



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 1 December 2022

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2022/23

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 2021/22, and the Business Plan of the LRSAB for 2022/23.
2. The Annual Report and Business Plan are shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board to highlight safeguarding matters relevant to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and support understanding across partnerships and effective partnership working across systems.

Link to the local Health and Care System

3. 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

4. The Board is asked to note the Annual Report 2021/22 and Business Plan for 2022/23 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board and take into account the key points of relevance relating to health and wellbeing and the forward plans of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

5. Safeguarding Adults Boards are statutory partnerships required by 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 the county.

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

Background

7. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Health and care needs can be linked to safeguarding risk for adults and the health and care system can support the prevention of, identification of, and response to, safeguarding risk.

Statutory Framework

8. 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.
9. These points have been addressed in the LRSAB Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. This is a shared plan with the Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board.
10. Safeguarding Adults 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.
11. 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 2021/22

12. 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.
13. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2021/22 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 2021/22.
14. The Annual Report 2021/22 can be found at Appendix A to this report.

15. The key messages from the LRSAB relevant to the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board include:
- a. Partnership working for safeguarding adults has strengthened over the past few years and remains strong.
 - b. Reviews identify further work is required to improve safeguarding of people with Learning Disabilities and Autism.
 - c. Existing services and pathways do not appear to work well for people with multiple complex needs, particularly relating to mental health and substance misuse.
 - d. Partnership work and resources to support understanding and application of the Mental Capacity Act in relation to safeguarding have been welcomed, but this area still requires a sustained focus.
 - e. The Board has joined up with Leicester SAB to strengthen its engagement approach. The Health and Wellbeing Board is a key strategic link for joined up engagement with individuals and communities.
 - f. 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 2022/2023

16. The LRSAB Business plan incorporates the specific action identified for the current year to work towards the five-year Strategic Plan. Both the Strategic Plan and Business plan are shared with Leicester SAB.
17. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2021/22 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 2021/22 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 attached as Appendix B to this report and the priorities are a continuation of those from the previous year, as 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 (key focusses around safeguarding transitions and safeguarding people with Learning Disabilities and Autism).
2. Care Homes	Work together to support and sustain effective safeguarding in Care homes

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 27 October 2022. Comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board will feed into the planning and reporting process for the coming year.

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. Good safeguarding is dependent on the effective partnership working as set out in Care Act 2014.

Background papers

Report to Health and Wellbeing Board – 25 November 2021– Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2020/21 and Business Plan 2021/22.

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Appendices

Appendix A - Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22

Appendix B - Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Business Plan 2022/23

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