

Health and Wellbeing Board



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| Date of meeting: | 29 January 2025 |
| Title of Report: | Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Partnership |
| Lead Member: | Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) |
| Lead Strategic Director: | Gary Walbridge (Strategic Director for Adults, Health and Communities) |
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| Your Reference: | N/A |
| Key Decision: | No |
| Confidentiality: | Part I - Official |

Purpose of Report

To provide an overview of the Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Partnership (PSAP), remit and duties, and cover the 2023-24 Annual Report.

Recommendations and Reasons

- I. That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the report

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Keeping Adults, Children and Communities Safe
Focussing on prevention and early intervention

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

N/A

Financial Risks

N/A

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

** When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

N/A

Appendices

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| Ref. | Title of Appendix | Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable) <i>If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.</i> | | | | | | |
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| A | Briefing Report (below) | | | | | | | |

Background papers:

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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| Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Gary Walbridge | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date agreed: 18/01/2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date approved: 18/01/2025 | | | | | | | | | | | |

The requirement for Local Authorities to establish and maintain Safeguarding Adult Boards was set out in the Care Act 2014 s14.104 :

Each local authority must set up a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB). The main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to help and protect adults in its area who meet the criteria set out at paragraph 14.2, detailing that safeguarding duties apply to an adult who:

- *Has needs for care and support (whether or not the local authority is meeting any of those needs) **and**;*
- *Is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect; **and***
- *As a result of those care and support needs is unable to protect themselves from either the risk of, or the experience of abuse or neglect.*

The SAB has a strategic role that is greater than the sum of the operational duties of the core partners. It oversees and leads adult safeguarding across the locality and will be interested in a range of matters and data that contribute to the prevention of abuse and neglect. It is important that SAB partners feel able to challenge each other and other organisations where it believes that their actions or inactions are increasing the risk of abuse or neglect. This will include commissioners, as well as providers of services.

A SAB has three core duties:

- It must publish a strategic plan for each financial year that sets how it will meet its main objective and what the members will do to achieve this. The plan must be developed with local community involvement, and the SAB must consult the local Healthwatch organisation. The plan should be evidence based and make use of all available evidence and intelligence from partners to form and develop its plan.
- It must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews and subsequent action.
- It must conduct any Safeguarding Adults Review, in accordance with Section 44 of the Act, and this must be considered when:
 - An adult in its area dies as a result of abuse or neglect, whether known or suspected, and there is concern that partner agencies could have worked more effectively to protect the adult;
 - If an adult in its area has not died, but the SAB knows or suspects that the adult has experienced serious abuse or neglect. In the context of SARs, something can be considered serious abuse or neglect where, for example the individual would have been likely to have died but for an intervention, or has suffered permanent harm or has reduced capacity or quality of life (whether because of physical or psychological effects) as a result of the abuse or neglect;
 - SABs are free to arrange for a SAR in any other situations involving an adult in its area with needs for care and support.

Safeguarding requires collaboration between partners in order to create a framework of inter-agency arrangements. Local authorities and their relevant partners must collaborate and work together as set out in the co-operation duties in the Care Act and, in doing so, must, where appropriate, also consider the wishes and feelings of the adult on whose behalf they are working.

Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Board was set up following the implementation of the Care act in 2015, with the appointment of Andy Bickley as its Independent Chair, a role which he holds to date. In 2020 it was decided to rebrand the SAB as a partnership board, in keeping with the movement regionally and nationally. It comprises the full multi-agency partnership board with recommendations and reporting from an Executive Group of the funding statutory partners, the police, ICB and the local authority, and 3 sub groups for Assurance, Engagement and the management of SAR referrals and reviews.

In line with its duties under the Care Act it publishes its Safeguarding Adults Reviews, and these can be found here:: [Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Partnership | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#).

In addition the annual reports are published on its webpages, the most recent can be found here: [Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Partnership Annual Report 2023 to 2024 | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#), which we will discuss at the meeting, taking any questions.