

**Title of meeting:** Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel

**Date of meeting:** 18 July 2024

**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 the Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel members the current resourcing from Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board NHS for the Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board (PSAB).

**2. Recommendations**

**2.1 The Health Overview and Scrutiny Panel is recommended to:**

Consider the decision of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (HIOW ICB) in respect of their funding of the PSAB in 2024-25 and future years.

**3. Background**

- 3.1 Section 43 of the Care Act 2014 places a statutory requirement on Local Authorities to establish a Safeguarding Adults Board (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 2023-24**

- 4.1 In 2022, Portsmouth City Council and the Portsmouth SAB participated in a peer review carried out by the South-East Association of Directors of Adult Social Services. 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.
- 4.2 A benchmarking exercise with the other local SABs (Southampton, Isle of Wight and Hampshire) showed that the funding for the PSAB was considerably less than for the other Boards, and not commensurate with the population or level of need in the City.
- 4.3 For 2023-24, the PSAB developed a business case (see Appendix 1) proposing increased partner contributions which would bring the level of PSAB funding to that of the Isle of Wight SAB and would enable the PSAB to meet its duties and go some way to meeting the ambitions of its strategic plan.
- 4.4 Portsmouth City Council's Adult Social Care department and Hampshire and Isle of Wight Constabulary agreed to the requested increased contributions for 2023-24. HIOW ICB did not, but in December 2023 agreed a 5% increase on its 2022-23 contribution plus an additional £8,000 funding from place-based resources.

#### **5. PSAB resourcing 2024-25**

- 5.1 The PSAB considered its 2024-25 budget at its Board meeting in September 2023 and it was agreed that partner contributions would be requested as per the 2023-24 business case, with no further increases. Partners were asked to provide confirmation by the end of October 2023.
- 5.2 HIOW ICB notified the PSAB in April 2024 that its contribution for 2024-25 would be a 5% uplift on the core amount from 2023-24 (without taking into account the additional £8,000). The ICB contribution is therefore less than that for 2023-24, and there is a greater gap between the contribution and the funding request. Moreover, the contribution is still less than that offered to the IOW SAB, and considerably less than that offered to the Southampton SAB. The relevant financial information is included under finance comments in the report at section 9.

**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. HIOW ICB has not provided a rationale for its funding decisions in response to a request from the Portsmouth multi-agency Health and Wellbeing Board (see [item 6](#) on the Health and Wellbeing Board agenda 27 September 2023). If each SAB is offered a fixed percentage uplift on the existing funding contributions, the situation will become more inequitable for PSAB year-on-year.

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. Director of Finance's comments**

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	<b>2022-23 total contribution</b>	<b>2023-24 and 2024-25 proposed contribution</b>	<b>2023-24 actual contribution</b>	<b>2024-25 actual contribution</b>
<b>ICB</b>	31,227	52,227	40,788	34,427
<b>Hampshire Constabulary</b>	13,178	21,678	21,678	TBC
<b>PCC ASC</b>	42,014	70,014	70,014	70,014
<b>Other partners (combined)</b>	3,750	6,250	8,750	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90,169</b>	<b>150,169</b>	<b>141,230</b>	<b>TBC</b>

	<b>ICB contribution 2024-25</b>	<b>Multiple of PSAB contribution</b>	<b>Multiple of Portsmouth population</b>
<b>PSAB</b>	34,427	1	1
Portsmouth Safeguarding Children Partnership	62,843	1.83	1
IOW SAB	38,788	1.13	0.68
Southampton SAB	63,734	1.85	1.21
Hampshire SAB	71,000	2.06	6.80

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

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1: PSAB Resourcing Business Case

**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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