

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2019/20**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 Cabinet to note the publication of the Local Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Annual Report outlining the work of the LSAB and its members to carry out and deliver the objectives of the strategic plan.
- 1.2 The contents of the report should be considered in relation to planning, commissioning and budget setting.
- 1.3 The report demonstrates that the LSAB:
  - listens and responds to the voices of adults with care and support needs, and adults with the lived experience
  - is effective in providing help and protection to adults with care and support needs
  - effectively meets statutory obligations
  - benefits from strong and consistent leadership
  - has made good progress on delivering the strategic objectives laid out within the strategic plan

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Care Act places the council's duties in respect of safeguarding adults with care needs who are at risk of abuse or neglect on a statutory basis.
- 2.2 The LSAB has a statutory requirement to publish an annual report, which offers assurance that local safeguarding arrangements and partnerships help and protect adults with care and support needs in its area. The annual report details the work of the LSAB during the year to achieve its main objectives, and deliver the strategic plan priorities, as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SARs) that may have been undertaken.
- 2.3 The 2019/20 annual report has been approved and will be published on the NLSAB website.

- 2.4 The annual report is required to be distributed through relevant governance routes across safeguarding partner organisations. The contents of the report should be considered in relation to planning, commissioning and budget setting. Organisations should fully consider the contents of the annual report how they can improve their contributions to both safeguarding throughout their own organisation, and to the joint work of the LSAB.
- 2.5 The Care Act 2014 also requires the report to be submitted to the Local Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable, chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board and Healthwatch via LSAB board members.
- 2.6 The annual report provides details of progress in relation to the boards strategic plan, and the six strategic priorities, which are:
- Prevention
  - Proportionality
  - Partnership
  - Empowerment
  - Protection
  - Accountability
- 2.7 The key achievements, and the positive impacts for adults with care and support needs and their families highlighted within the report are:
- There is a clear demonstrable commitment to safeguard and support adults with care and support needs, and their families across the area, through representation at the board by senior managers of all organisations.
  - There is a strong focus on engaging with and listening to adults, and their families to understand their views and experiences, these have been included within our strategic plan.
  - Adults with care and support needs were supported to design materials to enable them to share the safeguarding message amongst their family and friends, through workshops held in care homes.
  - Adults and their families are empowered to help them to recognise the signs of abuse, know how to report concerns and seek help to keep themselves and others safe - as a result several easy read documents have been co-produced and are now available on the website.
  - Information available to adults and their families in relation to the Mental Capacity Act 2005 has been strengthened.
  - There are strong relationships with the other key strategic partnerships – the Children’s Multi-agency and Resilience Safeguarding, Adults Voice Partnership, and the Community Safety Partnership.
  - To ensure that young people and their families feel supported when transitioning from childhood to adulthood, a joint plan with children’s services has been developed.

- There is ongoing development and implementation of our scrutiny and assurance framework, thematic and agency specific assurance events and practice learning line of sight events leading to changes in practice where appropriate.
- In order to help partners make continued improvements in keeping adults safe, learning from reviews have been shared.
- To ensure that the voice of the adult is central to safeguarding, several 7-minute briefings have been produced to support professionals.
- To help empower adults and their families, making safeguarding personal training sessions have been delivered to the Cross Sector Provider Partnership.
- Communications through the LSAB website have been enhanced as a means of sharing information and communication and publicising key documents, tools, and resources with adults and their families, as well as partner agencies.
- The safeguarding data shows the voices of the adult and their families are being listened to, the data dashboard has also been updated.

### **Future priorities**

The board will continue to raise awareness of safeguarding and ensure that safeguarding duties are embedded into partner practice. The board is committed to continuing to work in partnership to seek assurance and ensure that safeguarding practice within North Lincolnshire is continually reviewed and improved.

In 2020/21 the board will be reviewing policies and procedures, considering experiences as a partnership to continue to improve and develop safeguarding practice.

The board will be focusing on engaging with, listening to, and learning from adults and their families to ensure a greater awareness of their views and experiences of safeguarding.

A key priority for the board in 2020/21 is to gain assurance from partner agencies about how any impact of Covid-19 on local safeguarding arrangements is being managed, particularly looking at how the current situation is impacting on adults who have care and support needs and on the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements within North Lincolnshire. We will ensure that safeguarding remains a priority.

## **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 To note the publication of the LSAB annual report outlining what the LSAB and its members have done to carry out and deliver the objectives of the strategic plan.
- 3.2 The contents of the report should be considered in relation to planning, commissioning and budget setting.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 None, for information only

#### **5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 None, for information only

#### **6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 None

#### **7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 Not applicable

#### **8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 There has been a range of consultation with adults who have care and support needs, adults with lived experience, as well as safeguarding partners and relevant agencies in the work of the NLASB, and implementation of the strategic plan. There will be further engagement opportunities as we continue to listen, learn, adapt, and review.

#### **9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 To receive the LSAB Annual Report 2019/20 and consider this where relevant in relation to planning, commissioning and budgets setting processes.

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