

**Report of Director of Adults and Health**

**Report to Executive Board**

**Date: 7 January 2020**

**Subject: Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19**

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**Summary**

**Main issues**

This report presents members of the Executive Board with the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report for 2018/19.

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.

The Annual Report is available to access here:

[Annual report 2018/19](#)

**Best Council Plan Implications** (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- making Leeds the best city for children and young people to grow up in
- making Leeds the best city to grow old in
- keeping people safe from harm and promoting community respect and resilience

## **Resource Implications**

- The Board is funded jointly by the Adults and Health Directorate, Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group and the office of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

## **Recommendations**

- a) Members of the Board are requested to note the contents of the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19 and the Board's Strategic Plan going forward.
- b) 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 Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board's Annual Report 2018/19 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. The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board has responsibilities to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs. It does this by assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and the accompanying statutory guidance. The Board works to ensure that safeguarding practice is person centred and outcomes focused.

### **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 the Chief Executive, Leeds City Council, in October 2015.
- 2.2 The Board includes representation from a range of key organisations within the city, including local authority, police and clinical commissioning group who are all statutory members, and funders of the Board. The full list of member organisations on the Board is included within the Annual Report. The LSAB has a responsibility to produce an annual report.

### **3. Main issues**

- 3.1 The Leeds Safeguarding Adult Board Annual Report 2018/19 details the achievements of the Board over the last 12 months. 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 accessible information requirements and those with learning disabilities.
- 3.2 There are three LSAB Sub Groups: Performance and Quality Assurance, Learning and Development and the Mental Capacity Act Local Implementation Network. Each sub-group is chaired by a senior manager from across partner agencies and has

membership drawn from across the sector. The sub-groups develop their plans in line with the Strategic Plan. They report progress against their plans to the Safeguarding Adults Board.

- 3.3 This year, the main area of focus and achievement of the Board has been the development of its own multi-agency safeguarding adults' policy and procedures. 'Talk to Me, Hear My Voice' is the guiding principle to the new policy, procedure and practice. The approach has put the voice of the citizen at the centre of safeguarding practice. Pivotal to this methodology is a greater focus on a personalised approach to safeguarding. The Board has committed to a citizen-led approach which it developed following intensive consultation with a range of people from across Leeds, including those who have experience of safeguarding practice.
- 3.4 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, which are both person centred and also compliant with the Care Act 2014 and the accompanying Care and Support Statutory Guidance. A strengths-based approach to practice has been developed in Leeds, building on the tradition of asset based community development.

#### **Citizen-led practice guidance**

- 3.5 The new approach recognises citizens as experts in their own lives and in how they wish to be supported. People were consulted about how they wished to have their voices heard. The revised approach includes citizen-led practice guidance around some key issues including:
- Developing safeguarding plans
  - Involvement in meetings
  - Good support
  - What empowerment looks like and feels like in practice
  - 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.
- 3.6 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, including Children and Families Services and West Yorkshire Police to ensure a practical and timely response to concerns as a partnership, with a shared understanding of risk.
- 3.7 **Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan**
- The Leeds Safeguarding Adults 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.

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

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

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

3.10 The Strategic Plan includes an addendum document. This sets out Board Member Organisation commitments to safeguarding adults. 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**

The Board has consulted and worked with partners including:

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

### **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

4.2.1 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. An Equalities Impact Assessment is attached as Appendix 3.

### **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

4.3.1 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'. 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'.

### Climate Emergency

- 4.3.2 Where practicably possible documents which are provided to the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board and its sub-groups will be available electronically in the first instance to reduce paper and printing usage by both the Board and partner agencies.
- 4.3.3 Meetings are held where there is public transport access. This enables citizen representatives and board members to make choices to use public transport to LSAB meetings.

### **4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

- 4.4.1 The Board is funded jointly by Adults and Health Directorate, Leeds Clinical Commissioning Group and the office of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

- 4.5.1 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 Risk management**

- 4.6.1 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**

- 5.1.1 The Annual Report provides evidence that the Board has delivered on the actions outlined in the 2018/19 plan.
- 5.1.2 From April 2019 the Leeds Safeguarding Board and its partner members have adopted the new multi-agency safeguarding adults' policy and procedures which were developed in the relevant year, 2018/19. This provides the foundation for more flexible and individually tailored responses, in line with Care Act 2014 and *Making Safeguarding Personal* principles. It is thought to be one of the first citizen centred safeguarding adults policies, and promotes effective person centred practice.
- 5.1.3 The Strategic Plan sets out a clear focus for the Board's work, 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.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1.1 Members of the Executive Board are requested to note the contents of the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2018/19 and the Board's Strategic Plan going forward.
- 6.1.2 Members of the Executive Board are asked to support the strategic aims and ambitions of the Safeguarding Adults Board to make Leeds a safe place for everyone.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

None.

## **8 Appendices**

Appendix 1: [Annual Report 2018/19](#)

Appendix 1a: [Easy read version of Annual Report 2018/19](#)

Appendix 2: [LSAB Strategic Plan 2016/20](#)

Appendix 3 Equalities Impact Assessment (attached)

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<sup>1</sup> 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.