



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 26 SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

SAFEGUARDING BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Health and Wellbeing Board's attention the draft Annual Report 2018/19 of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.

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. 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 we secured agreement to ensuring that the BCT Programme would incorporate, promote, measure and evaluate safeguarding outcomes within its improvement plans.
4. The Annual Report considers safeguarding effectiveness across partner agencies including those working in the health and care system. The LRSAB Business Plan Priorities for 2018/19 incorporated areas within priority health workstreams, including emotional health and wellbeing and mental health.
5. In 2018/19 the LRSAB has specifically considered safeguarding individuals with complex needs and behaviours, including those who are or have been part of the Transforming Care programme.

Recommendation

6. It is recommended that the Board notes and comments on the draft LRSAB Annual Report for 2018/19.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

7. 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.
8. The Business Plan of the LRSAB for the current year, 2019/20 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 May 2019.
9. The County Council's Cabinet considered the Annual Report at its meeting on 13 September 2019.

Background

Statutory Framework

10. 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.
11. 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.
12. It is the second of these duties to which the appended Annual report relates.

Annual Report

13. 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.
14. 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 with care and support needs in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically it evaluates performance against the priorities that were set out in the LRSAB Business Plan 2018/19.
15. 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

16. 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.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

17. 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.
18. This report to the Board is part of the consultation on the Annual Report.
19. All members of the Boards have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the Annual Report.

Resource Implications

20. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRSAB operates with a budget of £102,152 to which partner agencies contribute.

Timetable for Decisions

21. The final Annual Report will be published in October 2019.

Background papers

None

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

None

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Relevant Impact Assessments**Equality and Human Rights Implications**

22. 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 their 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.

Environmental Implications

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

Partnership Working and associated issues

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