

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND
RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the views of the Committee on the draft Annual Report 2017/18 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB). Any comments or proposed additions and amendments will be addressed in the final report before it is presented to the LRSAB at its meeting on 25 October 2018 and subsequently published.
2. The final report is the report of the Independent Chair who must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of safeguarding adults in the local area. This is a statutory requirement under the Care Act 2014.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

3. The LRSAB is a statutory body established as a result of the Care Act 2014. The main purpose of the LRSAB is to ensure effective, co-ordinated multi-agency arrangements for the safeguarding of vulnerable adults.
4. The Business Plan of the SAB for the period that this annual report relates to was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 7 March 2017.
5. The Business Plan of the SAB for 2018/19 was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 June 2018.

Background

6. The SAB shares some operational arrangements with the Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB). From 2018/19 the two Boards will have separate Independent Chairs and will no longer have joint Board meetings, as the LRSAB further aligns its work with the Leicester City SAB. The LSCB and SAB produce separate Annual Reports. Other aspects of joint working between the LSCB and SAB will remain for 2018/19.
7. The 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.
8. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2017/18 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for adults in

Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically it evaluates performance against the priorities that were set out in the LRSAB Business Plan 2017/18, including priorities shared with the LRLSCB.

9. The Annual Report 2017/18 can be found in full at Appendix A to this report, and includes:
- (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 Board's governance and accountability arrangements and local context;
 - (iv) Two separate outlines of safeguarding adults performance, activity and outcomes for Leicestershire and Rutland;
 - (v) Analysis of performance against the key priorities in the 2017/18 Business Plan;
 - (vi) An overview of the Board's work on engagement, assurance, learning and development and training;
 - (vii) The challenges ahead including the Business Development Plan Priorities for 2018/19.

Key Messages

10. The key messages from the LRSAB, specifically in relation to Leicestershire are:
- Workers and agencies work well together to safeguard adults in Leicestershire.
 - 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP) is influencing practice across agencies and more people in Leicestershire have more say in the enquiries about their safeguarding.
 - Financial Abuse remains a prevalent area in the abuse of adults in Leicestershire.
 - Good and consistent understanding of, and responses to, Mental Capacity is a development need across the workforce.
 - 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.

Proposals/Options

11. The Committee is asked to consider the Annual Report and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments. These will be addressed prior to the final version of the Annual Report being published.

Consultation

12. The Annual Report includes a summary of the consultation and engagement work which the SAB has carried out with the public, adults with care and support needs and with practitioners.
13. This report to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee forms part of the consultation on the Annual Report.

14. All members of the Boards and their Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the Annual Report.

Resource Implications

15. There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
16. Leicestershire County Council contributes £52,798 to the costs of the LRSAB, 52% of the total budget of £100,878 in 2018/19. In addition it contributes £83,415 to the costs of the LRLSCB, 35% of the total budget of £240,263 in 2018/19, and hosts the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.
17. Following anticipated funding reductions and agreement with Board partners, the Board budget for 2018/19 no longer includes funding for Serious Case Reviews (or Safeguarding Adults Reviews for the SAB). These are to be funded through the reserves of the Safeguarding Boards, which are sufficient to cover current reviews underway. The Board has agreed that any additional costs would be covered proportionally by safeguarding partners.
18. The budget requirement for future years will be considered in the work to agree new multi-agency arrangements for safeguarding children and parallel consideration of Safeguarding Adults Board support arrangements.
19. The Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Law and Governance have been consulted on the content of this report.

Timetable for Decisions

20. The Annual Report will be presented to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 September 2018, the Cabinet on 14 September 2018 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 September 2018. Any comments will be addressed prior to the final report being submitted to the LRSAB on 25 October, after which it will be published.

Conclusions

21. The Committee is invited to comment on the attached Annual Report 2017/18.

Background Papers

Report to the Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee, 7 March 2017 - <http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1040&MId=4925&Ver=4>

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Appendix A - Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2017/18

Relevant Impact Assessments:

Equality and Human Rights Implications

22. 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

23. The SAB works 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 SAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
24. The LRSAB Annual Report includes 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.

Environmental Implications

25. The published LRSAB Annual Report will primarily be made available on-line in electronic form, rather than paper.

Partnership Working and associated issues

26. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in national regulation relating to the Care Act 2014.