

**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**2 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19**

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND**  
**RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD**

**Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek the views of the Committee on the draft Annual Report 2018/19 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB). Any comments or proposed additions and amendments will be addressed in the final report before it is published in October 2019.
2. 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.

**Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

3. 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.
4. The Business Plan of the SAB for the period that this annual report relates to was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 June 2018.
5. The Business Plan of the SAB for the current year was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 11 March 2019.

**Background**

6. 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.
7. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2018/19 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 2018/19.
8. The Annual Report 2018/19 can be found in full at Appendix A 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 Board's 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 2018/19 Business Plan;
- (vi) An overview of the Board's work on engagement, assurance, learning and development and training;
- (vii) The challenges ahead including the Business Development Plan Priorities for 2019/20.

### **Key Messages**

11. The key messages from the LRSAB, specifically in relation to Leicestershire are:
  - a. Workers and agencies work well together to safeguard adults in Leicestershire;
  - b. A variety of multi-agency approaches exist that may work with vulnerable adults, but that don't always interact to get the full picture;
  - c. 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP) is influencing practice across agencies and more people in Leicestershire have more say in the enquiries about their safeguarding;
  - d. Further work is required to understand how well vulnerable adults with particularly complex and challenging needs are safeguarded;
  - e. Good and consistent understanding of, and responses to, Mental Capacity remains a development need across the workforce;
  - f. The Board will continue to work together to foster a reliable, trusting culture in organisations and across our area and challenge and drive improvement in multi-agency safeguarding of adults.

### **Proposals/Options**

12. The Committee is asked to consider the Annual Report and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments. These will be addressed prior to the final version of the Annual Report being published.

### **Consultation**

13. The Annual Report includes a summary of the consultation and engagement work which the SAB has carried out with the public, adults with care and support needs and with practitioners.
14. This report to the committee is part of the consultation on the Annual Report.
15. All members of the Boards and their Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the Annual Report.

### **Resource Implications**

16. There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
17. Leicestershire County Council contributes £53,590 to the costs of the LRSAB, 52% of the total budget of £102,152 in 2019/20. In addition it contributes £84,276 to the costs of the LRLSCB, 35% of the total budget of £243,419 in 2019/20, and hosts the Safeguarding Boards' Business Office.
18. Following anticipated funding reductions and agreement with Board partners, the Board budget for 2019/20 does not include funding for Safeguarding Adults Reviews (or Serious Case Reviews for the Safeguarding Children Partnership). These are to be funded through the reserves of the Safeguarding Boards/Partnerships, which 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 parallel with consideration of the budget for the multi-agency arrangements for safeguarding children.
20. The Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Law and Governance have been consulted on the content of this report.

### **Timetable for Decisions**

21. The Annual Report will be presented to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 2 September 2019, the Cabinet on 13 September 2019 and the Health and Wellbeing Board on 26 September 2019. Any comments will be addressed prior to the final report being published in October 2019.

### **Background Papers**

Report to the Adult and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee 5 June 2018.  
<https://bit.ly/31SESjy>

### **Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None.

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## **List of Appendices**

Appendix A - Draft Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2018/19

### **Relevant Impact Assessments:**

#### **Equality and Human Rights Implications**

22. 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**

23. The SAB works closely with community safety partnerships in Leicestershire to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and wellbeing 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.
24. 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**

25. The published LRSAB Annual Report will primarily be made available on-line in electronic form, rather than paper.

#### **Partnership Working and associated issues**

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