

Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board – Progress Report

Date: 15th March 2022

Report of: Head of Democratic Services

Report to: Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles)

Will the decision be open for call in? Yes No

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

What is this report about?

Including how it contributes to the city's and council's ambitions

- The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) is a partnership of organisations within Leeds that work to prevent and end abuse of adults with care and support needs in Leeds. There are three statutory partners – the Council, the Leeds Clinical Commissioning Board and West Yorkshire Police. Broader representation is drawn from other statutory organisations, Healthwatch Leeds and other Third sector and citizen representatives.
- A progress report produced on behalf of the Independent Chair of the LSAB has been provided for the consideration of the Scrutiny Board and draws upon the LSAB Annual Report 2020/2021; its progress against its Strategic Plan for 2021/22 and some early thinking about its ambitions for 2022/23.

Recommendations

The Scrutiny Board (Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles) is asked to consider the content of the appended progress report and identify any specific actions and/or matters that may require further scrutiny input or activity.

Why is the proposal being put forward?

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. Richard Jones, CBE, is the Independent Chair whose role involves providing challenge and support to the Board and partner agencies in achieving their ambitions.
3. A progress report produced on behalf of the Independent Chair of the LSAB has been provided for the consideration of the Scrutiny Board and is set out in Appendix 1.

What impact will this proposal have?

Wards affected: All

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

4. The appended Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) progress report provides an open and transparent account of the achievements of the Board, its progress and ongoing challenges to improve outcomes for people in Leeds who experience or are at risk of abuse and neglect. The report draws upon the LSAB Annual Report 2020/2021; its progress against its Strategic Plan for 2021/22 and some early thinking about its ambitions for 2022/23.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

5. 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.

What are the resource implications?

6. The LSAB is funded jointly by the Adults and Health Directorate, Leeds NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and the Office of the West Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner. The budget is held on behalf of the Board by Leeds City Council and the Strategy Unit is hosted by the Council as employer. The Unit is a partnership resource and supports the work of the Board on behalf of all partners.

What are the legal implications?

7. 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.

What are the key risks and how are they being managed?

8. 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".

Does this proposal support the council's three Key Pillars?

Inclusive Growth

Health and Wellbeing

Climate Emergency

9. This report contributes to and supports the ambitions of the Better Lives Strategy, the Council's strategy for people with care and support needs, which helps the Council deliver overarching Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim for Leeds to be: "A healthy and caring city for all ages, where people who are the poorest improve their health the fastest".
10. A key aspect of this strategy is the delivery in partnership of effective safeguarding activity to protect from harm the city's most vulnerable individuals, those at risk of harm and in need or potentially in need of care and support. The Safeguarding Adult Board works together with the Leeds Safeguarding Children Partnership and the Leeds Safer Stronger Communities and the Mental Capacity Act Local Implementation Network to support people in Leeds to be safe from abuse and neglect. this works contributes to the best Council Priority of 'keeping people safe from harm'.

Appendices

11. Appendix 1 - A progress report produced on behalf of the Independent Chair of the LSAB for the consideration of the Adults, Health and Active Lifestyles Scrutiny Board.

Background papers

12. None.