

**Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board**

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| <b>Subject:</b>       | <b>Annual Reports of the Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board and Leicestershire &amp; Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board and</b> |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>  | <b>27 September 2016</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 draft Annual Reports 2015/16 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 LRSAB has now determined that the key focus of our inter-relationship should focus on the following 'Change and Intervention' areas set out in the five year strategic plan:

- Urgent care
- Frail older people
- Long-term conditions
- Planned care
- Mental health
- Learning Disability

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.

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 2016/17 were presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Board will, therefore, be aware of some of the strengths and areas for development that arose from the assessment of performance in 2015/16 since this informed the framing of those Business Plans. However, the Annual Reports provide a full assessment of performance. In the children's arena the annual report will be a key document for consideration when Ofsted carries out its 'Inspection of services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers' alongside which a review of the effectiveness of the local safeguarding children board will be undertaken.

The key purpose of the Annual Reports is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2015/16 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 2015/16 and against other statutory functions that the LSCB and the SAB must undertake.

The annual reports are necessarily detailed reports in line with the legislative requirements. For this reason we have produced Executive Summary reports to assist readers in gauging the key achievements and development needs arising from the assessment of the Boards' performance across 2015/16.

The Executive Summary reports for the LRLSCB and LRSAB are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. Full versions of both the Annual Reports 2015/16 can be accessed at <http://lrsb.org.uk/draft-annual-reports-2015-16>

#### **Financial implications:**

There are no specific financial implications from the Annual Reports of the Safeguarding Boards. Both the LRLSCB and the LRSAB are funded through budgets to which statutory partner agencies contribute. The total budget within which the Boards operated in 2016/17 is £465,112. The LRLSCB has a budget of £328,650 and the LRSAB a budget of £95,962. In addition the Boards receive £40,500 from the community safety partnerships to support the undertaking of Domestic Homicide Reviews.

#### **Recommendations:**

1. That the Board considers the annual reports and makes any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the reports that will be addressed prior to the final versions being published.
2. That the Board considers its capacity to support the work of the safeguarding boards particularly where the annual reports identify need for improvement across partnerships that now feature within our business plans for 2016/17. Such areas include:
  - Robust engagement with Better Care Together workstreams regarding safeguarding.
  - The Joint LSCB & SAB Business Development Priority for 2016/17 - To be assured that Mental Health Services incorporate robust arrangements

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| <p>to reduce safeguarding risk to children and adults in particular areas: e.g. Suicide, Self-Harm, Emotional Wellbeing, Adolescent Mental Health, those supported through MCA/DoLS and the Learning Disability Pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding assurance within commissioning arrangements.</li> </ul> |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Risk assessment:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Time</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | L                             | The annual reports need to be published in line with planning cycles. The reports will be finalised 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 2016/17. 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 detailed under Financial Implications. Agency contributions for 2016/17 are agreed at the same level as last year and the Business Plan will be delivered within these resources.                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Profile</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | L                             | The LRLSCB is subject to a review by Ofsted and its performance is critical to the reputation of both county councils and their partners. The LRSAB will become a statutory body on 1st April 2015. It is not clear whether any regulatory framework will be put in place to judge its performance. The legislation regarding Local Safeguarding Children Boards is currently being reviewed nationally. |
| <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.                                                       |
| <b>Timeline:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <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                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 | Paul Burnett                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Publication of Annual Reports                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2016 | Paul Burnett                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |