

CABINET

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LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB) ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

Report of the INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE LRSAB

Strategic Aim:	Creating a brighter future for all		
Key Decision: No		Forward Plan Reference: FP/170818	
Exempt Information		No	
Cabinet Member(s) Responsible:		Mr Alan Walters Portfolio Holder for Safeguarding – Adults, Public Health, Health Commissioning, Community Safety & Road Safety	
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Ward Councillors	All		

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

1. Notes the draft Annual Report and makes any comments for amendment to be considered by the Independent Chair of the Safeguarding Adults Board.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Cabinet of the key findings of the Annual Report 2017/18 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB). Any comments or proposed additions and amendments will be addressed in the final report before it is presented to the LRSAB at its meeting on 25 October 2018 and subsequently published.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 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 vulnerable adults. 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.
- 2.2 The Annual Report provides a full assessment of performance on the local approach to safeguarding adults in line with the requirements of the legislation and statutory guidance.
- 2.3 The key purpose of the Annual Report is to assess the impact of the work undertaken in 2017/18 on service quality and on safeguarding outcomes for adults with care and support needs in Leicestershire and Rutland. Specifically it evaluates performance against the priorities that were set out in the LRSAB Business Plan for 2017/18.
- 2.4 The draft Annual Report can be found at Appendix A to this report, and includes:
- (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 Board's governance and accountability arrangements and local context;
 - (iv) Two separate outlines of safeguarding performance, activity and outcomes for Leicestershire and Rutland;
 - (v) Analysis of performance against the key priorities in the 2017/18 Business Plan;
 - (vi) An overview of the Board's work on engagement, assurance, learning and development and training;
 - (vii) The challenges ahead including the Business Development Plan Priorities for 2018/19.

3 KEY MESSAGES

- 3.1 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 about their safeguarding.
 - c) Financial Abuse remains a prevalent area of abuse of adults in Rutland.

- d) Good and consistent understanding of and responses to Mental Capacity is a development need across the workforce.
- e) The Board will continue to challenge and drive improvement in safeguarding of adults, including developing its own approach to engagement and participation of adults with care and support needs.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 All members of the LRSAB and its Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on drafts of the Annual Report.
- 4.2 The Annual Report is being presented to a range of forums including the Cabinets, Adults Scrutiny Panels or Committees and the Health and Well-Being Boards in both local authority areas.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Annual Report is a retrospective report. Any amendments to the reports put forward by the Cabinet will be considered by the Independent Chair of the SAB.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 Rutland County Council contributes £8,240 to the costs of the LRSAB (of a total budget of £100,878 in 2018/19).
- 6.3 Following anticipated funding reductions and agreement with Board partners the Board budget for 2018/19 no longer includes funding for Safeguarding Adults Reviews (or Serious Case Reviews for the LSCB). These are to be funded through the reserves of the Safeguarding Boards. The reserves are sufficient to cover current reviews underway. The Board has agreed that any additional costs would be covered proportionally by safeguarding partners.
- 6.4 The budget requirement for future years will be considered in the work to agree new multi-agency arrangements for safeguarding children and parallel consideration of safeguarding adults board support arrangements.

7 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS (MANDATORY)

- 7.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board is required by the Care Act 2014 to produce an annual report and to submit the Annual Report to the Leader of the Council. In addition the Cabinet has always been included in this reporting.
- 7.2 The Local Authority along with Leicestershire County Council holds the legal responsibility for the operation of the Safeguarding Board.

8 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS (MANDATORY)

- 8.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has not been completed for the following reasons. The LSCB has an Information Sharing Agreements and operate in line with the Data Protection Act and General Data Protection

Requirements. All information is shared for safeguarding processes and appropriate controls are in place to ensure data security.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (MANDATORY)

- 9.1 The LRSAB seeks to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard vulnerable adults. At the heart of the work is a focus on any individual or group that may be at greater risk of safeguarding vulnerability and the performance framework tests whether specific groups are at higher levels of risk. The Business Plan 2018/19 includes a priority on Engagement which will consider how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

10 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS (MANDATORY)

- 10.1 The SAB 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 SAB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
- 10.2 The LRSAB Annual Report includes analysis of performance in a range of areas relevant to the community safety agenda and the evaluation of performance will be shared with these partnership forums to ensure that both strengths and development needs are recognised and acted on...

11 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (MANDATORY)

- 11.1 Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Health and care needs can be linked to safeguarding risk for adults, and health and care practitioners can have opportunities to identify and respond to safeguarding risk not available to workers in other agencies.
- 11.2 The Annual Report for 2017/18 incorporates performance and analysis regarding areas within priority health workstreams, including emotional health and well-being and mental health. The Annual Report has been presented to the Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board.

12 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 12.1 The Safeguarding Adults Board has produced its Annual Report for 2017-18 assessing and analysing the activity and performance of the Board and partner agencies regarding safeguarding adults with care and support needs. This Annual Report is presented to Cabinet for their information and input.

13 BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

14 APPENDICES

- 14.1 Appendix A – LRSAB Annual Report – 2017/18

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

