

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

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 Committee's attention the draft Annual Report 2015/16 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. The LRSAB is a partnership that became a statutory requirement as a result of the Care Act 2014. The period covered by this Annual Report is the first year of the Board's operations since it became a statutory body. The main purpose of the LRSAB is to ensure effective, co-ordinated multi-agency arrangements for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.

Background

3. 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.
4. This is the first year that there has been a legal requirement on the LRSAB to publish an annual report. 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.
5. The LRSAB Business Development Plan for 2016/17 was presented to this Committee at its meeting on 19 January 2016. The Committee will therefore be aware of some of the strengths and areas for development that arose from the assessment of performance in 2015/16 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 (attached as Appendix A) to assist readers in gauging the key achievements and development needs arising from the assessment of the Boards' performance across 2015/16.

6. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2015/16 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 2015/16.
7. The Boards have continued to present separate annual reports for the LRSAB and the LRLSCB this year for clarity with regard to the separate statutory frameworks for the two Boards. The LRLSCB Annual Report will be considered separately by the Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5 September 2016.
8. The Annual Report 2015/16 can be found in full at Appendix B to this report.
9. The Annual Report 2015/16 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 be assured that:-
 - (a) "Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility";
 - (b) Adults in need of safeguarding are safe, including assurance of the quality of care for any adult supported by registered providers;
 - (c) Services for children, services for adults and services for families are effectively coordinated to ensure children and adults are safe;
 - (d) Our Learning and Improvement Framework is raising service quality and outcomes for adults;
 - (e) The workforce is fit for purpose;
 - (v) An overview of the work of the Serious Case Review Sub-Group and Domestic Homicide Review Group;
 - (vi) The challenges ahead including our Business Development Plan 2016/17.
10. The Executive Summary to the report highlights key achievements and areas for development that have been drawn into the Business Development Plan for 2016/17.

Proposals/Options

11. The Committee is asked to consider the Annual Report and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments that will be addressed prior to publication.

Consultation

12. 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 the Board has

engaged agencies such as Healthwatch in its work and has considered engagement and 'voice' work of individual agencies with the people they work with to enable the views of adults in need of care and support in Leicestershire and Rutland to be considered.

Resource Implications

13. Leicestershire County Council contributes £52,830 to the costs of the LRSAB (of a total budget of £95,962 in 2016/17). In addition it contributes £123,390 to the costs of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) (of a total budget of £328,650 in 2016/17).

Timetable for Decisions

14. The report will be presented for approval to a joint meeting of the Boards on 28 October 2016. Any comments or proposed additions and amendments made by the Committee will be addressed in the final report before it is published.
15. The report will be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 15 September and the Cabinet at its meeting on 16 September. The comments of the Committee will be submitted for the Cabinet's consideration.

Conclusions

16. This report brings to the Committee's attention the LRSAB Annual Report 2015/16 which provides an account of the work of the Board over the last year, built on the Business Plan shared with the Committee in January 2016.

Background Papers

Report to the Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 19 January 2016.
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None.

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Appendix A - Executive Summary of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2015/16;

Appendix B - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2015/16.

Relevant Impact Assessments:

Equality and Human Rights Implications

17. Safeguarding children, young people and adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. Information on differing needs of and impacts on different groups of individuals with regard to safeguarding is considered as part of the process to develop the Board's Business Plan. Specific impacts on or views of different groups is also considered in the work of the LRLSCB and LRSAB Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG) in assessing performance and effectiveness with regard to safeguarding.

Crime and Disorder Implications

18. There is a close connection between the work of the LRSAB and that of community safety partnerships in Leicestershire. For example the SAB works closely with community safety partnerships to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups including Domestic Abuse and Prevent. The LSCB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
19. The LRSAB Annual Report includes analysis of performance in a range of areas relevant to the community safety agenda and the evaluation of performance will be shared with these partnership forums to ensure that both strengths and development needs are recognised and acted on.

Environmental Implications

20. The published LRSAB and LRLSCB Annual Reports will primarily be made available on-line in electronic form, rather than paper. There are no other environmental implications.

Partnership Working and Associated Issues

21. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in national regulation relating to the Care Act 2014.