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Title of meeting: Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject: Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board: Annual Report 2022-23 and Safeguarding Adults Reviews

Date of meeting: 29 November 2023

Report by: Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair

Wards affected: All

1. Requested by Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Independent Chair

2. Purpose

To provide an update on the recent work of the Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board (PSAB) in 2022-23 and to highlight the learning from three recently published Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs).

3. Information Requested

PSAB Annual Report 2022-23

The Care Act 2014 requires Safeguarding Adults Boards to publish a report on their activities each year (Appendix A).

Key achievements in 2022-23 were:

- Held an [adult safeguarding conference](#) which brought frontline professionals from different organisations together and heard from service users.
- Introduced a new PSAB [newsletter](#) to share information and good practice with the workforce.
- Published a new [Multi-agency Framework for Managing Risk and Safeguarding People Moving into Adulthood](#).
- Addressed issues arising from the closure of a number of care homes in the city by holding a multi-agency workshop investigate barriers to earlier identification of safeguarding concerns in care homes.
- Commissioned a peer review to help the PSAB to gain assurance about how well the safeguarding system is working.

Priorities for 2023-24 are:

- Publish a new strategy and action plan for 2023-24 onwards, including resolving the ongoing resourcing issues for the PSAB.
- Hold another Safeguarding Adults Conference on the theme of Managing Risk.



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- Review the Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework and produce new tools for professionals to help them manage risk effectively.

Safeguarding Adults Reviews (Kim, Ronnie and Paul)

The Care Act 2014 requires Safeguarding Adults Boards to carry out reviews of cases in certain circumstances, and gives them the discretionary power to review any case involving an adult with care and support needs in their area. In October 2023, the PSAB published reviews of the deaths of three adults, all of whom were experiencing homelessness at the time of their deaths (appendices B, C and D). These reviews were discretionary reviews and were carried out because the individuals had experienced abuse or neglect in the period leading up to their deaths and it was felt there was important learning about how services worked together to keep them safe. The reviews also built on the learning from the thematic review of homeless deaths published by the PSAB in 2022.

The following key themes emerged from the learning from the reviews:

- *Multi-agency risk management:* risk was not managed effectively with the appropriate level of oversight and accountability, and the existing Multi-Agency Risk Management (MARM) framework and toolkit was not used.
- *Legal literacy:* the Care Act and other legal frameworks were not always used effectively to keep the adults safe.
- *Accommodation and support:* there are a lack of accommodation and support options for adults with complex needs who are experiencing homelessness.
- *Roles and responsibilities:* services were not always clear about each other's roles and responsibilities, particularly when working across the statutory and voluntary sector.
- *Whole family approach:* services did not always recognise the person's family networks, or take into account the needs of all members of the family.
- *Marginalisation, stigma and unconscious bias:* there was evidence that adults with complex needs sometimes experience marginalisation, stigma and unconscious bias, which can create a barrier in seeking effective support from services.

Action plans have been developed to address the recommendations and are being monitored by PSAB's Quality Assurance subgroup.

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Signed by (Director)

Appendices:

- Appendix A: PSAB Annual Report 2022-23
- Appendix B: Kim Safeguarding Adults Review
- Appendix C: Ronnie Safeguarding Adults Review
- Appendix D: Paul Safeguarding Adults Review

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