

**CABINET – 29 MARCH 2019****LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019/20****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 Draft Business Development Plan for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for 2019/20 for noting and comment by the Cabinet. This also provides an opportunity for the Cabinet to reflect on whether the priorities identified in the Plan are those 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 Development Plan 2019/20 for the LRSAB, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council in 2019/20.

Reasons for Recommendations

3. It has been considered good practice in Leicestershire to submit both the Annual Report and Business Development Plan for the LRSAB to the Cabinet and to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
4. This report enables the Cabinet to comment on the Business Development 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.
5. The Annual Report for 2017/18 of the LRSAB was considered by the Cabinet on 14 September 2018. The views expressed by the Cabinet at that stage were fed into the formative process for the Plan and are reflected in the priorities included in this report.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

6. The LRSAB Business Development Plan has been the subject of wide-ranging consultation between January 2019 and March 2019 by the partner organisations that form the Board.

7. The LRSAB Business Development Plan 2019/20 was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 March 2019. Details of their Comments are included in Part B.
8. The Business Development Plan will also be considered by the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 May 2019.
9. Any proposed additions or amendments to the Plan made by the Cabinet and other parties to the consultation will be considered by the Vice-Chairs of the SAB and lead officers for each priority for incorporation into the plan for when it is submitted to the Board on 25 April 2019 for approval.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

10. 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 Development Plan since this forms the core of the annual reporting process. In addition the Cabinet has always been included in this reporting.
11. The LRSAB Annual Report for 2017/18 was reported to the Cabinet in September 2018.

Resource Implications

12. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
13. Leicestershire County Council contributed £52,798 in 2018/19 to the running costs of the LRSAB, 52% of the total budget of £100,878. Contributions for 2019/20 are being finalised. In addition to this financial contribution Leicestershire County Council covers the hosting costs of the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

14. None.

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PART B

Background

Statutory Framework

15. 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:

- i. the safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health;
- ii. the safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing;
- iii. effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason;
- iv. the quality of local care and support services;
- v. the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders;
- vi. making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.

These points have been addressed in drawing up the Business Development Plan for 2019/20.

16. Safeguarding Adult Boards have three core duties. They must:

- i. develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute;
- ii. publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been;
- iii. commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these.

17. It is the first of these duties to which the Business Development Plan relates since this plan essentially outlines the strategy for improvement.

Formulation of the Business Development Plan for 2019/20

18. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2017/18, along with further learning during 2018/19 have been built into the Business Development Plan for 2019/20. In addition the new Business Development Plan's priorities have been identified against a range of national and local drivers including:

- i. national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
- ii. recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;
- iii. the outcomes of serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes, domestic homicide reviews and other review processes both national and local;
- iv. evaluation of the business plans for 2017/18 including analysis of impact afforded by the quality assurance and performance management framework;
- v. best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;

- vi. the views expressed by both service users and front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements.
19. The new Business Development Plan has also been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2018, at which the Annual Report for 2017/18 and future priorities for action have been debated. These include:
- i. the Leicestershire County Council Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
 - ii. the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board.
20. The proposed strategic priorities were formulated through the annual development session of the Safeguarding Adults Board held on 31 January 2019 and subsequent development meetings.

Business Development Plan 2019/20

21. The LRSAB Business 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.

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

Consultation

24. All members of the Board and its Executive have had opportunity to contribute to and comment on the Business Development Plan. The development of the plan has taken into account key issues identified by the workforce across partner agencies. Concerns of service users identified in Making Safeguarding Personal work of

agencies has been taken into account in developing the priorities. The Board is continuing to develop its engagement and participation approach to ensure service users are influencing the priorities of the Board.

25. The LRSAB Business Development Plan was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 March 2019. The committee were supportive of the Board plans and made the following comments:
- i. Adult exploitation work needs to reach and encourage young adults who have been exploited and are ashamed of what has happened to come forward for support;
 - ii. They welcomed that the Board was able to get appropriate information to assess the effectiveness of communications and multi-agency working between partners;
 - iii. The Board could develop its engagement work further to gain feedback on the safeguarding process from people who have been through it; and
 - iv. Guidance for service users and their families regarding Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards or Liberty Protection Safeguards needs to be in crystal clear language to communicate the purpose of these effectively with those affected by them.
26. The areas raised in these comments will be incorporated into the work of the Board this year.

Background Papers

Report to the Cabinet on 12 June 2018 "Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Adult Board Business Plan 2018/19"

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=5181&Ver=4>

Appendix

Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Adult Board Draft Business Development Plan 2019-20.

Equality and Human Rights Implications

27. 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 Board's 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 level of risk. Engagement will be a thread considered in each Priority in the LRSAB Business Development Plan to consider how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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