

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND
RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)**

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present for consideration and comment the Business Plan for 2018/19 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB).
2. The Business Plan was approved by the LRSAB at its meeting on 23 March 2018. Comments from the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considered for incorporation into the Plan.

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:
 - 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 outlines the Board's strategy for improvement. There is no statutory requirement to report the Business Plan to Overview and Scrutiny Committees, but locally 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 12 September 2017 and emerging priorities for the new Business Plan for 2018/19 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. Unlike previous years, the LRSAB Business Plan for 2018/19 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.
7. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2016/17 have been built into the Business Plans for 2018/19. 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 2017/18 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 2017. These include:

- 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;
- 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;
- discussions within individual partner agencies.

9. The proposed strategic priorities were formulated through the annual development session of the two Safeguarding Boards held on 14 November 2017 and subsequent development and Board meetings.

Proposed Business Plans 2018/19

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

LRSAB Development Priorities

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.

11. Key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes are included in the Business Development Plan (attached as Appendix A to the report).

12. 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.

Proposals/Options

13. The Committee is asked to consider the Business Plan priorities and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments. These will then be considered by the Independent Chair and lead officers for the priorities for incorporation into the plan.

Consultation

14. All members of the SAB and the Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on the Business Plan. Key issues have been identified from the workforce, and the Board is developing its engagement and participation approach as part of this plan
15. The views of a range of forums are being sought on both Business Plans. This includes the Cabinets, Children and Adults Scrutiny Committees and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in both local authority areas

Resource Implications

16. There are no resource implications arising in this report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute to.
17. Leicestershire County Council contributes £52,798 to the costs of the LRSAB, 52% of the total budget of £100,878 in 2017/18, and hosts the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.

Conclusions

18. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider and comment on the LRSAB Business Plan Priorities for 2018/19.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

19. The LRSAB seeks to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard vulnerable adults. At the heart of the 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 Plan 2018/19 includes a priority on Engagement which will consider how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

Crime and Disorder Implications

20. 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 such as Domestic Abuse. The LSAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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