

Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020-21

Executive summary

The Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board (PSAB) is a partnership of key organisations in Portsmouth who work together to keep adults safe from abuse and neglect. This is a summary of our work in 2020-21.

[Read the full annual report here.](#)



PSAB

COVID-19

The work of the PSAB and its partners has this year been dominated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Actions taken by the Board include:

- **prioritising essential work** and moving to **new ways of working** using online meetings and training
- supporting a **weekly safeguarding 'huddle'** for operational safeguarding leads to share updates and good practice on keeping people safe during the pandemic, and solve issues
- **sharing information** with staff and volunteers on our website and creating a [guide to safeguarding](#) for coronavirus volunteers
- providing **oversight and assurance** of our partners' response to COVID-19

BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS

- Published [new guidance](#) to help professionals make decisions on when to raise safeguarding concerns
- Promoted the **Multi Agency Risk Management Framework** including via a [podcast](#)
- Established a new **Quality Assurance subgroup**
- Took part in the national '**Safeguarding Vulnerable Dependent Drinkers**' project
- Held a **National Safeguarding Adults Week** 2020 social media campaign

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS

Safeguarding Adults Boards are required to carry out reviews of cases where an adult with care and support needs dies or is seriously harmed and there are concerns about how agencies worked to safeguard them.

In 2020-21 the Board:

- received **20** new Safeguarding Adults Review referrals
- worked on Safeguarding Adults Reviews for **four** cases and a thematic review of the deaths of several homeless people in Portsmouth. We will publish these in 2021-22
- reviewed the case of 'Ms A' and published this [learning briefing](#)

PLANS FOR 2021-22

- Publish **new strategy and action plan** for 2022-23
- Develop **policy on managing safeguarding concerns** for young people moving into adulthood, working in consultation with young people and their parents and carers
- Publish and promote **Fire Safety Framework** to help professionals manage fire risks in the home
- **Carry out audits** of Multi Agency Risk Management, Transition, and the quality of safeguarding concerns raised to the Adult Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub