

**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

6 SEPTEMBER 2016

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2015 - 16**

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered the draft Annual Report of Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board for 2015/16. A copy of the report, marked "Agenda Item 11" is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Paul Burnett, Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Boards, to introduce the report and answer any questions. Mr. Dave Houseman MBE CC, the Cabinet Lead Member for Adult Social Care was also present to comment on the draft Annual Report.

In introducing the report, the Independent Chair highlighted that it was the first year of Safeguarding Boards being a statutory body and as part of their obligations the Board was required to produce an annual performance report in which it should demonstrate its compliance with the Care Act 2014. The Committee was pleased to note that the Board complied in 47 out of 49 standards of the Care Act, with the areas requiring of additional work being effectiveness around prevention and engagement of the community, and the following up of impacts of training and development. Members were pleased to note that improvement in the seniority of the Board members was allowing for more effective work, including a more efficient communication flow.

Arising from discussion the following points were noted:-

- (i) The attendance of some key stakeholders at Board meetings remained a concern. Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Nottinghamshire and Rutland Community Rehabilitation Company had not attended meetings of the Board and representations from East Midland Ambulance Service and District and Borough Councils were not at present sufficient to enable an effective dialogue. The Committee was advised however, that the Independent Chair had written to the persistent non-attendees and low-attendees in an attempt to remedy this concern. The Cabinet Lead Member was pleased to confirm that attendance at Board meetings had been increasing over the past year;
- (ii) The Committee was pleased to have learnt that the previous spike in safeguarding referrals over 2013-14 had been addressed and the performance in 2015-16 was consistent with that from the previous year.

Members also noted that the previous backlog of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards referrals had also seen an improvement;

- (iii) The area of concern for the Board for the next year was ensuring that partner agencies understood and applied correctly safeguarding thresholds for making referrals. In addition, it was noted that referrals from residential and community care settings were now more balanced as a shift in referrals from these settings had been observed;
- (iv) The 'Prevent' agenda was involved in coordination of the information made available to the stakeholders, including General Practitioners and schools, in an attempt concerns around the radicalisation of young people.

As Mr. Burnett's tenure as Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Boards would soon be coming to close, the Chairman took the opportunity to thank Mr. Burnett for the commitment and energy that he had brought to the role.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the draft Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2015-16 be noted.
- b) That the comments of the Committee be forwarded to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 16 September.