

Report to Rutland Health and Wellbeing Board

Subject:	Leicestershire & Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) and Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) Business Plans 2017/18
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Context, including links to Health and Wellbeing Priorities e.g. JSNA and Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

The purpose of this report is to set out the draft proposed Business Plan priorities for the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adult Board LRSAB for 2017/18 for noting and comment by the Health and Well-being Board.

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.

Connectivity between the LRSAB and the Better Care Together (BCT) Programme was established during 2014/15 when the Board was a consultee 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 Business Plan Priorities for 2017/18 incorporate areas within priority health work-streams, 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.

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 draft business plans of the safeguarding boards with an expectation that the Health and Wellbeing Board will consider any implications of these plans for the health and well-being strategies of both counties.

The Annual Reports for 2015-16 for the LRLSCB and LRSAB, which included some analysis of need for future priorities, were presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 15th September 2016.

Business Plan Priorities

The Boards have continued to follow the approach to business planning that we adopted last year, focusing on areas that we have identified as specific priorities for development and improvement.

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.

Effectiveness of safeguarding in areas not covered by the business plan or assurance priorities will be continue to be monitored through the core element of our performance and quality assurance framework.

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

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.

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.

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.

The Priority on Emotional Health and Well-being currently references the Better Care Together Plan and Sustainable Transformation Plan.

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Thresholds 2. MCA DoLS 3. Harm Caused by paid staff/ professionals
Joint	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Domestic Abuse

Young people have identified Hate Crime to be considered in the Business Plan, this will be considered further by the Board.

Feedback from this Board and other 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.

Financial implications:

There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. Both the LRLSCB and LRSAB operate with a budget to which partner agencies contribute under an agreed formula that reflects their size, operating budgets and legal safeguarding responsibilities.

The total budget within which the Boards operate in 2017/18 will be £346,090. The LRLSCB has a budget of £241,692 and the LRSAB a budget of £104,478, added to

which the Boards receive £40,500 from the community safety partnerships to support the undertaking of Domestic Homicide Reviews

Recommendations:

That the board:

1. Comments on the proposed Business Plan priorities 2017/18 for the LRLSCB and LRSAB, particularly in relation to the most appropriate route for assurance regarding the safeguarding implications and impacts of the Better Care Together and Sustainability and Transformation Plan programmes.

Strategic Lead:

Risk assessment:

Time	L	Previously the draft Business Plans have been presented in full to the Health and Well-being Board, however the business planning process has been delayed this year in order to incorporate the outcome of the Ofsted inspections. At this time the detail of the plans is still in development, and therefore this report just incorporates the Business Plan priorities.
Viability	L	Partner agencies have committed capacity both financial and human to the delivery of actions within the developing plans.
Finance	L	The budgets of the board are detailed under Financial Implications. Agency contributions for 2017/18 are agreed, with some reductions compared to the previous year. The Business Plan will be delivered within these resources.
Profile	L	The LRLSCB was rated as 'Good' by Ofsted in February 2017. Peer reviews of SABs are being trialled, as there is no regulatory framework in place to judge their performance at this time. The legislation regarding Local Safeguarding Children Boards is currently being reviewed nationally.
Equality & Diversity	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:

Task	Target Date	Responsibility
The final Business Plan will be signed off at the meeting of the LRSAB and LRLSCB	31 March 2017	Paul Burnett