



CABINET – 12TH JUNE 2018

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19**

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

PART A

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the Business Plan for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for 2018/19 for noting and comment by the Cabinet. This also provides an opportunity for the Cabinet to reflect on whether the report identifies matters that it, as the Executive for the County Council, wishes to address in relation to the effectiveness of safeguarding within the work of the Authority.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Cabinet comments on the Business Plan 2018/19 for the LRSAB, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council in 2018/19.

Reasons for Recommendations

3. It has been considered good practice in Leicestershire to submit both the Annual Reports and Business Plans to the Cabinet and to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the LRSAB.
4. This report enables the Cabinet to comment on the Business Plan priorities and to consider whether they identify matters that it wishes to address in relation to the effectiveness of safeguarding within the work of the Authority.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

5. The LRSAB Business Plan has been the subject of wide-ranging consultation between November 2017 and March 2018 by the partner organisations that form the Board.
6. The LRSAB Business Plan will be considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 June. Comments of the Scrutiny Committee will be reported to the Cabinet.
7. The Business Plan will also be considered by the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards. The Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board met on 24 May 2018 and supported the Plan.

8. Any proposed additions or amendments to the plan made by the Cabinet and other parties to the consultation will be considered by the Independent Chair and priority leads for incorporation into the plan and reported to the Board on 12 July 2018.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

9. The LRSAB is a statutory body. Local authorities have a duty to ensure that the Board is enabled to operate effectively. It is a requirement of the Care Act 2014 to submit the Annual Reports to the Leader of the Council, and it has been deemed good practice to consult on the Business Plan since this forms the core of the annual reporting process. In addition, the Cabinet has always been included in this reporting.
10. The LRSAB Annual Report for 2016/17 was reported to the Cabinet in September 2017. The proposed Business Plan priorities for the Board for 2017/18 were submitted to the Cabinet in March 2017.

Resource Implications

11. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
12. 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.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

13. None.

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PART B**Background****Statutory Framework**

14. The LRSAB became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as result of the Care Act 2014. The Act requires that it must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversees and coordinates 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.

These points have been addressed in drawing up the Business Plan for 2018/19.

15. 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.

It is the first of these duties to which the Business Plan relates as this essentially outlines the strategy for improvement.

Formulation of the Business Plans for 2018/19

16. Unlike previous years, the 2018/19 LRSAB 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.

17. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2016/17 have been built into the Business Plan for 2018/19. In addition to issues arising from the Annual Report, the new Business Plan's 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;
18. 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.
19. 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.

Business Plans 2018/19

20. 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.

21. 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 appended.
22. The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the Board will be revised to ensure that it reflects the new Business Plan and enable ongoing monitoring of performance of core business that is not covered in the business plan.

Consultation

23. All members of the Board and its 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.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

24. 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 Boards 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.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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

Background Papers

Report to the Cabinet on 10 March 2017 "Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adult Board Business Plans 2017/18

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=4859&Ver=4>

Appendix

Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Adult Board Business Development Plan 2018-19

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