

Report of Head of Democratic Services

Report to Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health & Active Lifestyles)

Date: 24th November 2020

Subject: Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board – Progress Report

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): Guiseley and Rawdon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<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
Will the decision be open for call-in?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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

1. Purpose of this report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an opportunity for the Scrutiny Board to consider the progress of the Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB).

2. Background information

2.1 The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board is a statutory body, established by the Care Act 2014 and implemented in April 2015. The overarching purpose of a Safeguarding Adults Board is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs from abuse and neglect.

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 LSAB has a responsibility to produce a Strategic Plan and an Annual Report for each financial year.

3. Main issues

3.1. A progress report produced on behalf of the Independent Chair of the LSAB is appended to this report for consideration by the Scrutiny Board. This includes details of the LSAB Annual Report for 2019/20 and the Strategic Plan for April 2020 – March 2023.

3.2 The LSAB is part way through the first year of its Strategic Plan and this has taken place within the context of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The appended report provides an overview of the Board's achievements and highlights areas for continued development to be taken forward. The report also provides a summary of the Board's response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1. Consultation and engagement

4.1.1. The LSAB Independent Chair and appropriate officers from Adults and Health have been invited to attend today's meeting to present the appended report and address questions from the Scrutiny Board.

4.2. Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 The Scrutiny Board Procedure Rules state that, where appropriate, all work undertaken by Scrutiny Boards will '...review how and to what effect consideration has been given to the impact of a service or policy on all equality areas, as set out in the Council's Equality and Diversity Scheme'.

4.2.2 The Scrutiny Board may therefore wish to explore any specific Equality and Diversity issues relating to this matter.

4.3. Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The Leeds 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

4.3.3 The Scrutiny Board may wish to consider any specific climate emergency or sustainability issues relating to this matter.

4.4. Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 The LSAB 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.

4.6. Risk management

- 4.6.1 The LSAB Annual 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. A progress report produced on behalf of the Independent Chair of the LSAB is appended to this report for consideration by the Scrutiny Board. This includes details of the LSAB Annual Report for 2019/20 and the Strategic Plan for April 2020 – March 2023.
- 5.2. The LSAB Independent Chair and appropriate officers from Adults and Health have been invited to attend today's meeting to present the appended report and address questions from the Scrutiny Board.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) is asked to note the content of this report and appendices; and to identify any specific actions and/or matters that may require further scrutiny input or activity.

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.