

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS PLANS 2017/18

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND
SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)**

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Business Plan priorities for 2017/18 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB). This is brought for consultation and comment.
2. The Business Plan priorities were considered by the LRSAB at its meeting on 27 January 2017 with final approval of the plan anticipated to be secured at the meetings of the LRSAB and the Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) on 31 March 2017. Comments from the Scrutiny Committee will be incorporated in to the final plan that will be submitted to the Boards at their meeting in March.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

3. The LRSAB is a statutory body established as a result of the Care Act 2014. SABs have three core duties. They must:
 - develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
 - publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
 - commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these.
4. It is the first of these duties to which the Business Plan relates since this plan essentially outlines our strategy for improvement. There is no statutory requirement to report the Business Plan to scrutiny but it is considered best practice to do so.
5. The Annual Report of the LRSAB was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 September 2016 and emerging priorities for the new Business Plan for 2017/18 were discussed at that meeting. The views expressed by the Committee at that stage were fed into the formative process for the Plan and are reflected in the priorities.

Background

6. As in 2016/17 the LRSAB has formulated an individual Business Plan supplemented by a plan that addresses priorities it will share with the LRLSCB. This is intended to secure a balance between achieving a strong focus on adult safeguarding issues and recognising that some safeguarding matters require approaches that cross-cut children and adults services and focus on whole family issues.

7. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2015/16 have been built into the Business Plans for 2017/18. 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:
- national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
 - recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;
 - the outcomes of serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes, domestic homicide reviews and other review processes both national and local;
 - evaluation of the business plans for 2016/17 including analysis of impact afforded by the quality assurance and performance management framework;
 - best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;
 - the views expressed by both service users and front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements;
8. The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2016. These include:
- the annual Safeguarding Summit of chief officers from partner agencies held on 23 November 2016
 - meetings of the Scrutiny bodies in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2015/16 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2015/16 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - discussions within individual partner agencies.
9. The proposed strategic priorities were formulated through the annual development session of the two Safeguarding Boards held on 2 December 2016.

Proposed Business Plans 2017/18

10. The Board is considering making a differentiation between Development priorities and Assurance priorities. Assurance priorities are solely identified as priorities for seeking assurance regarding safeguarding practice, risk or impact, rather than carrying out any specific development work. Development priorities are ones that require specific development work led by the Board, these may also include some element of assurance.
11. The proposed Business Plan Priorities for 2017/18 considered at the LRSAB meeting on 27th January 2017 are outlined in the tables below.

LRSAB Development Priorities

Development Priority	Summary
1. Prevention	Assurance regarding safeguarding elements of local prevention strategies
2. Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)	Continuing development of MSP across partners
3. Thresholds	Identifying and addressing gaps re: over and under-reporting
4. Self-Neglect	Establishing and embedding a robust process for practitioners

LRLSCB & LRSAB Joint Development Priorities

Development Priority	Summary
1. The 'Toxic Trio'	Assessing and developing approaches to safeguarding adults and children where domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health issues are present.
2. Participation and Engagement	Establishing visible effective participation by children and vulnerable adults at Board level.
3. Emotional Health and Wellbeing	Develop understanding of emotional health and wellbeing across the partnership and gain assurance regarding Better Care Together and the Sustainability and Transformation Plan that work is addressing safeguarding issues, particularly regarding mental health
4. Multi-Agency risk management / Supervision	Develop a multi-agency supervision approach for risk management in safeguarding adults and children.

12. Against each of these priorities the Board is 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. This process has been delayed this year in order to incorporate the outcome of the Ofsted inspections in the LRLSCB priorities.
13. The following are the identified assurance priorities arising from current priorities and the considerations from the development day. Seeking assurance on these would be built into the work of the Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG) and the LSCB and SAB Multi-Agency Audit Groups as appropriate.

Assurance Priorities

SAB	1. Thresholds 2. MCA DoLS 3. Harm Caused by paid staff/ professionals (watching brief)
Joint LSCB and SAB	1. Domestic Abuse 2. Information Sharing

14. 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.
15. The views of a range of forums are being sought on the Business Plans. This includes the Cabinets, Children and Adults Scrutiny bodies and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in both local authority areas.
16. The Board office is arranging for consultation on the priorities with young people and adult service users through existing forums.

17. Feedback from this Committee and these forums will support the development of the action plans for these priorities. The final Business Plan will be signed off at the meeting of the LRSAB and LRLSCB on 31 March 2017.

Proposals/Options

18. The Committee is asked to consider the Business Plan priorities and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments that will then be considered at the meeting of the Board due to be held on 31 March 2017.

Consultation

19. All members of the Boards and their Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on the Business Plans. The Board office are arranging for consultation on the priorities with young people and adult service users through existing forums.

Resource Implications

20. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. Both the LRLSCB and LRSAB operate with a budget to which partner agencies contribute to under an agreed formula that reflects their size, operating budgets and legal safeguarding responsibilities.
21. The total budget within which the Boards will operate in 2017/18 will be £346,090. The LRSAB has a budget of £104,478 and the LRLSCB has a budget of £241,612, added to which the Boards receive £40,500 from the community safety partnerships to support the undertaking of Domestic Homicide Reviews. Leicestershire Adults and Communities Services Department contributes £52,798 towards this budget.
22. In addition to the contribution from Leicestershire Adults and Communities Services Department Leicestershire County Council contributes £83,415 to the LRLSCB and in addition hosts the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.
23. The total budget for the two Boards for 2017/18 has reduced from the previous year due to a reduction in contributions from some partners including Leicestershire Children and Family Services Department. Steps have been taken to match projected spend accordingly, but this will reduce the overall capacity of the Board with regard to the Independent Chair and the Board Office support staff.

Conclusions

24. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee should note and comment on the LRSAB Business Plan Priorities for 2017/18.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

25. The LRLSCB and LRSAB seek to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard vulnerable children, young people and adults. At the heart of their work is a focus on any individual or group that may be at greater risk of safeguarding vulnerability and the performance framework tests whether specific groups are at higher levels of risk. The Business Plans 2017/18 will set out how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

Partnership Working and associated issues

26. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in the Care Act 2014 and Department for Education national regulation, Working Together 2015.

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