



**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod, Executive Director – Adult Care and Community Wellbeing**

Report to:

**Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee**

Date:

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Subject:

**Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Update**

**Summary:**

This report provides the Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with an update on the current position of key areas of work being undertaken within the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB). The report also shared a copy of the Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) action plan which has been agreed by the LSAB as a priority area for further improvement for 2022-23.

**Actions Required:**

The Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider this information provided within this update report.

## **1. Background**

During the latter part of 2021 and into 2022, a joint needs assessment was undertaken on behalf of the four main Partnerships and Boards in Lincolnshire, namely the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children’s Partnership, the Domestic Abuse Partnership and the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership.

The joint needs assessment was designed to supply evidence-based evaluation of the key areas of safeguarding for each of the four Boards/Partnerships based on information collected and evaluated over a six-month period. The key areas identified included type of abuse, primary locations where the abuse is undertaken, profiles of the victims and alleged perpetrators and the outcomes of actions undertaken after the abuse was reported.

The joint needs assessment identified one overarching strategic aim for each of the four statutory safeguarding boards this being “Prevention and Early Intervention.” The four statutory boards are now under-taking further work in order to identify opportunities to work together on common areas of safeguarding risk.

### **1. LSAB Strategic Plan**

In addition to the joint needs assessment the LSAB has also completed a detailed analysis of the Annual Safeguarding Adult Return which supplemented by the knowledge of the LSAB partners has informed priorities to be incorporated in the updated LSAB strategic plan.

The new three-year strategic plan is currently in draft form, awaiting final endorsement and some personalisation by the soon to be newly appointed Independent Chair for the LSAB. The LSAB Strategic Plan has an expected publication of July 2022 and will be shared with the Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee when it is finalised. The four strategic priorities incorporated within the draft strategic plan are as follows:

### **Priority 1: Prevention and Early Intervention**

A focus on keeping people safe by mitigating safeguarding risks before they escalate. Priority areas of focus will include:

- Further improvement in the quality and safety of Residential and Nursing Care;
- Preventing and or limiting the impact of Pressure Sores (Across NHS and Independent sector providers);
- Tackling the Domestic Abuse of older adults (includes opportunity for joint working the other three statutory boards);
- Preventing Financial Abuse (includes opportunity for joint working with the other three strategic board);
- Safeguarding Adults with Complex Needs by piloting phase two of the Team Around the Adult approach.

### **Priority 2: Learning and shaping future practice**

To ensure that the learning from all our reviews and assurance activities is shared and embedded within partner agencies to reduce the risk of repeat incidents or causes of harm. Key areas of focus will include:

- Trailing innovative approaches to Serious Adult Reviews (SARs);
- Completing Assurance Activities to inform the continuous improvement of safeguarding practice across all partners;
- Identification of themes and trends to drive training and awareness input both locally and nationally e.g. Professional curiosity, Mental Capacity;
- Build on our ability to evaluate that system wide change that has taken place as a result of the learning;
- Supporting all stakeholders to improve the quality and impact of their safeguarding activity to improve the outcomes for adults who are abused;
- Establish a constant cycle of learning and improvement at a local and national level.

### **Priority 3: Safeguarding Effectiveness**

Ensuring the effective operation and continuous improvement of the governance, scrutiny and business processes in place to support the board to work effectively. Key areas of focus will include:

- To develop a flexible and effective communications and engagement strategy, including a review of the LSAB Information and advice offer;

- Ensuring our Quality Assurance process is robust, identifying any challenges, sharing best practice and hearing the voice of service users. This will incorporate the completion of the Local Assurance Framework by LSAB partners;
- Ensuring an effective risk/issues management process and the Boards policy and procedures including a review of the LSAB's risk register;
- Data collection and analysis to ensure our work is always based on evidence. This will include the development of an enhanced Assurance Dashboard for the LSAB Executive;
- Develop a service user and community engagement plan that will help us to further embed our co-production ambitions.

#### **Priority Four: Making Safeguarding Personal**

Ensuring that all LSAB Partners can consistently evidence a Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) approach to safeguarding practice. In particular:

- Partners can evidence that they have spoken to the person at risk prior to raising a safeguarding adult concern;
- That all partners will encourage the person at risk (or their advocate) to confirm what outcomes they wish to be achieved;
- That we will seek to achieve the outcomes expressed in a personalised way;
- That partners will work together to keep people safe and prevent safeguarding risks from escalating;
- Implementation of the LSAB MSP action plan.

#### **Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP)**

Making Safeguarding Personal (MSP) is an approach to Safeguarding that aims to ensure that the Person (adult at risk) and/or their advocate in relation to the safeguarding enquiry, are fully engaged and consulted throughout and that their wishes and views are central to the final outcomes as far as is possible.

Members of the Adult Care and Community Wellbeing Committee will be aware that a recent review of relevant performance measures has identified the need for LSAB partners to demonstrate a more consistent application of a MSP approach to safeguarding practice.

Attached to this report at Appendix One is a copy of the MSP Action Plan agreed by the LSAB Executive and now in process of implementation.

#### **Anticipated CQC Single Agency Assurance Process**

In light of the anticipated CQC Local Authority single agency assurance process which will examine areas of the operations of the LSAB, gap analysis against the expected inspection criteria has been conducted by the LSAB. This has identified areas of improvement which have led in the development of an improvement plan in line with the set criteria. Progress against the plan will be tracked by the LSAB executive group as it progresses and will be reflected in several areas of activity within the forthcoming LSAB strategic plan.

## **2. Conclusion**

The LSAB continues its strategic work to ensure its partners are focused on the safety of adults living in Lincolnshire to the best of their abilities.

This report identifies key areas of safeguarding adult work undertaken by the LSAB and seeks to assure the scrutiny members that the work is evidence based and achievable.

**3. Consultation**

**a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Non identified

**4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	LSAB Making Safeguarding Personal Action Plan

**5. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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