

**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**12 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

**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 2016/17 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 Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards on 20 October 2017. 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.
3. The final report is the report of the Independent Chair who must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding adults in the local area. This is a statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

4. 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 second 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**

5. Leicestershire and Rutland SAB has been aligned to the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) for five years. They share the same Independent Chair. The intention of alignment was to ensure that there are effective and efficient safeguarding services in an integrated manner across the communities of Leicestershire and Rutland. This has supported a focus on vulnerable children, adults and families.
6. 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.
7. The LRSAB Business Development Plan for 2017/18 was presented to this Committee at its meeting on 7 March 2017. This identified the strengths and areas

for development that arose from the assessment of performance in 2016/17. The Annual Report provides a full assessment of performance on the local approach to safeguarding adults in line with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.

8. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2016/17 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for adults in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically it evaluates performance against the priorities that were set out in the LRSAB Business Plan 2016/17.
9. The Annual Report 2016/17 can be found in full at Appendix A to this report, and includes:
  - (i) A foreword from the Independent Chair;
  - (ii) A summary of the work and findings of the Board during the year;
  - (iii) An overview of the Boards' governance and accountability arrangements and local context;
  - (iv) Two separate outlines of safeguarding adults performance, activity and outcomes for Leicestershire and Rutland;
  - (v) Analysis of performance against the key priorities in the 2016/17 Business Plan;
  - (vi) An overview of the Boards work on engagement, assurance, learning and development and training;
  - (vii) The challenges ahead including the Business Development Plan Priorities for 2017/18.

### **Key Messages**

10. The key messages from the LRSAB regarding Leicestershire are:
  - a. Workers and agencies work well together to safeguard adults in Leicestershire.
  - b. Making Safeguarding Personal is influencing practice across agencies and more people in Leicestershire have more say in the safeguarding enquiries regarding them.
  - c. Financial Abuse and Domestic Abuse are emerging areas of abuse of adults in Leicestershire.
  - d. More work is required to gain assurance regarding oversight of adult safeguarding enquiries carried out in Health settings.
  - e. The Board will continue to challenge and drive improvement in safeguarding of adults, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of adults with care and support needs.

### **Proposals/Options**

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

### **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.

### **Resource Implications**

13. There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. Both the LRSAB and LRLSCB operate with a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
14. Leicestershire County Council contributes £52,798 to the costs of the LRSAB, 52% of the total budget of £100,838 in 2017/18. In addition it contributes £83,415 to the costs of the LRLSCB, 35% of the total budget of £240,812 in 2017/18, and hosts the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.
15. There will be financial implications for statutory partners for 2018/19 to sustain the current level of activity. The Board funding has been underpinned in past years using contingency funding. Proposals are being prepared for consideration by partners in their budget setting for 2018/19 and beyond.

### **Timetable for Decisions**

16. The Annual Report is going to the Cabinet on 15 September 2017, alongside the annual report of the LRLSCB.
17. Any comments and proposed additions or amendments to the Report made by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee or the Cabinet will be considered by the Independent Chair for incorporation into the Report, prior to submission to the Board at the meeting on 20 October 2017.
18. The Annual Report will be published following agreement at the Board meeting on 20 October 2017.

### **Conclusions**

19. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee should note and comment on the attached Annual Report 2016/17.

### **Background Papers**

20. Report to the Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 7 March 2017.

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

None.

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### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2016/17

### **Relevant Impact Assessments:**

#### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

21. 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 regards 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**

22. The SAB works closely with community safety partnerships in Leicestershire to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups, for example domestic abuse and Prevent. The SAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
23. 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**

24. The published LRSAB and LRLSCB Annual Reports will primarily be made available on-line in electronic form, rather than paper.

#### **Partnership Working and associated issues**

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