

## **LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD**

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### **LSCSB UPDATE: LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD AND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

#### **Background**

1. The Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) became a statutory body on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 as a requirement of the Care Act 2014. One of the SABs three core duties is to develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute.
2. The Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) is a statutory body established by Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and currently operates under statutory guidance issued in Working Together 2015.
3. The LRLSCB will be replaced by the Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership (LRSCP) in September 2019 in line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2018 statutory guidance. Until the new partnership is in place the LSCB will continue to function.
4. The two Safeguarding Boards have an arrangement with the Safer Communities Strategy Board to allow consideration of areas of common interest.
5. The purpose of this report is to continue dialogue on common areas of business and interest between the Safeguarding Boards for Leicestershire & Rutland and the Safer Communities Strategy Board.

#### **Notable developments and challenges:**

##### **Past Year**

6. During the last year the Boards have been working on three Safeguarding Adult Reviews, six Serious Case Reviews (safeguarding children) and five non-statutory multi-agency safeguarding reviews. The partnerships have delivered multi-agency training on a number of areas regarding safeguarding including Adverse Childhood Experiences, Mental Capacity and Safeguarding Children with Disabilities.
7. The Boards have carried out Multi-agency case-file audits regarding Children affected by domestic abuse, Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Sexual Abuse in the Family and Children going Missing, and the Vulnerable Adults Risk

Management approach (VARM). The Boards have worked to develop guidance with regard to assessing Mental Capacity and Safeguarding Thresholds for Adults and Children. Work on the Mental Capacity Guidance and Safeguarding Children Thresholds are still under way.

8. Two domestic homicide reviews and one non-statutory review regarding domestic abuse have been supported on behalf of the Community Safety Partnerships through the Safeguarding Boards' infrastructure.
9. The Annual Reports of the two Boards detailing activity and achievements of the Boards will be published by September 2019.

### Coming Year

10. The Safeguarding Adults Board has set their Business Development plan for 2019-20. The Priorities for the Leicestershire & Rutland SAB for 2018-19 are set out in the table below, and the Business Development Plan is appended:

<b>Development Priority</b>	<b>Summary</b>
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 of 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 Safeguarding Children Board will be replaced by the Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership in September 2019 in line with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together 2018.
12. As such the Board has extended its current business plan to September 2019, to finalise areas of work, and new priorities will be developed for the new partnership. A paper to Leicestershire Cabinet that outlines the proposals is also appended. The arrangements will be published by the end of June 2019 and the new partnership will commence by the end of September 2019.

13. The partnership is intended locally to be a development of the existing Board, the major changes are:
- The governance is now equally shared between the County Local Authorities, Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups
  - A revised approach to quality assurance, joined up with the Leicester Partnership.
  - A change in the framework for reviews of cases from Serious Case Reviews to local Safeguarding Practice Reviews
14. The Partnership will continue to have key links with, provide information to and seek relevant assurances through Community Safety-related partnerships including the Strategic Partnership Board and associated sub groups, such as the Vulnerability Executive, the LSCSB and the Rutland Community Safety Partnership.

### **Key issues for partnership working or affecting partners**

15. The LSCB is seeking a report from the Vulnerability Executive on its areas of work at its final meeting in July 2019. Key areas of common interest with the new partnership will be developed as the new partnership is developed.
16. Two specific areas of common interest between the Safeguarding Adults Board and Community Safety Partnerships are Multi-Agency Meetings regarding vulnerable individuals and Adult Exploitation.
17. The priority work on multi-agency meetings is looking at the variety of multi-agency approaches in place to work with vulnerable adults at risk, and then setting a framework to support the existing statutory Section 42 enquiry and Vulnerable Adult Risk Management (VARM) arrangements, but also work beyond this. This will link in with community safety approaches as concerns and risks regarding vulnerable adults are raised in a community safety forum, such as through Joint Action Groups, and we will look to engage with district councils as well as other community safety partners in the development of this.
18. The scope of the work on adult exploitation is being finalised, but will link in with the work on multi-agency meetings, as well as partnership work on modern slavery and community safety.

### **Issues in local areas**

19. The LSCB and SAB work to safeguard children and adults across the whole of Leicestershire & Rutland. No particular geographic areas have been identified for specific work by the Boards.

### **Recommendations for the Board**

20. It is recommended that the Safer Community Strategies Board comment on and identify any contributions they may make to the Safeguarding Adults

Board's business plans and note the new Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements.

### **Background paper**

Leicestershire County Council Cabinet Report regarding new Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements for Children in Leicestershire & Rutland.

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/documents/s145910/New%20Multi-agency%20Childrens%20Safeguarding%20Arrangements.pdf>

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### **Appendices**

Appendix A - Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Business Development Plan 2019/20