

**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
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**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL**  
**REPORT 2014/15**

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

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee's attention the draft Annual Report 2014/15 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.
2. The report will be presented for approval to a joint meeting of the Boards on 16th October 2015. Any comments or proposed additions and amendments made by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be addressed in the final report before it is published.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

3. The LRSAB is a partnership that became a statutory requirement as a result of the Care Act 2014. It was not a statutory body during the year on which this Annual Report focuses. The main purpose of the LRSAB is to ensure, effective, co-ordinated multi-agency arrangements for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

**Background**

4. The LRSAB has operated with an Independent Chair since 2011. Since 2012 the Independent Chair has covered both the LRSAB and the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB). This alignment has supported a focus on vulnerable children, adults and families.
5. There has been no legal requirement to publish an annual report for the LRSAB until the Care Act came into being, and this requirement will apply from the current year. In Leicestershire and Rutland, however, we have always considered it good practice to produce such a report and to present it to the Local Authority's Overview and Scrutiny Committees, primarily for them to consider whether the Local Authority is effectively carrying out its functions in relation to safeguarding, which include ensuring that the Boards themselves are effective bodies.
6. The LRLSCB/LRSAB Business Plan for 2014/15 was presented to this Committee at its meeting on 2 June 2015. The Committee will, therefore, be aware of some of the strengths and areas for development that arose from the assessment of performance in 2013/14 since this informed the framing of that Business Plan. However, the Annual Report provides a full assessment of performance that will be a key document for consideration. It is, necessarily, a detailed report but we have included an Executive Summary to assist readers in gauging the key achievements and

development needs arising from the assessment of the Boards' performance across 2014/15.

7. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2014/15 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for adults in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically it evaluates our performance against the priorities that we set in our Business Plan 2013/14.
8. This year we have reverted to presenting separate annual reports for the LRSAB and the LRLSCB. This partly results from the changes to the statutory frameworks for both Boards and particularly those brought about for the LRSAB as a result of the Care Act 2014. However it is also a response to views expressed by readers of our last Annual Report who found the combination of the two reports complex and difficult to digest.
9. The Annual Report 2014/15 can be found in full at in Appendix B to this report.
10. The Annual Report 2014/15 includes:
  - (i) A foreword from the Independent Chair;
  - (ii) A brief overview of the local area safeguarding context with some key context data;
  - (iii) An overview of the Boards' governance and accountability arrangements;
  - (iv) Analysis of performance against the key priorities in the 2014/15 Business Plan which were to:-
    - (a) Priority 1: To be assured that 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility';
    - (b) Priority 2b: To be assured that adults in need of safeguarding are safe;
    - (c) Priority 2c: To be assured that services for children, services for adults and services for families are effectively coordinated to ensure children and adults are safe;
    - (d) Priority 3b: To be assured of the quality of care for any adult supported by registered providers;
    - (e) Priority 4: To be assured that our Learning and Improvement Framework is raising service quality and outcomes for children, young people and adults;
    - (f) Priority 5: To be assured that the workforce is fit for purpose.
  - (v) An overview of the work of the Serious Case Review Sub-Group and Domestic Homicide Review group.
11. The Executive Summary to the report is attached in Appendix A and highlights key achievements and areas for development that have been drawn into the Business Plan for 2014/15.

## **Proposals/Options**

12. The Committee is asked to consider the Annual Report and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the report that will be addressed prior to the final version of the Annual Report being published.

## **Consultation**

13. All members of the Boards and their Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the annual report. In addition discussions have been held with youth councils in both local authority areas to enable them to contribute their views about safeguarding in Leicestershire and Rutland.

## **Conclusions**

14. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee should note and comment on the attached Annual Report 2014/15.

## **Background Papers**

15. Report to the Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 10 June 2014.

## **Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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## **List of Appendices**

Appendix A - Executive Summary of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014/15

Appendix B - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014/15

## **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 LRSAB 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 relating to the Care Act 2014.