



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 12th MARCH 2015

REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

BUSINESS PLANS 2015/16

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present for comment the Business Plans for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and the Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB).

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. The LRLSCB is a statutory body established as a result of Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and currently works under statutory guidance issued in Working Together 2013. The LRSAB will become a statutory body on 1st April 2015 as result of the Care Act 2014. The safeguarding boards agreed a protocol with the Health and Wellbeing Board as a result of which the Independent Chair presents for consideration both the Business Plans and the Annual Reports of both the LRLSCB and LRSAB. This report relates to the LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plans for 2015/16.

Background

3. Health and Wellbeing Board members will be aware that in 2014/15 the business plans and annual reports of the two safeguarding boards were combined. Given the change in the statutory status of the LRSAB created by the Care Act 2014 and a wish to present the specific objectives of the two boards more clearly we have reverted to the production of individual business plans with one cross-cutting element that retains focus on those safeguarding issues that relate to both Boards.
4. The Annual Report 2013/14 of the two safeguarding boards was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting on 16th September 2014. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report have been built into the Business Plans for 2015/16. In addition to issues arising from the Annual Report 2013/14 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 serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes and other review processes both national and local;

- Evaluation of the business plans for 2014/15 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 front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements.
5. The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2014. These include:
- The annual Safeguarding Summit of chief officers from partner agencies held in December 2014
 - Meetings of the Scrutiny Panels in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the annual report 2013/14 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - Meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards at which both the annual report 2013/14 and future priorities for action have been debated;
 - Discussions within individual agencies
6. The proposed strategic priorities, priority actions and key outcome indicators set out in the new Business Plans were formulated through the annual development session of the two safeguarding boards held on 16th January 2015.

Proposals/Options

7. The strategic priorities for the two Boards remain the same as those agreed in 2014/15. They are as follows:
- Priority 1: To be assured that 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Business'
- Priority 2a: To be assured that children and young people are safe
- Priority 2b: To be assured that adults are safe
- Priority 3: To be assured that safeguarding services for children, families and adults are effectively co-ordinated to ensure both children and adults are safe;
- Priority 4: To be assured that our learning and improvement framework is raising service quality and outcomes for children, young people and adults;
- Priority 5: To be assured that the workforce is 'fit for purpose'.
8. Against each of these strategic priorities the Boards have now identified key outcomes for improvement and the actions that will need to be taken over the next year to achieve these improved outcomes. These are set out in the two draft Business Plans that are attached as Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to this report.
9. The Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the two Boards will be adjusted to reflect the new Business Plans when they are finalised by the two Boards at their meetings on 17th April 2015.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

10. As set out in paragraph 5 above there has been a range of forums from which the proposed priorities set out in the Business Plans have emerged. Consultation with the Health and Wellbeing Board forms part of this process of consultation.

11. In addition existing engagement and participation arrangements for both children and adults have had an opportunity to identify priorities for safeguarding as arranged through the Engagement and Participation Sub-Group of the two Boards.

Resource Implications

12. The LRSLCB and LRSAB have a budget to which constituent agencies contribute. Agency contributions for 2015/16 are agreed at the same level as last year and the Business Plan will be delivered within these resources.

Timetable for Decisions

13. Responsibility for final agreement to the Business Plans sits with the LRLSCB and LRSAB. Both Boards are due to consider the Business Plans at their meeting on 17th April 2015 at which it is anticipated the plans will be agreed. The views of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be considered and any relevant amendments made before the report is submitted to the Boards in April. The views and opinions of the Health and Wellbeing Board will be formally reported to the Boards at this meeting.

Conclusions/Recommendations

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:
 - a) Consider the proposed Business Plans for the LRLSCB and LRSAB;
 - b) Comment on the proposed Business Plans and identify any issues for further consideration or any amendments it would wish to propose.

Background papers

Care Act 2014
Annual Report 2013/14 of the two safeguarding boards
Quality Assurance and Performance Management Framework for the LRLSCB and LRSAB

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Appendices

- Appendix 1 Leicestershire and Rutland LSCB Business Plan 2015/16
- Appendix 2 Leicestershire and Rutland SAB Business Plan 2015/16