

Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board – Progress Report

Date: 14th January 2025

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

Brief summary

- 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. As required by the Care Act 2014, the LSAB membership includes the local authority, the Integrated Care Board (previously the CCG) and West Yorkshire Police. These are referred to as the core statutory partners. Other members include each of the NHS Trusts, National Probation Service, West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, Leeds City Council Housing and Advonet.
- 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 2023/2024 and LSAB Strategic Plan for 2024/25 to provide an open and transparent account of the progress being achieved to safeguard adults at risk of abuse and neglect.
- Safeguarding performance data has also been provided by the Adults and Health Directorate as additional information for the Board's consideration.

Recommendations

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

What is this report about?

1. The Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board is an independent 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.
4. Safeguarding performance data has also been provided by the Adults and Health Directorate as additional information for the Board's consideration. This is set out in Appendix 2.

What impact will this proposal have?

5. The appended Leeds Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) progress report provides the Scrutiny Board with an open and transparent account of the progress being achieved to safeguard adults at risk of abuse and neglect. The report also focuses upon the following key development areas identified within the current LSAB Annual Report and Strategic Plan:
 1. Safeguarding within ethnically diverse communities
 2. Safeguarding and faith communities
 3. Promoting safeguarding awareness
 4. Leeds and West Yorkshire Safeguarding Weeks
 5. Multi-agency working in Leeds
 6. Supporting people who self-neglect
 7. Developing approaches to Quality Assurance
 8. Developing approaches to Safeguarding Adults Reviews
 9. Working with wider safeguarding partnerships
 10. Board logo and values

How does this proposal impact the three pillars of the Best City Ambition?

Health and Wellbeing

Inclusive Growth

Zero Carbon

6. 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".
7. 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.

What consultation and engagement has taken place?

Wards affected:

Have ward members been consulted?

Yes

No

8. 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 performance data and address questions from the Scrutiny Board.

What are the resource implications?

9. The LSAB is jointly funded by the Leeds City Council: Adults & Health, the Integrated Care Board and West Yorkshire Police. This funding enables the Board to commission an Independent Chair and a Strategy Unit to support it to achieve its ambitions.

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

10. 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".

What are the legal implications?

11. 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.

Appendices

- 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 (January 2025).
- Appendix 2 – Latest safeguarding performance measures/data.

Background papers

- None.