

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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<p>Context</p>	<p>Among their statutory duties for adult social care, the Care Act 2014 gave local authorities the responsibility as lead agency for adult safeguarding, including the duty to set up and maintain a Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), in cooperation with the NHS and police. SABs are funded collectively by these three statutory partners, and chaired independently. The main objective of a SAB is to assure itself that local safeguarding arrangements and partners act to support and protect adults in its area who meet the criteria set out in the Care Act.</p> <p>In Plymouth the SAB is known as the Plymouth Safeguarding Adults Partnership (PSAP); it has a unique statutory role for the City in assuring itself that partners have effective safeguarding arrangements in place and are cooperating and assisting with the planning and delivery of services for adults with care and support needs. The Partnership must be able to form a view of the quality of local activity, with members' ability to challenge each other as a core understanding.</p> <p>Core duties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to publish a Strategic Plan for each financial year detailing how it will meet its main objectives and what the partners will do to achieve this. - to publish an Annual Report detailing what it has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and what partners have done to implement its Strategic Plan. - to commission/undertake Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs), in accordance with s44 Care Act. <p>In addition it has a number of other functions, including to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - offer advice and assistance regarding safeguarding responsibilities and promote understanding of related agendas - establish ways of analysing and interrogating data on safeguarding referrals and completed enquiries, which increases understanding of the patterns and prevalence of abuse and neglect locally. - determine its arrangements for peer review and self-audit. - establish mechanisms for developing policies and strategies for protecting adults, which should also take account of the views of adults who have needs for care and support, their families, advocates and care representatives. - identify mechanisms for monitoring and reviewing the implementation and impact of policy and training - support and contribute to related regional and national networks.

<p>PSAP Annual Report 2020-21</p>	<p>This is the second year that the report has been published digitally, the full version can be accessed here and covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Independent Chair’s foreword: the Chair’s view of the past year and the year ahead for PSAP - Strategic Priorities 2021-24 (attached) - PSAP structure (attached) - Safeguarding context: delineation between statutory safeguarding and concerns for those who may not meet statutory criteria - Response to Covid-19: the pandemic had a significant effect on demand and service delivery for all agencies in the Partnership; whilst this was discussed throughout the year, to provide assurance, partners reported on their individual perspectives in terms of adult safeguarding. - Learning from Safeguarding Adults Reviews: references the SAR published that year, and details the recommendations, responses from the partner agencies involved and plans for the ongoing monitoring of embedded learning. - Safeguarding data: the year’s figures for demand, location and categories of abuse, demographics and requisite practice; these are reported quarterly and inform audit planning. - Our Year: broken down quarterly, details the themes and contents of the PSAP meetings, areas of partnership work, achievements and challenges. - Achievements: a table detailing what has been achieved against the plans for the year; as usual there are some ongoing matters. - Budget: a breakdown of how the joint funding has been allocated throughout the year, and informing the coming year’s forecast and budget planning. - Future Plans: areas of focus as agreed by the Partnership and detailed in the Business Plan 2021-24. Included is the strengthening of links between partnership boards i.e. Health and Wellbeing Board, Plymouth Safeguarding Children’s Partnership, Safer Plymouth and the Homelessness Prevention Partnership.
<p>PSAP Business Plan 2021-24</p>	<p>Attached is the 3 year plan for the PSAP and its sub groups. In a change to previous plans, the 2021-24 plan has been designed to be an organic, developmental document, able to respond to issues highlighted by partners or identified by data monitoring. It will be the work plan of the Development sub group, and inform the agenda of the Executive Group meetings and its recommendations to PSAP.</p>