

Report of Director of Adults and Health

Report to Executive Board

Date: 13 February 2019

Subject: Safeguarding Adults Board, Annual Report 2017/18 and Strategic Plan 2016/19

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. This report presents members of the Executive Board with the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2017/18 and its Strategic Plan 2016/19.
2. In April 2015, the Safeguarding Adults Board became a statutory body. During 2016/17 the Board took the opportunity to undertake a significant review of its membership, structures, sub-groups and future priorities. This report provides an update on the work of the Board in taking forward its ambitions to make Leeds a safe place for everyone.
3. The Annual Report is available to access here:
https://leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk/Documents/Board/Safeguarding%20Adults%20report%202018_FINAL.pdf
4. LSAB Strategic Plan 2016/19 is available to access here
<https://leedssafeguardingadults.org.uk/Documents/Board/LSAB%20Strategic%20Plan%202018-19.pdf>

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members of the Board are requested to note the contents of the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2017/18 and the Board's Strategic Plan going forward.
- 5.2 Members of the Board are asked to support the strategic aims and ambitions of the Safeguarding Adults Board to make Leeds a safe place for everyone.

1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report introduces the Safeguarding Adults Board's Annual Report 2017/18 at Appendix 1 with an 'easy read version' at Appendix 1a, and Strategic Plan at Appendix 2. Together these documents summarise the Board's achievements over the last 12 months and set out its ambitions for the coming year.

2. Background information

- 2.1. The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board became a statutory body in April 2015, in accordance with the requirements of the Care Act 2014. Richard Jones CBE is the Independent Chair, appointed by Leeds City Council Chief Executive in October 2015.
- 2.2. The Board includes representation from a broad range of key organisations within the city, including local authority, police and clinical commissioning group who are all statutory members of the Board. The full list of member organisations on the Board is included within the Annual Report.

3. Main issues

- 3.1. Annual Report 2017/18
- 3.2. The Leeds Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2017/18 details the achievements of the Board over the last 12 months.
- 3.3. This year, as in recent years, the Annual Report is accompanied by an Easy Read Version that is intended to make the information accessible to a wider range of people, including those with learning disabilities.
- 3.4. The Board has built on its restructure in 2016/17 and has seen both the Executive Group and the sub-groups become more effective.
- 3.5. In addition to the existing sub-groups the Board accepted the Mental Capacity Act local implementation network as a formal sub-group. This ensures that the Board is kept abreast of developments and issues that arise within this legal framework.
- 3.6. Over the last 12 months, the Board has invested in setting its foundations, and identifying clear ambitions going forward.
- 3.7. Key areas of development and success however have been in relation to developing multi-agency responses and approaches to abuse and neglect. This has involved developing new multi-agency safeguarding adults' policy and procedures, to be compliant with the expectations of the Care Act and the Care and Support Statutory Guidance.
- 3.8. The LSAB has been developing its own multi-agency safeguarding adults' policy and procedures. This collaborative approach provides for the sharing of knowledge and expertise across the region. The changes within the multi-agency procedures support the Board to take forward its ambitions.

- 3.9. Central to this approach is a greater focus on a personalised approach to safeguarding through:
- Developing procedures with citizen involvement. Listening to and working towards the person's desired outcome
 - Ensuring people have the support they need to take part in the safeguarding process
 - More flexible and individually tailored responses
 - Proportional and timely responses.

3.10. Similarly, the Board has continued to support the development of multi-agency responses to domestic abuse and violence, through the support of its member agencies to the Front Door Safeguarding Hub. The Front Door Safeguarding Hub brings together relevant agencies so as to respond to concerns as a partnership, with a shared understanding of risk and opportunities to provide support.

3.11. Strategic Plan

The Board's vision is for Leeds to be a 'Safe Place for Everyone'.

In support of this vision, the Board has developed a three year strategic plan, identifying four key ambitions that will be the focus of all its work going forward.

Four key ambitions will be the focus of our work over the next three years.

1. Talk to me, hear my voice
2. Improve awareness of safeguarding across all our communities
3. Improve responses to domestic abuse
4. Learn from experience to improve how we work

3.12. The Board Strategic Plan includes an Annual Plan with more specific objectives for each year.

3.13. The Strategic Plan includes an addendum document. This sets out Board Member Organisation commitments to safeguarding adults, at Appendix 3. It identifies what each agency will do within its organisation and networks to help promote each of these ambitions.

4. Corporate Considerations

4.1. Consultation and Engagement

4.2. The LSAB has undertaken engagement work with community groups to understand safeguarding issues. This work is supporting the development of multi-agency policy and procedures.

4.2.1. The Board has consulted and worked with partners including:

- Health and Wellbeing Board
- Domestic Violence Programme Board
- Safer Leeds Executive
- Leeds Safeguarding Children Board
- Healthwatch – newsletter, Take 10 Network and social media
- Adult Social Care – full circle newsletter and social media
- Leeds Forum Network
- Voluntary Action Leeds Network

4.3. **Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

4.3.1. The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board ambitions recognise the need to promote awareness across Leeds diverse communities. The Board is currently exploring approaches and networks that will help us to achieve this going forward.

4.4. **Council Policies and Best Council Plan**

4.4.1. The Safeguarding Adults Board works together with the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Safer Leeds Executive to support people in Leeds to be safe from abuse and neglect. As such this work contributes to the Best Council Plan priority of 'Keeping people safe from harm' and Breakthrough Project: Tackling Domestic Violence and Abuse. It also links through, from a Leeds City Council perspective to the Best Council Plan ambition for a 'Strong Economy, Compassionate City' which then leads through to the relevant outcome for Leeds citizens to 'be safe and feel safe'.

4.5. **Resources and value for money**

4.5.1. The Board is funded jointly by Leeds Adult Social Care, Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group and, from this year, the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner West Yorkshire.

4.6. **Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In**

4.6.1 Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Schedule 2 to the Care Act 2014 require every Safeguarding Adults Board to produce a Strategic Plan and an Annual Report for each financial year. The documents annexed to this report are produced in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2.

4.6.2 The decision is eligible for Call In.

4.7. **Risk Management**

4.7.1. This report is part of the risk management and assurance arrangements for Leeds City Council. As such there is a link through to the corporate risk on 'Safeguarding

Adults' "Failure of (a) staff in any Council directorate to recognise and report a risk of abuse or neglect facing an adult with care and support needs in Leeds; (b) staff in Adult Social Care to respond appropriately, in line with national legislation and Safeguarding Adults procedures"

5. Conclusions

- 5.1. The Annual Report provides evidence that the Board has delivered on the actions outlined in the 2017/18 plan.
- 5.2. During 2018 we will adopt new multi-agency safeguarding adults' policy and procedures. This provides the foundation for more flexible and individually tailored responses, in line with Care Act 2014 and *Making Safeguarding Personal* principles.
- 5.3. The Strategic Plan sets out a clear focus for the Board's work going forward, and the Member Organisation commitments help to illustrate how partners have committed to a continuing programme of work designed help us all achieve the Board's ambitions for people in Leeds.

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7. Background documents¹

- 7.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.