



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 9 JULY 2020

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20 AND STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Health and Wellbeing Board the Draft Annual Report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for 2019/20, and the Strategic Plan of the LRSAB and Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) for 2020-2025.

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. The Board is asked to comment on the draft Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2019/20 and the Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.

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 is 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 Development plan of the LRSAB for 2019/20 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 30 May 2019.

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 by producing a Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.
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. The Strategic Plan relates to the first of these duties, and the Annual Report to the second of these duties.

Annual report for 2019/20

11. 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.
12. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2019/20 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.
13. The Draft Annual Report 2019/20 can be found at Appendix A to this report.
14. The key messages from the LRSAB are still being finalised, however some areas, specifically relevant to the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board include:

- a. Understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act in relation to Safeguarding is improving, but requires a sustained focus.
- b. There is a broader need across multi-agency working to look beyond presenting issues to focus on the individual and gain a holistic view of their needs.
- c. A broader understanding of additional needs and risks relating to Autistic Spectrum Disorder is required across the workforce to effectively support and safeguard individuals
- d. The Board requires further assurance that people within the Transforming Care cohort of adults at risk are being adequately safeguarded.
- e. The Board will continue to work together and develop links across partnerships to foster a reliable, trusting culture in organisations and across our area and challenge and drive improvement in multi-agency safeguarding of adults.

Strategic Plan 2020-2025

15. Previous development plans of the SAB have focussed on actions and priorities for a single year. For 2020 onwards the Leicestershire and Rutland SAB have developed an overarching 5-year Strategic Plan with Leicester SAB. This will be supplemented by individual business plans outlining more detailed action and outcome to be achieved in that year. The Draft Strategic Plan can be found at Appendix B to this report.
16. The plan recognises the current context regarding Covid-19 and the significant impact this has on the very personal work of safeguarding adults. The more detailed business plans are being drafted in light of this.
17. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2019/20 have been built into the Strategic Plan. 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 2019/20 including analysis of impact afforded by the quality assurance and performance management framework;
 - e. best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;
18. The Strategic Plan was formulated through a joint development session of the LRSAB and LSAB held on 13 March 2020.
19. The LRSAB Strategic Plan Priorities are outlined in the table below.

LRSAB Strategic Priorities

Strategic Priority	Summary
1. Ensuring Statutory Compliance	Compliance with the requirements of the Care Act 2014.
2. Enhancing Everyday Business	Gaining assurance regarding the quality of service and enhancing multi-agency training and development.
3. Strengthening User and Carer Engagement	Developing the sustainable approach to learning from the experience of people who use services and their carers, including those who have directly experienced safeguarding issues
4. Raising awareness within our diverse communities	Better understand and address any barriers to engaging well with our diverse communities, in particular (but not exclusively) our Black and Minority Ethnic communities
5. Understanding how well we work together	Exploring effectiveness in specific areas of adult safeguarding
6. Prevention – helping people to stay safe, connected and resilient to reduce the likelihood of harm, abuse or neglect	Finalise prevention principles and identify specific pieces of work based on these as required

20. Key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes are being finalised in the business plans.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

21. The broad membership of the Safeguarding Adults Board have been involved in developing the priorities in the Strategic plan, this includes Healthwatch who have provided input based on their work within the community.

Resource Implications

22. 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.

Timetable for Decisions

23. The Draft Annual Report and Strategic Plan are due to be considered by the LRSAB at its meeting on 3rd July 2020. Comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board will be used to shape the final documents.
24. The more detailed business plans for the year will be finalised in August 2020.
25. The Annual Report will be finalised in August 2020 in order for its publication in September 2020. A copy of the final report will be circulated to members of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Background papers

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board – 30 May 2019 - Safeguarding Board Development plan 2019/20

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1038&MId=5740&Ver=4>

Appendices

Appendix A - Draft Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20

Appendix B - Draft Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2020-2025

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

26. 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 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 levels of risk. Further work is to be carried out this year to understand the impact on individuals from different groups.

Crime and Disorder Implications

27. 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.

Partnership Working and associated issues

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