



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 25 NOVEMBER 2021

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2021/22

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to present to the Health and Wellbeing Board the Annual Report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for 2020/21, and the Business Plan of the LRSAB for 2021/22.

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 the health and care system can support the prevention of, identification of and response to safeguarding risk.

Recommendation

3. The Board is asked to note the Annual Report 2020/21 and Business Plan for 2021/22 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board and the key points of relevance relating to health and wellbeing.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

4. 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.
5. The Strategic Plan of the LRSAB for 2020-2025 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 9 July 2020.

Background

Statutory Framework

6. 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.
7. These points have been addressed in the LRSAB Strategic Plan for 2020-2025.
8. 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.
9. The Business Plan supports the Strategic Plan and relates to the first of these duties, and the Annual Report to the second of these duties.

Annual Report for 2020/21

10. 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.
11. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2020/21 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 for 2020/21.
12. The Annual Report 2020/21 can be found at Appendix A to this report.
13. The key messages from the LRSAB relevant to the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board include:
 - a. Partnership working for safeguarding adults was strong under challenging circumstances around the pandemic.
 - b. The Board requires further assurance that adults at the highest risk of harm including people within the Transforming Care cohort and all with Learning Disabilities are being adequately safeguarded.
 - c. Understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act in relation to safeguarding still requires a sustained focus.

- d. The pandemic has increased concerns that adults at risk of harm may become “hidden in plain sight” within organisational and inter-organisational processes. This is a particular concern for those with learning disabilities.
- 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.

Business Plan 2021/2022

- 14. The LRSAB Business Plan incorporates the specific action identified for the current year to work towards the five-year Strategic Plan.
- 15. The Business Plan was formulated through a joint development session of the LRSAB and LSAB and the Safeguarding Children Partnerships for Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland held on 22 January 2021.
- 16. The plan recognises the current context regarding Covid-19 and the significant impact this has on the very personal work of safeguarding adults.
- 17. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2020/21 have been built into the Business 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 2020/21 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 LRSAB Business Plan is Appended (Appendix B) and the priorities are outlined in the table below.

LRSAB Business Plan Priorities

Priority	Summary
1. Hidden Harm	Reviewing how we work together across society to prevent the needs of, and harm to, adults with care and support needs being missed or hidden and ensuring we respond effectively.
2. Care Homes	Work together to support and sustain effective safeguarding in Care homes
3. Covid-19	Understanding and responding to the ongoing impact of Covid-19 on Safeguarding Adults and Children

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

- 19. The broad membership of the Safeguarding Adults Board have been involved in developing the priorities in the Strategic Plan and this Business Plan. This includes Healthwatch who have provided input based on their work within the community.

Resource Implications

20. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRSAB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute under a single funding arrangement across the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board and Safeguarding Children Partnerships.

Timetable for Decisions

21. The Annual Report was published on 30 September 2021. Comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board will feed into the planning and reporting process for the coming year.

Background papers

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board – 9 July 2020 – Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2019/20 and Strategic Plan 2020-2025.

<http://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1038&MId=6107&Ver=4>

Appendix

Appendix A - Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21
Appendix B - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Business Plan 2021/22

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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 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

23. 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 LRSAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

Environmental Implications

24. None

Partnership Working and associated issues

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

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