

Portsmouth Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2022-23

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 2022-23

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OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Our priorities in 2022-23 were:

- 1. Community engagement:** to engage more effectively with our service users, carers and communities.
- 2. Interprofessional practice and relationship-based practice:** to build a competent, confident workforce, by supporting professionals from different agencies to work together.
- 3. Safeguarding practice:** to continue our efforts to review experience when things have not gone as planned and to publicise best practice.

Our plans were set out in our [strategy](#) and [action plan](#).

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 2022-23:

- We received **10** new Safeguarding Adults Review referrals.
- We published Safeguarding Adults Reviews for **Mrs E** and **Mr F**, and a **thematic review** of four adults who were homeless when they died. We developed action plans to address the recommendations from the reviews. See the learning briefings [here](#).
- We worked on Safeguarding Adults Reviews for **four** other cases. We will publish these in 2023-24.

BOARD ACHIEVEMENTS

- 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 to investigate barriers to earlier identification of safeguarding concerns in care homes**.
- Commissioned a **peer review** to help the Board gain assurance about how well the safeguarding system is working.

PLANS FOR 2023-24

- Publish a new strategy and action plan for 2023-24 onwards.
- Hold another Safeguarding Adults Conference on the theme of managing risk.
- Review the Multi-Agency Risk Management Framework and produce new tools for professionals to help them manage risk effectively.