

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD AND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Background

1. The Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as a requirement of the Care Act 2014. One of the LRSAB's three core duties is to develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute.
2. The Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) is a statutory body established by Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and currently operates under statutory guidance issued in Working Together 2015.
3. The two Safeguarding Boards have an arrangement with the Safer Communities Strategy Board to allow consideration of areas of common interest.
4. The purpose of this report is to continue dialogue on common areas of business and interest between the Safeguarding Boards for Leicestershire & Rutland and the Safer Communities Strategy Board.

Notable developments and challenges:

Past Year

5. During the last year the Boards have been working on four Safeguarding Adult Reviews, five Serious Case Reviews (safeguarding children) and four non-statutory multi-agency safeguarding reviews. The partnerships have delivered multi-agency training on a number of areas regarding safeguarding including the Vulnerable Adult Risk Management tool.
6. The Boards have carried out Multi-agency audits regarding Early Help, Safeguarding Children with Disabilities and Safeguarding Adults and have developed guidance with regard to safeguarding and working with the toxic trio of domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health difficulties.
7. Two domestic homicide reviews and one non-statutory review regarding domestic abuse have been supported on behalf of the Community Safety Partnerships through the Safeguarding Boards' infrastructure.

8. The Annual Reports of the two Boards detailing activity and achievements of the Boards will be published by September 2018.

Coming Year

9. The Safeguarding Boards have set their Business plans for 2018-19.
10. The Priorities for the Leicestershire & Rutland LSCB for 2018-19 are set out in the table below, and the Business Plan is appended:

Development Priority	Summary
1. Partnership Transition	Influence the development of new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
2. Multiple Risk Factors	The impact of multiple risk factors on children is recognised, understood and responded to across agencies.
3. Safeguarding Children – Access to Services	Ensure the pathways for access to services for safeguarding children are robust and effective
4. Child Exploitation - (Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking, Missing and Gangs)	Children at risk of exploitation are effectively safeguarded.
5. Safeguarding Children with Disabilities	Improve the approach to safeguarding children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

11. In addition the Young People's Advisory Group of the LSCB has identified digital safety and gangs as issues of concern for them. The LSCB is currently developing its work regarding these with that group, but sees these as areas of connection with the Community Safety Partnerships.
12. The Priorities for the Leicestershire & Rutland SAB for 2018-19 are set out in the table overleaf, and the Business Plan is appended:

Development Priority	Summary
1. Prevention of Adult 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. Safeguarding Adult Thresholds	Promote better and more consistent understanding and use of safeguarding adult thresholds.
4. Engagement	Ensure the work of the Safeguarding Adults Board is informed by the views of adults with care and support needs

Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners

13. Two particular areas of common interest between the LSCB and Community Safety are Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and Domestic Abuse. The LSCB is carrying out multi-agency case file audits on both of these areas to assess how well the partnership safeguards children when these factors are present.
14. The LSCB would like to clarify the governance structures with regard to domestic abuse and community safety, including how the Domestic abuse and sexual violence executive feed into the Community Safety Partnerships.
15. With regard to CSE the LSCB is interested in the links between the CSE hub and district councils.
16. As noted above, there are opportunities to link on work with young people regarding digital safety and gangs.
17. During the last year Voluntary Action Leicestershire completed a project for the LSCB assessing safeguarding approaches across the voluntary sector. One key point of relevance to Community Safety was regarding Prevent. The project contacted a large range of voluntary and community organisations across the area during the year. It found that only 52% were aware of Prevent, 26% had staff who had attended Prevent training and 11% WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent). An extract of the key findings regarding Prevent is included at Appendix 3.
18. The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Reference Group have drafted a communication plan following on from this report and Prevent is one area of

priority for this. The Board office will look to connect the VCS Reference Group with the Prevent Co-ordinator.

19. One specific area of common interest between the Safeguarding Adults Board and Community Safety Partnerships is the Prevention of Adult Safeguarding Need priority. Part of this work is developing the understanding of adult safeguarding and prevention across services working in the community. Rutland are piloting an approach to prevention work within the work of their Joint Action Group.
20. Engagement regarding Safeguarding Adults is another area for potential crossover with Community Safety.

Issues in local areas

21. The LSCB and SAB work to safeguard children and adults across the whole of Leicestershire & Rutland. No particular local areas have been identified for specific work by the Boards.

Recommendations for the Board

22. It is recommended that the Safer Community Strategies Board comment on and identify any contributions they may make to the Board's business plans and agree the lead governance on the areas of common interest between the partnerships.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Development Plan 2018-19.

Appendix 2 - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Business Development Plan 2018-19

Appendix 3 – Extract from Leicestershire and Rutland: Safeguarding Assurance in the Voluntary Sector Report

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