



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 21 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB) AND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LRLSCB)

SAFEGUARDING BOARDS ANNUAL REPORTS 2016/17

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Health and Wellbeing Board's attention the draft Annual Reports 2016/17 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.

Link to the local Health and Care System

2. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Health and care needs can be linked to safeguarding risk for adults and children and health and care practitioners can have opportunities to identify and respond to safeguarding risk not available to workers in other agencies.
3. Connectivity between the LRSAB and the Better Care Together (BCT) Programme was established during 2014/15 when the Board was a consultee during the process of formulating the BCT Five Year Strategic Plan 2014-19. At that stage it was agreed that safeguarding would be a cross-cutting theme across the BCT Programme and agreement was secured to ensure that the BCT Programme would incorporate, promote, measure and evaluate safeguarding outcomes within its improvement plans.
4. The Annual Reports consider safeguarding effectiveness across partner agencies including those working in the health and care system. The LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plan Priorities for 2017/18 incorporate areas within priority health workstreams, including emotional health and wellbeing and mental health.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that the Board notes and comments on the draft LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports for 2016/17.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

6. The LRLSCB and the LRSAB are statutory bodies; the former established under Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and the latter becoming a statutory body from 2014 under the Care Act.
7. In accordance with the legislation and guidance both Boards produce an Annual Report regarding effectiveness of safeguarding in the area and the work of the Boards.
8. It is a requirement of Working Together 2015 and the Care Act 2014 that the Annual Reports of the LRLSCB and LRSAB be presented to the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board. In Leicestershire and Rutland there is, in addition, a protocol between both Safeguarding Boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board that requires the presentation of the draft Business Plans of the Safeguarding Boards, with an expectation that the Health and Wellbeing Board will consider any implications of these plans for the Health and Wellbeing Strategies of both counties.
9. The Business Plans for 2017-18 for the LRLSCB and LRSAB were presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 16th March 2017.

Background

10. The LRLSCB and LRSAB aligned their work five years ago to ensure effective and efficient safeguarding services operating in an integrated manner. This has supported a focus on vulnerable children, adults and families. The two Boards share the same Independent Chair.
11. Separate Annual Reports are produced for the LRSAB and the LRLSCB to comply with the separate statutory frameworks for the two Boards and allow appropriate focus on the achievements and issues in safeguarding both adults and children.
12. The LRLSCB Annual Report provides a full assessment of performance with regard to safeguarding children in line with the requirements in Working Together 2015.
13. The LRSAB 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.
14. The key purpose of the two Annual Reports is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2016/17 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for children, young people, and for adults in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically they evaluate performance against the priorities set out in the Business Plans for 2016/17 and against other statutory functions that the LRLSCB in particular must undertake. Full copies of both Annual Reports are attached as Appendices A and B to this report.
15. These are, necessarily, detailed reports, but have been significantly reduced in length compared to previous years. As such two-page summaries are included in the reports in place of separate Executive Summaries which have previously been produced.

16. Both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2016/17 include:

- (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 children or 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

17. 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' (MSP) is influencing practice across agencies and more people in Leicestershire have more say in the enquiries into their safeguarding.
- c. Financial Abuse and Domestic Abuse are becoming more prevalent in safeguarding adult enquiries 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 the safeguarding of adults, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of adults with care and support needs.

18. The key messages from the LRLSCB regarding Leicestershire are:

- a. Workers and agencies work well together to safeguard children in Leicestershire.
- b. Early Help and other services in Leicestershire are improving outcomes for children and young people.
- c. Partnership working on Child Sexual Exploitation is strong.
- d. Consistency of practice within agencies across a range of areas of work requires improvement. This includes quality of assessment, recording, information sharing and hearing and responding to the voice of children.
- e. The Board will continue to challenge and drive improvement in safeguarding of children, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of children and young people, and quality assurance.

Proposals/Options

19. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the annual reports and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the reports.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

20. All members of the LRLSCB and LRSAB and their Executives have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on drafts of the Annual Reports. The Reports incorporate the work of the two Boards regarding public participation and engagement.

Resource Implications

21. There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. Both the LRLSCB and LRSAB operate within a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
22. The total budget within which the Boards are operating in 2017/18 is £341,650. The LRLSCB has a budget of £240,812 and the LRSAB a budget of £100,838.

Timetable for Decisions

23. The Annual Reports will be presented for approval to a joint meeting of the Boards on 20 October 2017. Any proposed additions or amendments to the Plans made by the Health and Wellbeing Board will be considered by the Independent Chair for incorporation into the Reports, prior to submission to the meeting on 20 October 2017.

Conclusion

24. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the Annual Reports and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the reports that will be addressed prior to the final versions being published.
25. The Health and Wellbeing Board is also asked to consider any action it wishes to take in support of priorities for improvement that are identified in the Annual Reports for 2016/17 and in the Business Plan priorities for 2017/18.

Background papers

None

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None

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Appendix A – LRLSCB Annual Report – 2016/17

Relevant Impact Assessments**Equality and Human Rights Implications**

26. 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 groups of individuals with regards to safeguarding is considered as part of the process to develop the Boards' Business Plans. Specific impacts on or views of different groups are 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

27. The Boards work closely with community safety partnerships in Leicestershire to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and wellbeing of individuals and groups, for example domestic abuse and Prevent. The Boards also support community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
28. The LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports include 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.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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

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