

CABINET

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LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB) AND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LRLSCB) BUSINESS PLANS 2017/18

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

Strategic Aim:	Safeguarding	
Key Decision: No	Forward Plan Reference: FP/130117/03	
Exempt Information	No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:	Mr Richard Clifton, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care & Health, Mr Richard Foster, Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding Children and Young People	
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

Notes the Safeguarding Boards' Business Plans and makes any comments, proposed additions or amendments to the priorities to be incorporated in the final version of the Business Plans.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Draft Business Plan of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and the Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for 2017/18 for consideration and comment by Cabinet.

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 issue an annual business plan setting out its priorities for action.
- 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 develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute.
- 2.3 It has been considered good practice in Rutland to submit both the Annual Reports and Business Plans to the Cabinet and to the relevant Scrutiny Panels for the LRSAB as well as the LRLSCB.
- 2.4 This report enables the Cabinet to comment on the draft Business Plan and to consider whether these priorities identify matters that it wishes to address in relation to the effectiveness of safeguarding within the work of the Authority.
- 2.5 The Annual Report of the LRLSCB and LRSAB was considered by Cabinet in October 2016 and emerging priorities for the new Business Plan for 2017/18 were discussed at that meeting.
- 2.6 As in 2016/17 the LRLSCB and LRSAB are formulating individual Business Plans supplemented by a plan that addresses priorities they will share. This is intended to secure a balance between achieving a strong focus on children and adult safeguarding issues and recognising that some safeguarding matters require approaches that cross-cut adults and children's services and focus on whole family issues.
- 2.7 The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2015/16 have been built into the Business Plan priorities for 2017/18. In addition to issues arising from the Annual Report the new Business Plans' priorities have been identified against a range of national and local drivers including:
- national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
 - recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;
 - the outcomes of Serious Case Reviews (SCRs), Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs), Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs) and other review processes both national and local;
 - evaluation of the Business Plans for 2016/17 including analysis of impact afforded by our Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework;
 - best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;

- the views expressed by both service users and frontline staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements.

2.8 The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2016. These include:

- the annual Safeguarding Summit of chief officers from partner agencies held on 23 November 2016
- meetings of the Scrutiny Panels in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the Annual Report 2015/16 and future priorities for action have been debated;
- meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Well-Being Boards at which both the Annual Report 2015/16 and future priorities for action have been debated;
- discussions within individual agencies.

2.9 The proposed strategic priorities were formulated through the annual Development Session of the two Safeguarding Boards held on 2 December 2016.

2.10 The Board is making a differentiation between Development priorities and Assurance priorities this year. Assurance priorities are solely identified as priorities for seeking assurance regarding safeguarding practice, risk or impact, rather than carrying out any specific development work. Development priorities are ones that require specific development work led by the Board, these may also include some element of assurance.

2.11 The specific priorities that have arisen for the LRSAB are:

Development Priority	Summary
1. Prevention	Assurance regarding safeguarding elements of local prevention strategies
2. Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)	Continuing development of MSP across partners
3. Thresholds	Identifying and addressing gaps re: over and under-reporting
4. Self-Neglect	Establishing and embedding a robust process for practitioners

2.12 The specific priorities that have arisen for the LRLSCB are:

Development Priority	Summary
1. CSE, Trafficking & Missing (Missing and online safety)	Developing assurance regarding missing children process and intervention and developing online safety responses.
2. Children with Disabilities	Assessing organisational responses and safeguarding risk understanding with regard to these children and their families.
3. Signs of Safety	Further embedding this across the partnership, particularly schools.

2.13 The priorities that have arisen for the part of the Business Plan shared between the LRSAB and the LRLSCB can be seen over the page:

Development Priority	Summary
1. The 'Toxic Trio'	Assessing and developing approaches to safeguarding adults and children where domestic abuse, substance misuse and mental health issues are present.
2. Participation and Engagement	Establishing visible effective participation by children and vulnerable adults at Board level.
3. Emotional Health & Wellbeing	Develop understanding of emotional health and well-being across the partnership and gain assurance regarding BCT and STP that work is addressing safeguarding issues, particularly re: mental health
4. Multi-Agency risk management / Supervision	Develop a multi-agency supervision approach for risk management in safeguarding adults and children.

- 2.14 Against each of these priorities the Board has identified key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes. The draft plans containing these outcomes are appended. Some elements of these plans require further work to be finalised.
- 2.15 The following are the identified assurance priorities arising from current priorities and the considerations from the development day. Seeking assurance on these would be built into the work of the Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG) and the LSCB and SAB Multi-Agency Audit Groups as appropriate.

Assurance Priorities	
LSCB	1. Early Help (step up and step down) 2. Sports and other independent settings 3. Thresholds 4. Supervision 5. Initial Health Assessments for Looked After Children (IHAs) 6. Young People's Mental Health
SAB	1. Thresholds 2. MCA DoLS 3. Harm Caused by paid staff/ professionals
Joint	1. Domestic Abuse

- 2.16 The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the Board has been revised to ensure that it reflects the new Business Plan and enables ongoing monitoring of performance of core business that is not covered in the Business Plan.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 The views of a range of forums have been sought on the Business Plans. This includes the Cabinets, Children and Adults Scrutiny Panels and the Health and Well-Being Boards in both local authority areas.
- 3.2 Young people have identified Hate Crime to be considered in the Business Plan, this will be considered further by the Board.

- 3.3 Feedback from Cabinet and other forums will support the development of the action plans for these priorities. The final Business Plan was signed off at the meeting of the LRSAB and LRLSCB on 31 March 2017, but further comments can be considered for incorporation.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Business Plans can be amended by the Board based upon amendments put forward by Cabinet.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications of the Safeguarding Boards' business plans.
- 5.2 Rutland County Council contributes £52,250 to the costs of the LRLSCB (of a total budget of £241,612 in 2017/18) and £8,240 to the costs of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) (of a total budget of £106,178 in 2016/17).
- 5.3 In addition Rutland County Council are providing the lead officer for at least one of the Business Plan Priorities across the two Boards.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The two Safeguarding Boards are required to produce annual plans containing objectives and actions.
- 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. Some priorities will have a specific positive impact on some groups, such as disabled children. Specific views of different groups are 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 LRLSCB and LRSAB and that of community safety partnerships in Leicestershire. For example the Boards work 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 and Prevent. The LSCB and SAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

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 draft Business Plan Priorities for 2017/18 incorporate areas within priority health workstreams, including emotional health and well-being and mental health. The priorities include a specific reference to assurance regarding the safeguarding implications and impacts of the Better Care Together and Sustainability and Transformation Plan programmes.

10 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The Safeguarding Boards have produced their annual plans for 2017-18 based upon analysis of safeguarding risks in Leicestershire and Rutland and consultation with agencies, partnerships and children and vulnerable adults. These plans are presented to Cabinet for their input.

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

12 APPENDICES

- 12.1 Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board Business Plan 2017-18
- 12.2 Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board Business Plan 2017-18
- 12.3 Leicestershire & Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adults Board Joint Business Plan 2017-18

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