

Report to Scrutiny Commission

Adult Social Care Scrutiny Commission

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Annual Report of the Leicester Safeguarding Adult
Board

Report of the Strategic Director of Adult Social Care

**Useful Information:**

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1. Summary

- 1.1 This cover report accompanies the Leicester Safeguarding Adult Board (LSAB) Annual Report for 2015/16, which is presented to scrutiny for their consideration.
- 1.2 This is the fourth Annual Report produced by the LSAB and the first since the introduction of the Care Act 2014 (effective from 1st April 2015). It is a report of the partnership board that is responsible for ensuring that adults in Leicester are safeguarded against abuse or neglect.
- 1.3 The Care Act 2014 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, this being Jane Geraghty since December 2015. Dr David Jones was the previous independent chair.
- 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 Of specific note in the development of the LSAB are:
 - The appointment of a new independent chair in December 2015
 - The revision of the governance framework in February 2016
 - The development of a new business plan for 2015/16
- 1.8 Of specific note in terms of safeguarding activity are:
 - The similarity with 2014/15 in terms of volumes and types of activity

- The numbers of repeat enquiries (for the same individual) which has been identified for further investigation
- The continued (national) challenge in relation to Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards processes

1.9 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

3.1 Leicester Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2015/16

4. Financial, legal and other implications

4.1 Financial implications

There are no 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. The Annual report attached is in compliance with the requirements of the Care Act 2014 and specifically section 14.136 of the Care and Support Guidance 2014 which states that the Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB) must publish an annual report detailing what the SAB has done during the year to achieve its main objective and implement its strategic plan, and what each member has done to implement the strategy as well as

detailing the findings of any safeguarding adults reviews and subsequent action

Pretty Patel, Head of Law, Social Care and Safeguarding

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.

4.5 Other Implications

N/A

5. Background information and other papers:

The link to the Annual Report for the prior year, 2014/15 is provided below for background information.

<https://www.leicester.gov.uk/media/180824/lsab-annual-report-2014-15-nov-15.pdf>

6. Summary of appendices:

Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2015/16

7. Is this a private report?
No