



10th May 2021

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that we are able to inform you that the 4LSAB Fire Safety Framework (2021) has now been ratified by the four Local Safeguarding Adults Boards (LSABs) covering Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton. This has been a key piece of work that has been led by Hampshire and IOW Fire & Rescue Service (HIWFRS) and fully endorsed by the 4LSABs and their partner organisations.

The purpose of this new 4LSAB Multi-Agency Fire Safety Framework is to provide all frontline staff with guidance to support the effective management of fire risks within the home and other settings. It aims to provide an awareness to the key risk factors for individuals who have an increased vulnerability towards fire, and the early interventions and control measures available to ensure such risks can be managed in the most effective way. It is envisaged that through a partnership approach, early intervention, and the use of the Framework, all 4LSAB partner agencies can effectively manage fire risk and therefore reduce the likelihood of fire related deaths or injuries across Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and the Isle of Wight. This multi-agency framework includes:

- **Vulnerability risk factors** identified by comprehensive analysis of fire deaths and incidents over a 3-year period
- **A person-centred Fire Risk Assessment**
- **Tailored advice for Residential Care Homes** including Personal Emergency Evacuation Plans (PEEPs) and a Safe Smoking Risk Assessment
- **Fire Safety Interventions** including Safe & Well Visits from Hampshire and IOW Fire & Rescue Service
- **Consideration of Mental Capacity**
- **Referral routes to Hampshire and IOW Fire & Rescue Service**

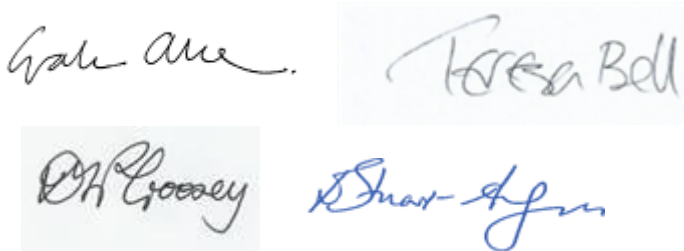
The 4LSAB Fire Safety Framework will be available from all the four LSAB websites, as well as the HIWFRS webpage. It is planned to officially launch the Framework on 17th May 2021, which is the beginning of Hoarding Awareness week. The Framework will be launched by all 4 of the Safeguarding Adults Boards via email, their websites, and social media channels. The launch will include a short 2-4 minute video created by HIWFRS featuring professionals from partner organisations talking about how they will be utilising the framework in their everyday practice. This coordinated approach across the four LSABs will ensure the new policy and guidance is shared as widely as possible with our respective partners and stakeholders. A further multi-agency training event will follow in the Autumn with advice on how to apply the Framework, as well as a 'Q&A' with key partners.

Going forward, as a key safeguarding partner, we would like to request your agency, to undertake three key actions to help ensure that the new 4LSAB Fire Safety Framework is reflected and embedded within your internal safeguarding arrangements and practice:

1. Share and disseminate the Framework widely within your organisation and across your networks.
2. Review and revise internal training plans and course content to ensure the Framework is included and discussed.
3. Review and revise internal safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure the Framework is included and/or referenced within.
4. Encourage your staff to engage with the video and take up the training opportunities.

If you have any queries, about the Framework, or its launch, then please feel free to discuss these initially with your LSAB Manager, who will be able to signpost you to HIWFRS if required.

Many thanks and best wishes,



Graham Allen - Hampshire Safeguarding Adults Board Chair

Teresa Bell – Isle of Wight Safeguarding Adult Board Chair

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