

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 DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019/20

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present for consideration and comment the Draft Development Plan for 2019/20 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB).
2. The Development Plan is scheduled to be approved by the LRSAB at its meeting on 25 April 2019. Comments from the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considered for incorporation into the final 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 Development Plan relates since this plan outlines the Board's strategy for improvement. There is no statutory requirement to report the Development 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 11 September 2018 and emerging priorities for the new Development Plan for 2019/20 were discussed at that meeting.

Background

6. At the start of 2019, Robert Lake, the Independent Chair of the LRSAB resigned from his position as Chair for health reasons. The Board has not, as yet, appointed a new Independent Chair, but it is the intention that one will be in place in the near future.
7. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2017/18 have been built into the Development Plans for 2019/20. In addition to issues arising from the Annual Report the new Development Plans' 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 Development plans for 2018/19 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.
8. The new Development Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2018. These include:
- a. meetings of the Scrutiny bodies in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which the LRSAB Annual Report 2017/18 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - b. meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards at which the LRSAB Annual Report 2017/18 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - c. discussions within individual partner agencies.
9. The proposed strategic priorities and content of the plan were formulated through the annual development session of the LRSAB held on 31 January 2019.

Proposed Development Plans 2019/20

10. The proposed LRSAB Development Plan Priorities for 2019/20 are outlined in the table below.

LRSAB Development Priorities

Development Priority	Summary
1. Effective Multi-Agency meetings	Multi-agency meetings regarding vulnerable adults are effective in supporting safeguarding adults and prevention of safeguarding need.
2. Mental Capacity	Be assured that people without capacity to consent are being safeguarded in current practice and with the introduction of Liberty Protection Safeguards.
3. Adult Exploitation	Improve the recognition and co-ordinated partnership response to 'adult exploitation'.
4. Safeguarding in Transitions	Be assured that work with young people who have been assessed as requiring additional support to reduce risk and vulnerability assists prevention of adult safeguarding need.

11. The first and fourth priorities are being explored as specific joint priorities shared with Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB). The work on the second and third priorities will be considered across the two SAB areas, but may not be specific joint priorities.

12. 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 Development Development Plan (attached as Appendix A to the report).
13. The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the Board will be revised to ensure that it reflects the new Development Plan and enables ongoing monitoring of performance of core business that is not covered in the Development Plan.

Proposals/Options

14. The Committee is asked to consider the Development Plan and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments. These will then be considered by the Vice Chairs of the SAB and lead officers for the priorities for incorporation into the plan.

Consultation

15. All members of the Executive of the SAB have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on the Development Plan. Key issues have been identified from the workforce, and from views of adults with care and support needs through people who work with them and the developing engagement and participation work of the SAB.
16. The views of a range of forums are being sought on the Development plan. This includes the Cabinets, Adults Scrutiny Committees and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in both local authority areas

Resource Implications

17. There are no resource implications arising in this report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute to.
18. Leicestershire County Council contributes £52,798 to the costs of the LRSAB, 52% of the total budget of £100,878 in 2018/19, and hosts the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.

Conclusions

19. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider and comment on the LRSAB Development Plan Priorities for 2019/20.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

20. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

21. There is a close connection between the work of the LRSAB and that of community safety partnerships in Leicestershire. For example the LRSAB 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 LRSAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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