

## Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Annual Reports of the Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board and Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board 2016/17</b>
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<b>Paper for:</b>	<b>Note / Discussion</b>

### **Context, including links to Health and Wellbeing Priorities e.g. JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy:**

The purpose of this report is to bring to the Health and Wellbeing Board's attention the Annual Reports 2016/17 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.

Safeguarding Adults and Children cut across all areas of the Rutland Health & Well-Being Strategy and Better Care Fund Priorities.

Connectivity between the LRSAB and the Better Care Together (BCT) Programme was established during 2014/15 when the Safeguarding Boards were consultees during the process of formulating the BCT Five Year Strategic Plan 2014-19. At that stage it was agreed that safeguarding would be a cross-cutting theme across the BCT Programme and we secured agreement to ensuring that the BCT Programme would incorporate, promote, measure and evaluate safeguarding outcomes within its improvement plans.

The LRLSCB and the LRSAB are partnerships that are required by regulation. The LRLSCB is required as a result of the Children Act 2004 and expectations of the Board are set out in Working Together 2015. The LRSAB is required as a result of the Care Act 2014.

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 abolishes LSCBs, but requires local authorities, the Police and Clinical Commissioning Groups to set up local partnership arrangements for safeguarding children. Statutory guidance on this Act, including timescales for new partnership arrangements to be put in place, is expected in early 2018. Until this time, the LRLSCB will continue to operate as normal.

It is a requirement of Working Together 2015 and the Care Act 2014 that the Annual Reports of the LRLSCB and LRSAB be presented to the Chairman of the Health and Well-Being Board. In Leicestershire and Rutland we have, in addition, a protocol between both safeguarding boards and the Health and Wellbeing Board that requires the presentation of the annual reports of the safeguarding boards with an expectation that the Health and Wellbeing Board will consider any implications of these annual reports for the health and well-being strategies of both counties.

The LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plans for 2017/18 were presented to the Health

and Wellbeing Board on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017. The Board will, therefore, be aware of some of the strengths and areas for development that arose from the assessment of performance in 2016/17 since this informed the framing of those Business Plans. However, the Annual Reports provide a full assessment of performance.

The key purpose of the Annual Reports is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2016/17 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for children, young people and adults in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically it evaluates our performance against the priorities that we set in our Business Plans 2016/17 and against other statutory functions that the LSCB and the SAB must undertake.

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.

The key messages from the LRSAB regarding Rutland 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.

The key messages from the LRLSCB regarding Rutland 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.

The full Annual Reports for the LRLSCB and LRSAB are attached as Appendices 1 and 2.

**Financial implications:**

There are no financial 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.

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.

**Recommendations:**

1. That the Board notes the content and key messages of the LSCB and SAB Annual Reports.
2. The Board considers any action it wishes to take in support of priorities for improvement that are identified in the Annual Reports for 2016/17 and in the Business Plan priorities for 2017/18.

**Risk assessment:**

<b>Time</b>	L	The annual reports were published in October, having been agreed at the October meeting of the Safeguarding Boards.
<b>Viability</b>	L	The Annual report looks back at past performance. The areas for development have been included in the Business Development plans of the Safeguarding Boards for 2017/18. Partner agencies have committed capacity both financial and human to the delivery of actions within the plans.
<b>Finance</b>	L	The budgets of the board are outlined under Financial Implications. Agency contributions for 2017/18 are agreed at the same level as last year and the Business Plan will be delivered within these resources.
<b>Profile</b>	L	Following the Ofsted inspection in 2016 the LRLSCB will no longer be subject to a review by Ofsted. There is currently no regulatory framework in place to judge LRSAB performance.
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity</b>	L	Safeguarding children, young people and adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. Specific impacts on or views of different groups is also considered in the work of the LRLSCB and LRSAB Safeguarding Effectiveness Group (SEG) in assessing performance and effectiveness with regard to safeguarding.

**Timeline:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>Target Date</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Final agreement of report by Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children Board	20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017	Simon Westwood
Publication of Annual Reports	23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017	Simon Westwood