

**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
2nd JUNE 2015**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND
SAFEGUARDING BOARDS**

**LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD/SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
BUSINESS PLANS 2015/16**

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee's attention the Business Plans 2015/16 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.
2. The Business Plans were approved at a joint meeting of the Boards on 17th April 2015. However, the Plans are iterative and it remains possible to take on board comments or proposed additions and amendments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and these will be considered by the Boards at their meeting on 3rd July

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

3. The LRLSCB is a statutory body established as a result of Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and currently works under statutory guidance issued in Working Together 2013. The LRSAB became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as result of the Care Act 2014.
4. The Annual Report of the LRLSCB and LRSAB was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2014 and emerging priorities for the new Business Plans for 2015/16 were discussed at that meeting. The views expressed by the Committee at that stage were fed into the formative process for the Plans and are reflected in the final versions of the Plans which are attached as appendices 1 and 2.

Background

5. Scrutiny Panel members will be aware that in 2014/15 we combined the business plans and annual reports of the two safeguarding boards. Given the change in the statutory status of the LRSAB created by the Care Act 2014 and a wish more clearly to present the specific objectives of the two boards we have reverted to the production of individual business plans with one cross-cutting element that retains focus on those safeguarding issues that relate to both Boards.
6. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2013/14 have been built into the Business Plans for 2015/16. In addition to issues arising from the

Annual Report the new Business Plans' priorities have been identified against a range of national and local drivers including:

- a. national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
 - b. recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;
 - c. the outcomes of serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes and other review processes both national and local;
 - d. evaluation of the business plans for 2014/15 including analysis of impact afforded by our quality assurance and performance management framework;
 - e. best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;
 - f. the views expressed by both service users and front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements.
7. The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2014. These include:
- a. the annual Safeguarding Summit of chief officers from partner agencies held in December 2014
 - b. meetings of the Scrutiny Panels in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the annual report 2013/14 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - c. meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Well-Being Boards at which both the annual report 2013/14 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - d. discussions within individual agencies
8. Business Plan priorities were discussed and debated at a meeting of the Adults and Communities Scrutiny Committee at their meeting held on 17th September 2014. As stated above all the issues raised at that meeting have been incorporated into the draft Business Plans attached.
9. The proposed strategic priorities, priority actions and key outcome indicators set out in the new Business Plans were formulated through the annual development session of the two safeguarding boards held on 16th January 2015

Proposed Business Plans 2015/16

10. The strategic priorities for the two Boards remain the same as those agreed in 2014/15. They are as follows:
- Priority 1: To be assured that 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Business'
- Priority 2a: To be assured that children and young people are safe
- Priority 2b: To be assured that adults are safe
- Priority 3: To be assured that safeguarding services for children, families and adults are effectively co-ordinated to ensure both children and adults are safe;
- Priority 4: To be assured that our learning and improvement framework is raising service quality and outcomes for children, young people and adults;
- Priority 5: To be assured that the workforce is 'fit for purpose'.
11. Against each of these strategic priorities the Boards have now identified key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next

year to achieve these improved outcomes. These are set out in the two draft Business Plans that are attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to this report.

12. The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the two Boards has been adjusted to reflect the new Business Plans and were finalised by the two Boards at their meeting on 17th April 2015.
13. The views of a range of forums are being sought on the Business Plans. This includes the Cabinets, children and adult scrutiny committees and the Health and Well-Being Boards in both local authority areas.

Proposals/Options

14. The committee is asked to consider the Business Plans and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the Plans that will then be considered at the meetings of the Boards due to be held on 2nd July 2015.

Consultation

15. All members of the Boards and their Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the Business Plans. In addition discussions have been held with service users in both local authority areas to enable them to contribute their views about safeguarding in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Conclusions

16. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee should note and comment on the attached Business Plans for 2015/16.

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List of Appendices

Appendix A - LRLSCB Business Plan 201516

Appendix B - LRSAB Business Plan 201516

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

17. Safeguarding vulnerable children, young people and vulnerable adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. The Annual Report sets out how the LSCB/SAB seeks to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership. Likewise the Annual Report and Business Plan 2014/15 extracts set out how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

Partnership Working and associated issues

18. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in national regulation, Working Together 2013, published by the Department for Education and the Care Act 2014.