



CABINET – 14TH SEPTEMBER 2018

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

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 bring to the Cabinet's attention the draft Annual Report 2017/18 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.
2. The report will be presented for approval to the Board at its meeting on 25th October 2018. Any comments or proposed additions and amendments made by the Cabinet will be addressed in the final report before it is presented to the Board and subsequently published.
3. 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.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Cabinet notes and comments on the LRSAB Annual Report for 2017/18, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council.

Reasons for Recommendations

5. The LRSAB is a statutory body and local authorities have a duty to ensure that the Board is enabled to operate effectively.
6. It is a requirement of the Care Act 2014 that the LRSAB Annual Report be reported to the Leader of the Council together with the Chief Executive of the local authority, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner and local Healthwatch.
7. In Leicestershire and Rutland the annual report has traditionally also been presented to the Cabinet and the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
8. Presenting the Annual Report enables the Cabinet to comment on the content of the Annual Report and consider whether the report identifies matters that it wishes to address in relation to the effectiveness of safeguarding within the work of the Authority.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

9. The LRSAB Annual Report will be considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 September. Comments of the committee will be reported to the Cabinet.
10. The Annual Report will also be considered by the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 September 2018.
11. Any proposed additions or amendments to the annual report made by the Cabinet and other parties to the consultation will be considered by the Independent Chair for incorporation into the final report, before it is presented to the LRLSCB at its meeting on 25 October 2018 and subsequently published.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

12. As stated above 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.
13. As outlined above it is a statutory requirement for the Chair of the SAB to publish an annual report into the effectiveness of safeguarding adults arrangements in the local area. This report must be reported to the Leader of the Council together with the Chief Executive of the local authority, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner and local Healthwatch.
14. The Business Plan of the LRSAB for the period that this annual report relates to was considered by Cabinet on 10 March 2017.
15. The Business Plan of the LRSAB for 2018/19 was considered by Cabinet on 12 June 2018.

Resource Implications

16. There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. The LRSAB operates within a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
17. 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.
18. 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. The reserves are sufficient to cover current reviews underway. The Board has agreed that any additional costs would be covered proportionally by safeguarding partners.
19. 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.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

20. None.

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PART B

Background

Safeguarding Adult Board and Safeguarding Children Board working arrangements

21. The SAB shares some operational arrangements with the Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB). From 2018/19 the two Boards will have separate 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.

Annual Report 2017/18

22. 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.
23. 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.
24. The Annual Report 2017/18 can be found in full as the appendix 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 Boards' 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 Boards work on engagement, assurance, learning and development and training;
 - (vii) The challenges ahead including the Business Development Plan Priorities for 2018/19.

Key Messages

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

- e. The Board will continue to challenge and drive improvement in safeguarding of adults, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of adults with care and support needs.

Consultations

26. The annual report includes a summary of the consultation and engagement work the SAB has carried out with the public, adults with care and support needs and with practitioners.
27. All members of the Board and its Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on the Business Plan.
28. As stated above, the Annual Report has also been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and issues raised at that meeting will be considered for inclusion in the version which will be presented to the Board meeting on 25th October 2018, prior to publishing.

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/documents/s126876/LRLSCB%20Business%20Plan.pdf>

Appendix

Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report 2017-18

Equality and Human Rights Implications

29. 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

30. The SAB works closely with community safety partnerships in Leicestershire to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being 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.
31. 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

32. The published LRSAB Annual Report will primarily be made available on-line in electronic form, rather than paper. There are no other environmental implications.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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