

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2015

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT CHAIR OF THE SAFEGUARDING
BOARDS**

**ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL
SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS
BOARD**

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to bring to the Health and Wellbeing Board's attention the draft Annual Report 2014/15 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) and the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for consultation and comment.
2. The report will be presented for approval to a joint meeting of the Boards at their meeting on 16th October 2015. Any comments or proposed additions and amendments made by the Health and Wellbeing Board will be addressed in the final report before it is presented to the Board and subsequently published.

Link to Better Care Together

Workstream	Relevance	Workstream	Relevance
Maternity, neonates, children and young people	✓	Mental health	✓
Long term conditions	✓	Frail and older people	✓
Urgent care	✓	Planned care	✓
Learning disabilities	✓	End of life	✓

3. Safeguarding cross-cuts all provision to children, young people and adults and features as a theme in the Better Care Together programme.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

4. 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 and whilst the requirement to produce an annual report does not apply to the period 2014/15 it has been common practice to produce such a report in Leicestershire and Rutland for a number of years.

5. It is a requirement of Working Together 2015 that the Annual Report of the LRLSCB 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.
6. The Business Plans for the LRLSCB and LRSAB are also presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Business Plans against which the annual reports are written were presented on 8th May 2014.

Background

7. Leicestershire and Rutland LRLSCB has been aligned to the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for three years. They share the same Independent Chair. The intention of alignment was to ensure that there are effective and efficient safeguarding services in an integrated manner across the communities of Leicestershire and Rutland. This has supported a focus on vulnerable children, adults and families.
8. This year we have reverted to presenting separate annual reports for the LRSAB and the LRLSCB. The reasons are twofold. First there have been changes to the statutory frameworks within which both Boards work that underline the need for bespoke annual reports. Second, feedback from readers of last years' annual report suggested that the combined report was too complex and lengthy and risked diverting attention from key issues in the children and adult safeguarding arenas. For this reason two annual reports are being produced.
9. The LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plans for 2015/16 were presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 12th March 2015. The Board will, therefore, be aware of some of the strengths and areas for development that arose from the assessment of performance in 2014/15 since this informed the framing of those Business Plans. However, the Annual Reports provides 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. As pointed out earlier Working Together 2015 requires the Annual Report to be produced and identifies a range of issues that must be covered. It is, necessarily, a detailed report. The LRSAB Annual Report is similarly a detailed document. 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 2014/15.
10. The key purpose of the Annual Reports is to assess the impact of the work we have undertaken in 2014/15 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 2014/15 and against other statutory functions that the LSCB and the SAB must undertake.

11. In addition to the Business Plan priorities both safeguarding boards witnessed some significant changes in the national frameworks governing their operation. In relation to the LRLSCB the Department for Education issued a revised version of Working Together in March 2015 that has required the Board to review some aspects of its work. The LRSAB has similarly had to respond to new legislation primarily the Care Act 2014 that has made the Board a statutory body from 1st April 2015 and has made significant changes to safeguarding arrangements more generally.
12. The Executive Summary reports for the LRLSCB and LRSAB are attached as Appendices 1 and 2. Full versions of both the Annual Reports 2014/15 can be accessed at <http://lrsb.org.uk/draft-annual-reports-2014-15>
13. Each annual report is presented against a similar framework:
 - a. A foreword by the Independent Chair;
 - b. A brief overview of the local area safeguarding context with some key context data;
 - c. An overview of the Boards' governance and accountability arrangements;
 - d. Analysis of performance against the five key priorities in the 2014/15 Business Plan which were to:
 - Priority 1: To be assured that 'Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility'
 - Priority 2a: To be assured that children and young people are safe
 - Priority 2b: To be assured that vulnerable adults are safe
 - Priority 2c: To be assured that services for children, services for adults and services for families are effectively coordinated to ensure children and adults are safe
 - Priority 3a: To be assured of the quality of care for any child not living with a parent or someone with parental responsibility
 - Priority 3b: To be assured of the quality of care for any adult supported by registered providers
 - 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
 - e. An overview of performance in key statutory functions notably the Serious Case Review Sub-Groups and Child Death Overview Panel – both of which are statutorily required in the children's safeguarding arena;
 - f. The challenges ahead including our Business Plans for 2015/16.

Proposals/Options

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the annual reports and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the report that will be addressed prior to the final version of the Annual Report being published.

15. There are a number of areas in which it would be helpful to consider the Health and Wellbeing Boards 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 2015/16. Such areas would include:

- The engagement of NHS England in the work of the safeguarding boards;
- The inclusion of safeguarding requirements in strategic, multi-agency and individual agency commissioning arrangements as they apply to services for children, young people and adults;
- Safeguarding improvements that could be secured through the work of the Better Care Together programme most critically in areas of service need where safeguarding risk features as a priority in business plans, for example, CAMHS and adult mental health, services to those with learning disabilities, older peoples services;
- Raising safeguarding awareness in the community;
- Including safeguarding in engagement activities with services users.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

16. All members of the Boards and their Executive have had opportunities to contribute to and comment on earlier drafts of the annual report. In addition discussions have been held with youth councils in both local authority areas to enable them to contribute their views about safeguarding in Leicestershire and Rutland.

Resource Implications

17. Both the LRLSCB and the LRSAB are funded through budgets to which statutory partner agencies contribute. The total budget for the LRLSCB is £326, 030 and for the LRSAB is £102,610. There are no specific resource implications from this report since agency contributions for 2015/16 are already agreed and remain at the same levels as they stood in 2014/15.

Timetable for Decisions

18. The annual reports will be considered for final agreement by the LRLSCB and the LRSAB at their meetings on 16th October 2015. Any proposed amendments or additions proposed by the Health and Wellbeing Board will be considered and incorporated into the reports prior to their submission to the Boards.

Conclusions/Recommendations

19. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider the Annual Reports and to make any comments or proposed additions or amendments to the reports that will be addressed prior to the final version of the Annual Report being published.

20. The Health and Wellbeing Board is also asked to consider any action it wishes to take in support of priorities for improvement that are identified in the annual reports and in the business plans for 2015/16.

Background papers

The Annual Reports for the LRLSCB and the LRSAB are available on the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Boards Website www.lrsb.org.uk

The LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plans for 2014/15 are similarly available on the website www.lrsb.org.uk

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List of Appendices

Appendix 1: Executive Summary of the LRLSCB Annual Report
Appendix 2: Executive Summary of the LRSAB Annual Report

Relevant Impact Assessments

Equality and Human Rights Implications

21. Safeguarding vulnerable children, young people and vulnerable adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. The Annual Report sets out how the LSCB/SAB seeks to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership. Likewise the Annual Report and Business Plan 2014/15 extracts set out how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year

Crime and Disorder Implications

22. There is a close connection between the work of the LRLSCB and that of the community safety partnerships. For example the LRLSCB works closely with community safety partnerships in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups e.g. domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse and emotional health and well-being. The safeguarding boards also support community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
23. The safeguarding boards' annual reports include 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 developments needs are recognised and acted on.

Partnership Working and associated issues

24. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in national regulation, Working Together 2013, published by the Department for Education, the Children Act 2004 and the Care Act 2014.