

## PEOPLE (ADULTS & HEALTH) SCRUTINY PANEL

2 February 2017

### DRAFT BUSINESS PLAN PRIORITIES 2017/18 OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD (LRSAB)

#### Report of the Independent Chair of the LRSAB

Strategic Aim:	<i>This contributes to the corporate objective of 'Creating a brighter future for all'.</i>	
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#### DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Panel:

1. Notes the Draft Business Plan Priorities and makes any comments, proposed additions or amendments to the priorities that will be addressed prior to the final version of the Business Plan being agreed.

## 1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present the Draft Business Plan Priorities of the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for 2017/18 for consideration and comment by the Scrutiny Panel.

## 2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 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 requires the SAB to

develop and actively promote a culture with its members, partners and the local community that recognises the values and principles contained in 'Making Safeguarding Personal'. It should also concern itself with a range of issues which can contribute to the wellbeing of its community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:

- the safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health
- the safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
- effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
- the quality of local care and support services
- the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
- making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse.

2.2 These points have been considered in identifying priorities for our Business Plan for 2017/18 and will be addressed in the final plan.

2.3 SABs have three core duties. They must:

- develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how they will meet their objectives and how their member and partner agencies will contribute
- publish an annual report detailing how effective their work has been
- commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases which meet the criteria for these.

2.4 It is the first of these duties to which the Business Plan relates since this plan essentially outlines our strategy for improvement.

2.5 The Annual Report of the LRLSCB and LRSAB was considered by this Scrutiny Panel 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 LRSAB is formulating an individual Business Plan supplemented by a plan that addresses priorities it will share with the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board. This is intended to secure a balance between achieving a strong focus on 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 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 considering making a differentiation between Development priorities and Assurance priorities. 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 proposed Business Plan Priorities for 2017-18 considered at the LRSAB meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017 are outlined in the tables below.

#### **LRSAB Development Priorities**

<b>Development Priority</b>	<b>Summary</b>
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

#### **LRLSCB & LRSAB Joint Development Priorities**

<b>Development Priority</b>	<b>Summary</b>
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.
5. Information Sharing (cross-border)	Explore information sharing issues and solutions with a focus on cross-border information sharing.

2.12 Against each of these priorities the Board is in the process of identifying key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes.

2.13 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**

<b>SAB</b>	1. Thresholds 2. MCA DoLS 3. Harm Caused by paid staff/ professionals (watching brief)
<b>Joint LSCB and SAB</b>	1. Domestic Abuse

2.14 The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the Board will be 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.

2.15 The views of a range of forums are being sought on the Business Plans. This includes the Cabinets, Children and Adults and Scrutiny Committees and the Health and Well-Being Boards in both local authority areas.

2.16 The Board office are arranging for consultation on the priorities with young people and adult service users through existing forums.

2.17 Feedback from this panel and these forums will support the development of the action plans for these priorities. The final Business Plan will be signed off at the meeting of the LRSAB and LRLSCB on 31 March 2017.

### **3 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Draft Business Plan Priorities for 2017/18 for the Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board have been drawn up based upon information from a number of sources and will direct the work of the Partnership in improving Safeguarding of Adults in Leicestershire and Rutland. The report is presented so that the Panel may comment and propose changes, amendments or additions that will be reported to the LRSAB for consideration when they consider the final plan at their meeting on 31 March 2017.

### **4 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

### **5 APPENDICES**

- 5.1 There are no appendices.

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