

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB) and Safeguarding Adults Boards (SAB) Business Plan 2016/17**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report provides an update on work undertaken by the Leicestershire and Rutland LSCB and SAB in respect of the development of Business Plan priorities for 2016/17.

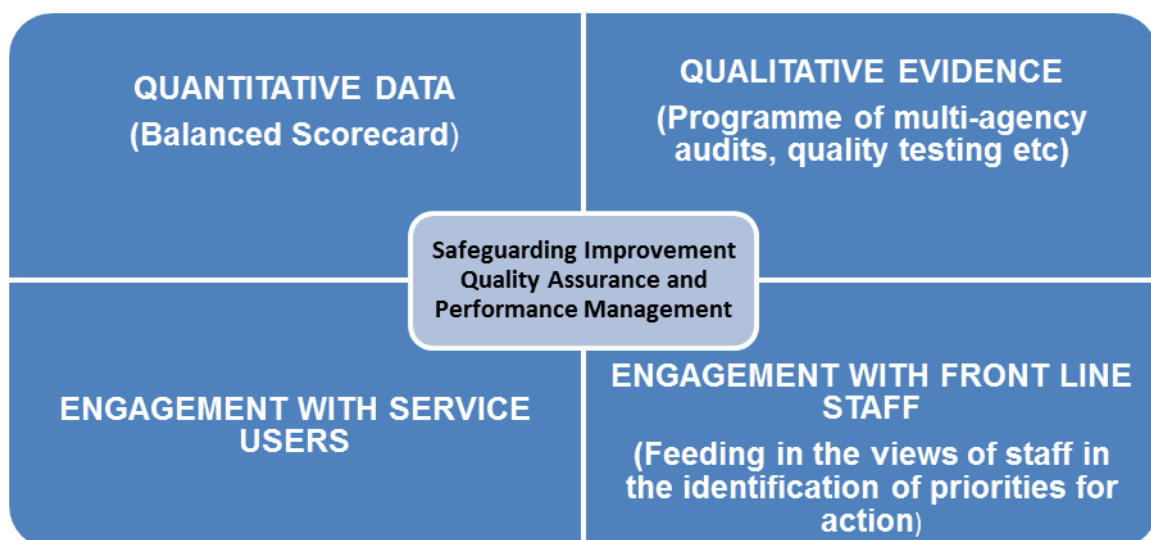
#### **Background**

2. The role of the LSCB and SAB is to seek assurance that effective safeguarding is coordinated across the partnership and seeks to do this through appropriate scrutiny and challenge. The Boards do not commission services nor are they responsible for operational delivery.
3. Both LSCB and SAB have a statutory duty to produce a Business Plan and this year we have adopted a new approach to our business planning moving away from the five strategic priorities that have been in place for the last three years and focusing on areas that we have identified as priorities for development and improvement. At a Development Day, Board members identified areas in which we had reached good levels of performance and agreed that these would not be included in the Business Plan but rather monitored through a core quality assurance and performance management framework to ensure performance remained at levels judged to be good or better.
4. By focusing the Business Plan on areas identified for improvement we also hope to better target work on a reduced number of priorities in recognition of the need to be SMART at a time of increasing pressures on capacity.

#### **Safeguarding Board's priorities 2016/17**

5. The specific priorities that have arisen for the LRLSCB are:
  - Child Sexual Exploitation
  - The impact of learning from Serious Case Reviews (SCRs) and other reviews
  - Signs of Safety
  - Early Help
  - Evidencing the impact of the threshold protocol across the partnership
  - Neglect

6. The priorities that have arisen for the part of the Business Plan shared between the LRLSCB and the LRSAB are:
  - Domestic Abuse
  - Reducing safeguarding risk arising from mental health issues
  - PREVENT
7. The specific priorities that have arisen for the LRSAB are:
  - Building Community Safeguarding Resilience.
  - Being assured that thresholds for safeguarding alerts are appropriate.
  - Champion and support making safeguarding personal.
  - Assure robust safeguarding in residential and home care settings
8. Against each of these priorities the Boards are in the process of identifying key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes.
9. The main links with the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board are with regard to the joint priorities of Domestic Abuse and Prevent, though there are joint areas of concern in other priorities.
10. Each priority will be led by Senior Officers in partner agencies, the Domestic Abuse priority will be led by DCI Jonny Starbuck and the Prevent priority will be led by Jane Moore.
11. The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the Board will be revised to ensure that it reflects the new Business Plan and enables ongoing monitoring of performance of core business that is not covered in the business plan.
12. The final framework will be signed off by the Board at its meeting on 15th April 2015. Quality Assurance and Performance Management will continue to be framed around our 'four-quadrant' model as set out below:



13. A further change to our Business Plan this year is that against all priorities for action we will include cross-cutting themes that must be addressed both to strengthen safeguarding practice and also secure stronger evidence of impact for the quality assurance framework. The cross-cutting themes are set out in the grid below.

Priorities for improvement	Learning and Improvement drivers	Audit implications	User views and feedback	Workforce implications	Comms implications
Priority 1					
Priority 2					

14. 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, and this Board.
15. None of the priorities have been identified as being specific to any geographic area within Leicestershire or Rutland.

### **Recommendations**

16. It is recommended that
- a) The Board notes the draft priorities of the Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards
  - b) The Board comments on the draft priorities of the Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults and Children Boards

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