



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 30th May 2019

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2019/20

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the Development Plan for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for 2019/20 for noting and comment by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Link to the local Health and Care System

2. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Health and care needs can be linked to safeguarding risk for adults and children and health and care practitioners can have opportunities to identify and respond to safeguarding risk not available to workers in other agencies.
3. Previously connectivity between the LRSAB and the Better Care Together (BCT) Programme was established during 2014/15 when the Board was a consultee during the process of formulating the BCT Five Year Strategic Plan 2014-19. At that stage it was agreed that safeguarding would be a cross-cutting theme across the BCT Programme and agreement was secured in to ensure that the BCT Programme would incorporate, promote, measure and evaluate safeguarding outcomes within its improvement plans.

Recommendation

4. It is recommended that the Board comments on the proposed Development Plan 2019/20 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

5. The LRSAB is a partnership that is required by regulation as a result of the Care Act 2014. One requirement of the Care Act 2014 that the Annual Reports of the LRSAB be presented to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. In Leicestershire and Rutland there is, in addition, a protocol between both safeguarding boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board that requires the presentation of the draft business plans of the safeguarding boards with an expectation that the Health and Wellbeing Board will consider any implications of these plans for the health and well-being strategies of both counties.

6. The Annual Report of the LRSAB for 2017/18 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 September 2018.

Background

Statutory Framework

7. The LRSAB became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as a result of the Care Act 2014. The Act requires that it must lead adult safeguarding arrangements across its locality and oversee and coordinate 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:
- The safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health
 - The safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
 - Effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
 - The quality of local care and support services
 - The effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
 - Making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.
8. These points have been addressed in drawing up the Development Plan for 2019/20.
9. Safeguarding Adult Boards have three core duties. They must:
- 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.
10. It is the first of these duties to which the Development Plan relates since this plan outlines the strategy for improvement.

Formulation of the Business Plans for 2019/20

11. 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 appointed a new Independent Chair, Fran Pearson who will start her role in June 2019.
12. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2017/18 have been built into the Development Plan for 2019/20. In addition to reflecting issues arising from the Annual Report the new Business Plan 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 business 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;

13. 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 both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2017/18 and future priorities for action have been debated.
 - b. Meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2017/18 and future priorities for action have been debated.
 - c. Discussions within individual partner agencies.
14. The strategic priorities and content of the plan were formulated through the annual development session of the LRSAB held on 31 January 2019.

Development Plan 2019/20

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

LRSAB Business 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.

16. The first and fourth priorities are 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 are not specific joint priorities.
17. 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 Plan (attached as Appendix A to the report)

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

18. The views of a range of forums have been sought on the Development Plan. This includes the Cabinet's, Children and Adults and Scrutiny Committees and the Health and Wellbeing Boards in both local authority areas.

19. The priorities in the plan have taken into account findings of local surveys about safeguarding adults and views from Healthwatch.

Resource Implications

20. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRSAB operate with a budget to which partner agencies contribute under an agreed formula.
21. The LRLSAB has a budget of £102,152 in 2019/20.

Timetable for Decisions

22. The Development Plan was agreed by the LRSAB at its meeting on 25th April. The next SAB meeting is scheduled for 25th July 2018 when an update on the plan will be presented.

Background papers

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board – 27 September 2018 - Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2017/18 -

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1038&MId=5300&Ver=4>

Appendix

Safeguarding Board Development Plan 2019/20

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

23. The LRSAB seek to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard vulnerable adults. At the heart of the Boards 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. Some of the priorities are focussed on adults with specific needs and vulnerabilities, such as Adult Exploitation and Transitions. Human Rights are central to the work on Mental Capacity and Deprivation of Liberty/Liberty Protection. Individual needs and the impact of work on people with differing needs will be considered in the development of work regarding Multi-Agency Meetings and Adult Exploitation.

Crime and Disorder Implications

24. There is a close connection between the work of the LRSAB and that of community safety partnerships in Leicestershire. For example the SAB 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 e.g. Domestic Abuse. The LSAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

Environmental Implications

25. None

Partnership Working and associated issues

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

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