



HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 15TH SEPTEMBER 2016

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 2015/16 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 28th October 2016. 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. 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.

4. 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.

In addition, there is a joint interest from the LRSAB and LRLSCB in the 'Maternity and Neonates' work stream

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

5. 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.
6. 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 wellbeing strategies of both counties.
7. The Business Plans for the LRLSCB and LRSAB are also shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Business Plans against which the annual reports are written were circulated to Board members on 12th March 2015.

Background

8. Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children's Board has been aligned to the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB) for four years and 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.
9. Separate annual reports are produced for the LRSAB and the LRLSCB to comply with the separate statutory frameworks for the two Boards and allow appropriate focus on the achievements and issues in safeguarding both adults and children.
10. The LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plans for 2016/17 were shared with the Health and Wellbeing Board on 10th March 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 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.

11. 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 2015/16.
12. 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.
13. 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>.
14. 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 key priorities in the 2015/16 Business Plan which were to:
 - "Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility"
 - Adults in need of safeguarding are safe, including assurance of the quality of care for any adult supported by registered providers (SAB)
 - Children and young people are safe, including assurance of the quality of care for any child not living with a parent or someone with parental responsibility (LSCB)
 - Services for children, services for adults and services for families are effectively coordinated to ensure children and adults are safe
 - Our Learning and Improvement Framework is raising service quality and outcomes for adults
 - 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 2016/17.

Proposals/Options

15. 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 versions being published.
16. There are a number of areas in which it would be helpful to consider the Health and Wellbeing Board's 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 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
 - Safeguarding assurance within commissioning arrangements.

Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement

17. 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

18. 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.

Timetable for Decisions

19. The annual reports will be considered for final agreement by the LRLSCB and the LRSAB at their meetings on 28th October 2016. 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

20. 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 versions being published.
21. 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 2016/17.

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 2015/16 annual reports are available here: <http://lrsb.org.uk/draft-annual-reports-2015-16>)

The LRLSCB and LRSAB Business Plans for 2016/17 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

22. Safeguarding children, young people and adults concerns individuals who are likely to be disadvantaged in a number of ways. Information on differing needs of, and impacts on different groups of individuals with regards to safeguarding is considered as part of the process to develop the Board's Business Plan. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

23. There is a close connection between the work of the LRLSCB and that of community safety partnerships in Leicestershire. For example the LSCB works closely with community safety partnerships to scrutinise and challenge performance in community safety issues that affect the safeguarding and well-being of individuals and groups e.g. domestic abuse and Prevent. The LSCB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.
24. The LRLSCB Annual Report includes 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 development needs are recognised and acted on.

Environmental Implications

25. The published LRSAB and LRLSCB Annual Reports will primarily be made available on-line in electronic form, rather than paper. There are no other environmental implications.

Partnership Working and associated issues

26. Safeguarding is dependent on the effective work of the partnership as set out in national regulation, Working Together 2015, published by the Department for Education.