 2023-24 was brought to the March 2023 Board meeting by Andy Biddle, Director of Adult Care. The proposal would bring the level of PSAB funding to that of the Isle of Wight SAB and would enable to the PSAB to meet its duties and go some way to meeting the ambitions of its strategic plan. A business case was subsequently developed and sent to the statutory SAB members by the PSAB Independent Chair seeking agreement by the end of June 2023. As a result of the benchmarking against other Boards, the PSAB therefore proposed the increases below

	2022-23 total contribution	Proposed increase	2023-24 proposed contribution
ICB	31,227	21,000	52,227
Hampshire Constabulary	13,178	8,500	21,678
PCC ASC	42,014	28,000	70,014
Other partners	3,750	2,500	6,250
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,169</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>150,169</b>

## 5. Current position 2023-24

- 5.1 Portsmouth City Council's Adult Social Care department has indicated that it would be prepared to contribute the proposed increase in its contributions for 2023-24, provided there is agreement from the other statutory members to the proposed contributions set out in the business case. This increased contribution would be in addition to the costs the Local Authority already incurs by hosting the support functions for the Safeguarding Board, for which the Local Authority has not sought to recharge to partners.
- 5.2 A response has not yet been received from Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary about its contributions.
- 5.3 HIOW ICB initially offered a 5% increase on its contribution for 2022-23 but has indicated following subsequent discussions in September 2023 that they are prepared to reconsider their position.
- 5.4 Smaller contributions have been secured from three other PSAB members, which have been ringfenced for learning and development on the theme of risk management, which has been identified as a priority area as a result of learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews.
- 5.5 If contributions from the statutory members remain at the 2022-23 level, it is projected that there will be an overspend of approximately £8,000 in 2023-24. This is a result of needing to commission four Safeguarding Adults Reviews this

year. The PSAB would have insufficient resources to commission any further SARs should these be required in the remaining 6 months of the 23/24 year.

## **6. Reasons for recommendations**

- 6.1 The current level of funding received by the PSAB is inadequate to meet the requirements of the Care Act 2014 and its associated statutory guidance and is inequitable in comparison to other areas within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
- 6.2 At the current level of contributions, the PSAB budget is projected to be overspent in 2023-24. An agreement for sustainable resourcing for PSAB is required for 2023-24 and future years.
- 6.3 The Care Act statutory guidance states that it is in all core partners' interests to have an effective SAB that is resourced adequately to carry out its functions.

## **7. Integrated impact assessment**

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

## **8. Legal implications**

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

## **9. Finance comments**

- 9.1 The City Council contribution to the PSAB for 2023/24 is currently budgeted at the 2022-23 contribution levels. It is proposed that any increase for 2023-24 will be funded from one-off reserves. To maintain the increased contribution levels in future years, additional recurring funding sources will need to be identified from within the Adult Social Care budget.
- 9.2 If partner contributions are not increased in 2023-24 in line with the above proposals, then the PSAB will be unable to meet the functions outlined above or deliver the ambitions within its strategic plan in 2023-24 or in future years.

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

**Appendices:**

**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:

<b>Title of document</b>	<b>Location</b>

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

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Signed by: