



## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

### **REPORT OF LEICESTERSHIRE & RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LRLSCB)**

#### **SAFEGUARDING BOARD BUSINESS PLAN 2018/19**

##### **Purpose of report**

1. The purpose of this report is to set out the Business Plan for the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board (LRLSCB) for 2018/19 for noting and comment by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

##### **Link to the local Health and Care System**

2. 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.

##### **Recommendation**

3. It is recommended that the Board comments on the Business Plan 2018/19 for the LRLSCB.

##### **Policy Framework and Previous Decisions**

4. The LRLSCB is a partnership that is required by regulation as a result of the Children Act 2004 and expectations of the Board are set out in Working Together 2015 which requires that the Annual Report of the LRLSCB be presented to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing 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
5. The Annual report of the LRLSCB for 2016/17 was presented to the Health and Wellbeing board on 21 September 2017.

## **Background**

### **Statutory Framework**

6. The LRLSCB is a statutory body established as a result of Section 13 of the Children Act 2004 and currently operates under statutory guidance issued in Working Together 2015.
7. Following the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and updated Working Together guidance to be published in the Spring of 2018, the LSCB will be replaced by Multi-agency safeguarding arrangements by 2019, but in the meantime it continues to work to the current regulations.

### **Formulation of the Business Plans for 2018/19**

8. Unlike previous years, for 2018/19 the LRLSCB business plan is not supplemented by a plan incorporating shared priorities with the Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board (LRSAB), as no areas of joint priority have been identified for the year.
9. The future improvement priorities identified in the Annual Report 2016/17 have been built into the Business Plans for 2018/19. In addition to reflecting issues arising from the Annual Report the new Business Plan priorities have been identified against a range of national and local drivers including:
  - a. national safeguarding policy initiatives and drivers;
  - b. recommendations from regulatory inspections across partner agencies;
  - c. the outcomes of serious case reviews, serious incident learning processes, domestic homicide reviews and other review processes both national and local;
  - d. evaluation of the business plans for 2017/18 including analysis of impact afforded by the quality assurance and performance management framework;
  - e. best practice reports issued at both national and local levels;
  - f. the views expressed by both service users and front-line staff through the Boards' engagement and participation arrangements;
  - g. recommendations contained in the Ofsted review of the LRLSCB published on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and the recommendations in the Ofsted inspections of Leicestershire and Rutland Councils published on the same date.
10. The new Business Plan has been informed by discussions that have taken place in a number of forums since the autumn of 2017. These include:
  - a. Meetings of the Scrutiny bodies in both Leicestershire and Rutland at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2016/17 and future priorities for action have been debated.
  - b. Meetings of the Leicestershire and Rutland Health and Wellbeing Boards at which both the LRLSCB and LRSAB Annual Reports 2016/17 and future priorities for action have been debated.
  - c. Discussions within individual partner agencies.
11. The Business priorities were formulated through the annual development session of the Board held on the 14 November 2017 and subsequent development and Board meetings.

## **Business Plan Priorities**

12. The LRLSCB Business Plan Priorities for 2018/19 are outlined in the table below.

### **LRLSCB Business Priorities**

<b>Priority</b>	<b>Summary</b>
1. Partnership Transition	Influence the development of new multi-agency safeguarding arrangements.
2. Multiple Risk Factors	The impact of multiple risk factors on children is recognised, understood and responded to across agencies.
3. Safeguarding Children - Access to services	Ensure the pathways for access to services for safeguarding children are robust and effective.
4. Child Exploitation - (Child Sexual Exploitation, Trafficking, Missing and Gangs)	Children at risk of exploitation are effectively safeguarded.
5. Safeguarding Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities	Improve the approach to safeguarding children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

## **Consultation/Patient and Public Involvement**

13. 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 Wellbeing Boards in both local authority areas.
14. The views of young people in Leicestershire and Rutland regarding the LSCB priorities were sought through existing forums and have contributed to the selection of priorities and elements of the plans.
15. Although the Business Plan was signed off by the LSCB at the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018, feedback from this panel and these forums will support the development of the action plans for these priorities

## **Resource Implications**

16. There are no resource implications arising from the recommendation in this report. The LRLSCB operates with a budget to which partner agencies contribute under an agreed formula.
17. The LRLSCB has a budget of £240,263.

**Timetable for Decisions**

18. The next LSCB meeting is scheduled for the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018 when an update on the Business plans will be presented.

**Background papers**

None

**Circulation under the Local Issues Alert Procedure**

None

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**Appendix**

Business Plan 2018/19

**Relevant Impact Assessments****Equality and Human Rights Implications**

19. The LRLSCB seek to ensure that a fair, effective and equitable service is discharged by the partnership to safeguard vulnerable children. At the heart of the Boards work is a focus on any individual or group that may be at greater risk of safeguarding vulnerability and the performance framework tests whether specific groups are at higher levels of risk. The Business Plans for 2018/19 will set out how the partnership will seek to engage with all parts of the community in the coming year.

**Crime and Disorder Implications**

20. 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. The LSCB also supports community safety partnerships in carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews and acting on their recommendations.

**Environmental Implications**

21. None

**Partnership Working and associated issues**

22. 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.

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