

CABINET

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LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARDS' ANNUAL REPORTS 2016/17

Report of the Independent Chair of the Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adults Board

Strategic Aim:	This contributes to the corporate objective of 'Creating a brighter future for all'		
Key Decision: No		Forward Plan Reference: FP/120917	
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		Scrutiny Chair Approved	N/A
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Exempt Information		No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:		Councillor Richard Clifton, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health, Councillor Richard Foster, Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding Children and Young People	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Notes and comments on the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports for 2016/17

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of the key findings of the Annual Reports of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board (LRSAB) for 2016/17 for information and comment.
- 1.2 The Annual Reports will be presented for approval to a joint meeting of the Boards on 20th October 2017. Any comments or proposed additions and amendments made by the Cabinet will be addressed in the final reports before they are presented to the Board and subsequently published.
- 1.3 The final report is the report of the Independent Chair who must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. This is a statutory requirement under section 14A of the Children Act 2004.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The LSCB is a statutory body established through the Children Act 2004 and works to statutory guidance issued through Working Together 2015. It is a requirement that the Board produce an Annual report regarding the work of the partnership and its partners to safeguard children. The Annual Report is required to 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, and the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 2.2 The LRSAB became a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as a result of the Care Act 2014. The Act requires that the SAB 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 is a requirement that the Board produce an Annual report regarding its work and report it to the Leader of the Council together with the Chief Executive of the local authority, the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable and Healthwatch.
- 2.3 The previous Annual Reports (2015/16) of the LRLSCB and LRSAB were submitted to the Cabinet on 4 October 2016.
- 2.4 The Business Plans for the LRLSCB and LRSAB for 2017/18 were submitted to the Cabinet on 18 April 2017.
- 2.5 The LRLSCB and LRSAB aligned their work five years ago to ensure effective and efficient safeguarding services operating in an integrated manner. This has supported a focus on vulnerable children, adults and families. Since 2014/15 the Boards have agreed to produce two separate annual reports.
- 2.6 The LRLSCB Annual Report provides a full assessment of performance with regard to safeguarding children in line with the requirements in Working Together 2015.
- 2.7 The LRSAB 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.

- 2.8 The key purpose of the two Annual Reports is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2016/17 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for children, young people, and for adults in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically they evaluate performance against the priorities set out in the Business Plans for 2016/17 and against other statutory functions that the LRLSCB in particular must undertake. Full copies of both Annual Reports are attached as Appendices A and B to this report.
- 2.9 These are, necessarily, detailed reports, but have been significantly reduced in length compared to previous years. As such two-page summaries are included in the reports in place of separate Executive Summaries which have previously been produced.
- 2.10 Both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2016/17 include:
- (i) A foreword from the Independent Chair;
 - (ii) A summary of the work and findings of the Board during the year;
 - (iii) An overview of the Boards' governance and accountability arrangements and local context;
 - (iv) Two separate outlines of safeguarding children or adults performance, activity and outcomes for Leicestershire and Rutland;
 - (v) Analysis of performance against the key priorities in the 2016/17 Business Plan;
 - (vi) An overview of the Boards work on engagement, assurance, learning and development and training;
 - (vii) The challenges ahead including our Business Development Plan Priorities for 2017/18.

KEY MESSAGES

- 2.11 The key messages from the LRSAB for the specific attention of the County Council's Cabinet are:
- a) Workers and agencies work well together to safeguard adults in Rutland.
 - b) 'Making Safeguarding Personal' (MSP) is influencing practice across agencies and more people in Rutland have more say in the enquiries into their safeguarding.
 - c) Financial Abuse and Domestic Abuse are becoming more prevalent in safeguarding adult enquiries in Rutland.
 - d) More work is required to gain assurance regarding oversight of adult safeguarding enquiries carried out in Health settings.
 - e) The Board will continue to challenge and drive improvement in the safeguarding of adults, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of adults with care and support needs.

2.12 The key messages from the LRLSCB for the specific attention of the County Council's Cabinet are:

- a) Workers and agencies work well together to safeguard children in Rutland.
- b) Early Help and other services in Rutland are improving outcomes for children and young people.
- c) Partnership working on Child Sexual Exploitation is strong.
- d) Consistency of practice within agencies across a range of areas of work requires improvement. This includes quality of assessment, recording, information sharing and hearing and responding to the voice of children.
- e) The Board will continue to challenge and drive improvement in safeguarding of children, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of children and young people, and quality assurance.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 All members of the LRLSCB and LRSAB and their Executives have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on drafts of the Annual Reports.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Annual Reports are retrospective reports. Any amendments to the reports put forward by the Cabinet will be considered by the Independent Chair of the LSCB and SAB.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report, as this is a retrospective report. Both the LRLSCB and LRSAB operate within a budget to which partner agencies contribute.
- 5.2 The total budget within which the Boards are operating in 2017/18 is £341,650. The LRLSCB has a budget of £240,812 and the LRSAB a budget of £100,838.
- 5.3 Rutland County Council has contributed £52,250 to the LRLSCB and £8,240 to the LRSAB for 2017/18, in total 18% of the LRLSCB and LRSAB budget.
- 5.4 There will be financial implications for statutory partners for 2018/19 to sustain the current level of activity. The Board funding has been underpinned in past years using contingency funding. Proposals are being prepared for consideration by partners in their budget setting for 2018/19 and beyond.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The two Safeguarding Boards are required to produce annual reports.
- 6.2 The Local Authority along with Leicestershire County Council hold the legal responsibility for the operation of the Safeguarding Boards.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Safeguarding children, young people and adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. Information on differing needs of, and impacts on groups of individuals with regards to safeguarding is considered as part of the process to develop the Boards' Business Plans. Specific impacts on or views of different groups are also considered in the work of the LRLSCB and LRSAB Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG) in assessing performance and effectiveness with regard to safeguarding.

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There is a close connection between the work of the LRSAB and LRLSCB and that of Safer Rutland Partnership. For example, the Boards scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups, e.g. domestic abuse and Prevent. The Boards also provide the framework and support for the Community Safety Partnership to carry out Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- 8.2 The LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports include analysis of performance in a range of areas relevant to the community safety agenda and the evaluation of performance will be shared with the Safer Rutland Partnership to ensure that both strengths and development needs are recognised and acted on.

9 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Health and care needs can be linked to safeguarding risk for adults and children and health and care practitioners can have opportunities to identify and respond to safeguarding risk not available to workers in other agencies.
- 9.2 The Annual Reports for 2016/17 incorporate performance and analysis regarding areas within priority health workstreams, including emotional health and well-being and mental health. The Annual Reports will be presented to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board.

10 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The Safeguarding Boards have produced their Annual Reports for 2016-17 assessing and analysing the activity and performance of the Boards and partner agencies regarding safeguarding adults with care and support needs and children. These Annual Reports are presented to Cabinet for their information and input.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

12 APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix A – LRLSCB Annual Report – 2016/17
- 12.2 Appendix B – LRSAB Annual Report – 2016/17

A Large Print or Braille Version of this Report is available upon request – Contact 01572 722577.