

**CABINET – 15 SEPTEMBER 2023****LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD
ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23****REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND
RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD****PART A****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Cabinet's attention the Annual Report 2022/23 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment. The draft Annual Report is appended to this report.
2. Any comments or proposed amendments made by the Cabinet will be addressed in the final report before it is published later in September 2023.
3. The final Annual 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.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that the Cabinet notes and comments on the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2022/23 particularly in relation to the business of the County Council.

Reasons for Recommendations

5. The LRSAB is a statutory body and local authorities have a duty to ensure that the Board is enabled to operate effectively.
6. It is a requirement of the Care Act 2014 that the LRSAB Annual Report be reported to the Leader of the Council together with the Chief Executive of the local authority, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner and local Healthwatch.
7. In Leicestershire and Rutland the Annual Report has traditionally also been presented to the Cabinet and the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
8. Presenting the Annual Report enables the Cabinet to comment on the content of the Annual Report and consider whether the report identifies matters that it wishes to

address in relation to the effectiveness of safeguarding within the work of the Authority.

Timetable for Decisions (including Scrutiny)

9. The LRSAB Annual Report was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4 September 2023 and its comments will be reported to the Cabinet.
10. Any proposed additions or amendments to the Annual Report made by the Cabinet will be considered for incorporation into the final report, before it is published by the end of September 2023.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

11. 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.
12. As outlined above it is a statutory requirement for the Chair of the SAB to publish an annual report into the effectiveness of safeguarding adults arrangements in the local area. This report must be reported to the Leader of the Council together with the Chief Executive of the local authority, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner and local Healthwatch.

Resource Implications

13. There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. The LRSAB operates within a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
14. Safeguarding Adults Board statutory partners have, along with Safeguarding Partners for safeguarding children, set a single agreement of principles to share the operating costs of the Safeguarding Children Partnerships (SCPs) and Safeguarding Adults Boards for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.
15. As part of this agreement Leicestershire County Council contributed £119,266 to the LRSAB and SCP in 2022/23. This is 33% of the total funding for the LRSAB and SCP (£364,633). This compares with £102,496 in the previous year which was 31% of the total pooled budget for the Leicestershire and Rutland LSCB, SCP and SAB of £327,126 in 2021/22.
16. Expenditure has significantly reduced in the last year. This is due to support services no longer being used, with the processes being brought in-house. Additionally, expenditure on Safeguarding Adult Reviews decreased due to the number of reviews already being in an advanced stage and alternative methodologies being used, as appropriate. There was no cost for engagement as a number of projects had been paid for in the previous year. As of 1st April 2023, the Safeguarding Partnership's reserve funds stand at £168,895. Plans for further use of these reserve funds will be drawn up in the coming year.

17. Leicestershire County Council also hosts the Safeguarding Partnerships' Business Office that supports the SAB and the SCP.

Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure

18. None.

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PART B

Background

Annual Report 2022/23

19. The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2022/23 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 2022/23.
20. A pre-publication draft of the Annual Report 2022/23 can be found in full as the Appendix to this report.
21. The key messages from the LRSAB, specifically in relation to Leicestershire are:
 - a) As is reported nationally, there continues to be pressure on the health and care services in Leicestershire, and in turn this impacts on the workforce.
 - b) In relation to its Hidden Harm Business Plan Priority, the LLR SAB Performance Subgroup produced a Hidden Harm Assurance Report for 2022/2023. It collated information from across subgroups and partnerships on hidden harm, including analysis of insights project, alerts and community concerns. It was presented to the SABs early in the new business year. Work was subsequently completed in relation to Self-neglect, Domestic Abuse, Cuckooing, and Adults with learning disabilities.
 - c) In relation to the LRSAB's Care Homes Business Plan Priority, work included a resource pack was developed by the LLR SAB Training Subgroup for care providers. It highlights procedures, guidance, information and resources available to care homes. A multi-agency audit was carried out, and the LLR SAB Performance Subgroup collated data and assurance on safeguarding in care homes and produced a report for 2022/2023. It will be presented to the SABs early in the new business year.
 - d) Data has not altered significantly; the LRSAB will look at this in the next year as it returns to pre-Covid service levels.
 - e) There were fewer Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) commenced in 2022/23 and the LRSAB continued to work on and implement the lessons learnt from SAR reviews.
 - f) Stronger links were formed between the SAB and the LLR Carers Delivery Group through the representative of that group joining the Board.
22. The LRSAB will be working to support the safeguarding of adults in relation to Self-Neglect, Mental Capacity and Domestic Abuse, via the Business Plan for 2023/2025.

Consultations

23. The draft Annual Report is produced as a summary of the work of the SAB which has been carried out in relation to safeguarding and prevention. the final report will be published on the Leicestershire and Rutland website [here](#).
24. All members of the Board have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the Annual Report.

Comments of the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

25. The Report was also considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on the 4 September 2023.

Equality Implications

26. 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. The Annual Report includes a summary analysis of the characteristics of the subjects of SARs.

Human Rights Implications

27. There are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Crime and Disorder Implications

28. The LRSAB works closely with community safety partnerships in Leicestershire to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups, for example domestic abuse and Prevent. The Safeguarding Partnerships Business Office also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews.

Background Papers

Report to the Cabinet on 23 September 2022 "Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22"

<https://politics.leics.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=6776>

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

<https://lrsb.org.uk/sab-annual-reports-and-business>

Appendix

Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Draft Annual Report 2022/23

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