

# Report to Scrutiny Commission

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

Date of Commission meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015

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## **Annual Report of the Leicester Safeguarding Adult Board**

Report of the Director of Adult Social Care and  
Safeguarding

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Leicester  
City Council

**Useful Information:**

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## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This cover report accompanies the Leicester Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) Annual Report for 2014/15, which is presented to scrutiny for their consideration.
- 1.2 This is the third Annual Report produced by the LSAB. It is a report of the partnership board that is responsible for ensuring adults in Leicester are safeguarded against abuse or neglect.
- 1.3 The Care Act 2014, implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 created safeguarding adult boards as a statutory requirement for the first time (although Leicester has had board arrangements in place for many years).
- 1.4 The LSAB is not an independent board – it is a partnership of local agencies that have a role in keeping adults safe from harm through the delivery of high quality, safe services. The LSAB is independently chaired, currently by Dr David Jones.
- 1.5 There is a requirement on the Local Authority to lead the local safeguarding arrangements and to ensure the LSAB is in place. Specifically Adult Social Care is the lead agency for the oversight of safeguarding adult investigations, either by directly managing the process or by ensuring an investigation is managed by another agency, for example the NHS in investigating incidents within a hospital setting.
- 1.6 Following the Care Act implementation, there is now a requirement of safeguarding boards to produce an annual report and a business plan and to engage key partners in these.
- 1.7 The Scrutiny Commission plays an important role in providing challenge and seeking assurance that safeguarding practice is effective across the partnership and more specifically within ASC.

## 2. Recommendation(s) to scrutiny

2.1 The ASC Scrutiny Commission is recommended to:

- Note the LSAB arrangements in place to oversee safeguarding activity in Leicester
- Note the content of the Annual Report
- Make any observations to the LSAB as a partnership or to ASC specifically regarding the delivery of safeguarding work.

## 3. Supporting Information

Leicester Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2014/15

## 4. Financial, legal and other implications

### 4.1 Financial implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report  
*Martin Judson, Head of Finance*

### 4.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report  
*Pretty Patel, Legal Services*

### 4.3. Climate Change implications

None noted

### 4.4 Equality Impact Assessment

4.4.1 Safeguarding activity, by definition, is focused on people who are unable to keep themselves safe from harm for any reason. This may be due to age, health or mental capacity. People may be at risk of harm due to societal issues such as hate crime and when accompanied by an ability to protect themselves this would result in a safeguarding situation.

4.4.2 Invariably therefore these people fall into one of the protected characteristics within the equalities framework. Having a clear structure for safeguarding within

the city and engaging partners in making improvements therefore has a positive impact on people from all protected groups.

4.4.3 The Annual Report includes statistics in relation to equalities matters, such as ethnicity age and gender. It should be noted that our local information on matters relating to people from Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual or Trans communities is limited and work is underway with LGBT support organisations to ensure that this information can be sensitively captured and used for equalities analysis / service improvement.

#### 4.5 Other Implications

N/A

#### **5. Background information and other papers:**

The link to the Annual Report for the prior year, 2013/14 is provided below for background information.

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk/documents/s67472/Leicester%20Safe%20guarding%20Adults%20Board%20Annual%20Report%202013-14.pdf>

#### **6. Summary of appendices:**

Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/15

#### **7. Is this a private report ?**

**No**