

ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES

**LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD/SAFEGUARDING ADULT
BOARD BUSINESS PLAN 2014/15**

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee's attention the Local Safeguarding Children Board/Safeguarding Adult Board (LSCB/SAB) Business Plan for 2014/15.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. The SAB is not at present a partnership required by regulation. However it will become a regulatory requirement shortly as a result of the Care Act 2014. Its purpose is to bring together local statutory and independent sector agencies working with vulnerable adults at risk of abuse. The SAB is responsible for ensuring the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Adults Policy and Procedures are effective and prevent adults from experiencing significant harm.
3. The LSCB is a partnership that is required by regulation.

Background

4. In 2012 a decision was made to align the LSCB with the SAB. This has enabled the Boards to produce an integrated Business Plan, since there are a number of priority issues which are common to both Boards. Where strands of activity are specific to one or other Board, this is made clear.
5. The Plan is intended primarily to set out the key outcomes and impact that the Boards wish to achieve across the next year, to ensure that children, young people and adults in Leicestershire and Rutland are safe. It does not show business as usual items unless they are addressing an issue that has been highlighted for specific or remedial work within 2013/14. The priorities for 2014/15 are as follows:-
 - Priority 1: To be assured that 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility';
 - Priority 2a: To be assured that children and young people are safe;
 - Priority 2b - To be assured that adults in need of safeguarding are safe;
 - Priority 2c – To be assured that services for children, services for adults and services for families are effectively coordinated to ensure children and adults are safe;
 - Priority 3a: To be assured of the quality of care for any child not living with a parent or someone with parental responsibility;
 - Priority 3b: To be assured of the quality of care for any adult supported by registered providers;

- Priority 4: To be assured that our Learning and Improvement Framework is raising service quality and outcomes for children, young people and adults;
- Priority 5: To be assured that the workforce is fit for purpose.

Proposals/Options

6. The committee is asked to note and comment on the content of the LSCB/SAB Business Plan 2014/15.

Consultation

7. The formulation of the Business Plan has been undertaken with the engagement of members of both the LSCB and SAB and other stakeholders.

Conclusions

8. The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the attached Business Plan.

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Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

9. Safeguarding vulnerable children, young people and vulnerable adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. The Business Plan sets out how the LSCB/SAB shall seek to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership. Likewise the Business Plan sets out how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

Partnership Working and associated issues

10. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in national regulation, Working Together 2013, published by the Department for Education.

List of Appendices

Appendix A - LSCB/SAB Business Plan 2014/15