



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 24th May 2018

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

SAFEGUARDING BOARD BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the draft proposed Business Plan for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board LRSAB for 2018/19 for noting and comment by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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 secured agreement to ensure that the BCT Programme would incorporate, promote, measure and evaluate safeguarding outcomes within its improvement plans.

Recommendation

4. The Board is asked to comment on the proposed Business Plan 2018/19 for the LRSAB.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

5. The LRSAB is a partnership that is required by regulation as a result of the Care Act 2014. One requirement of the Care Act 2014 is that the Annual Report of the LRSAB be presented to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. In Leicestershire and Rutland we have, 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 well-being strategies of both counties.

6. The Annual Report of the LRSAB for 2016/17 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 21 September 2017.

Background

Statutory Framework

7. The LRSAB became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as a result of the Care Act 2014. The Act requires that it must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. It requires the LRSAB to develop and actively promote a culture with its members, partners and the local community that recognises the values and principles contained in 'Making Safeguarding Personal'. It should also concern itself with a range of issues which can contribute to the wellbeing of its community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:
- The safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health
 - The safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
 - Effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
 - The quality of local care and support services
 - The effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
 - Making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.
8. These points have been addressed in drawing up the Business Plan for 2018/19.
9. Safeguarding Adult Boards 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.
10. It is the first of these duties to which the Business Plan relates since this plan outlines the strategy for improvement.

Formulation of the Business Plans for 2018/19

11. Unlike previous years, for 2018/19 the LRLSAB business plan is not supplemented by a plan incorporating shared priorities with the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB), as no areas of joint priority have been identified this year.
12. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2016/17 have been built into the Business Plans for 2018/19. In addition to reflecting issues arising from the Annual Report the new Business Plan priorities have been identified against a range of national and local drivers including:
- a. national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
 - b. recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;

- c. the outcomes of serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes, domestic homicide reviews and other review processes both national and local;
- d. evaluation of the business plans for 2017/18 including analysis of impact afforded by the quality assurance and performance management framework;
- e. best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;
- f. the views expressed by both service users and front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements;

13. The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2017. These include:

- a. Meetings of the Scrutiny bodies in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2016/17 and future priorities for action have been debated.
- b. Meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2016/17 and future priorities for action have been debated.
- c. Discussions within individual partner agencies.

14. The Business priorities were formulated through the annual development session of the Board held on the 14 November 2017 and subsequent development and Board meetings.

Business Plan Priorities

15. The LRSAB Business Plan Priorities for 2018/19 are outlined in the table below.

Development Priority	Summary
1. Prevention of Safeguarding Need	Prevention of safeguarding need through building resilience and self-awareness in adults with care and support needs.
2. Mental Capacity	Improve the understanding of capacity to consent and the application of the Mental Capacity Act across agencies.
3. Adult Thresholds	Promote better and more consistent understanding and use of adult safeguarding thresholds.
4. Engagement	Ensure the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board is informed by adults with care and support needs.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

16. The views of a range of forums are being sought on the Business Plans. This includes the Cabinets, Children and Adults and Scrutiny Committees and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in both local authority areas.
17. Although the Business plan was signed off by the LSAB at the meeting of the 23rd March 2018, feedback from this panel and these forums will support the development of the action plan for these priorities.

Resource Implications

18. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRSAB operate with a budget to which partner agencies contribute under an agreed formula. The LRLSAB has a budget of £100,878

Timetable for Decisions

19. The next SAB meeting is scheduled for 12th July 2018 when an update on the Business plans will be presented.

Background papers

None

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None

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Appendix

Business Plan 2018/19

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

20. The LRSAB seek to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard vulnerable 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 for 2018/19 will set out how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

Crime and Disorder Implications

21. There is a close connection between the work of the LRSAB and that of community safety partnerships in Leicestershire. For example the LSAB 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 e.g. Domestic Abuse. The LSAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

Environmental Implications

22. None

Partnership Working and associated issues

23. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in Care Act 2014.

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