



## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 31 OCTOBER 2023**

### **LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 AND BUSINESS PLAN 2023-25**

#### **Purpose of the 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 Adults Board (LRSAB) for 2022/23, and the Business Plan of the LRSAB for 2023-25.
2. The final LRSAB Annual Report is the report of the SAB 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.
3. 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.

#### **Recommendation**

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) Annual Report for 2022/23 and Business Plan for 2023-25 and take into account the key points of relevance relating to health and wellbeing.

#### **Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

5. 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 adults.
6. 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.
7. The LRSAB has a Strategic Plan for 2020-2025. This is a shared plan with the Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board. The Strategic Plan of the LRSAB for 2020-2025 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020. 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.
8. The Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Partnership (LRSCP) share some

operational arrangements. They also share some partnership structures with the Leicester Safeguarding Children Partnership Board (LSCPb) and Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB).

9. 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.
10. 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 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.

## **Background**

### **LRSAB Annual Report 2022/23**

11. 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.
12. The full version of the Annual Report 2022/23 is provided as Appendix A.
13. The key messages from the LRSAB, specifically in relation to the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board are:
  - a) As is reported nationally, there continues to be pressure on health and care services in Leicestershire, and in turn this impacts on the workforce.
  - b) In relation to the Hidden Harm Business 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 completed in relation to Self-Neglect, Domestic Abuse, Cuckooing, and adults with Learning Disabilities
  - c) In relation to the Care Homes Business Priority, 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. Also, 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 2022/23.
  - d) Data has not altered significantly; the Board will look at this in the next year as partners return to pre-Covid service levels.
  - e) There were fewer Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) commenced in 2022/23 and the Board continued to work on and implement the lessons learnt from SARs.
  - f) Stronger links were formed between the SAB and the LLR Carers Delivery Group through a representative of that group joining the Board.

## **Business Plan 2023-25**

14. The LRSAB Business Plan sets out the key deliverables and activities required regarding the Board's priorities for 2023-25. The plan is shared with the Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) and is [published](#) on the on the Safeguarding Partnership's website [www.lrsb.org.uk](http://www.lrsb.org.uk).
15. The LRSAB Business Plan is provided as Appendix B to this report and the priorities are outlined in the table below.

1. Self-Neglect	Ensuring that local safeguarding partners are working together to effectively safeguard adults who self-neglect
2. Mental Capacity Act	Ensuring that local safeguarding partners are using the Mental Capacity Act to effectively safeguard adults, where appropriate
3. Domestic Abuse	Understanding the local response to domestic abuse in older people and safeguarding adults

## **Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement**

16. The Annual Report includes a summary of the consultation and engagement work the SAB have carried out with adults with care and support needs and practitioners. There are several quotations included in the report.
17. All members of the SAB have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on drafts of the Annual Report.
18. Prior to publication, the LRSAB Annual Report was considered by the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet. Both welcomed the report.

## **Resource Implications**

19. 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.
20. Safeguarding partners have, along with Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) statutory partners, set a single agreement of principles to share the operating costs of the Safeguarding Children Partnership (SCP) and Safeguarding Adults Board for Leicestershire and Rutland.
21. 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 SAB engagement as a number of projects had been paid for in the previous year. As of 1st April, the Safeguarding Partnerships' reserve funds stand at £168,895. Plans for further use of these reserve funds will be drawn up in the coming year.
22. Leicestershire County Council hosts the Safeguarding Partnerships Business Office that supports the SAB and the SCP.

**Timetable for Decisions**

23. The [Annual Report was published](#) on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023 on the Safeguarding Board's website [www.lrsb.org.uk](http://www.lrsb.org.uk). Comments from the Health and Wellbeing Board will feed into the planning and reporting process for the coming year.

**Background Papers**

24. Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 "[Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2021/22 and LLR SAB Business Plan 2022-23](#)".

**Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

25. None.

**Appendix**

26. Appendix A: Annual Report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board 2022/23

Appendix B: Joint Business Plan for the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Boards 2023-25

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

27. The LRSAB seeks to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard 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.

**Health Implications**

28. 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.
29. The Care Act 2014 requires that a SAB 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.

### **Crime and Disorder Implications and Environmental Implications**

30. 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.
31. The published LRSAB Annual Report will primarily be made available online in electronic form, rather than paper. There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

### **Partnership Working and associated issues**

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

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