

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Local Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2020/21

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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 2014 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 2020/21 annual report has been approved and will be published on the NLSAB website.

- 2.4 The annual report was presented to Cabinet on 24 January 2022.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 The Care Act 2014 also requires the report to be submitted to the Local Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable, and Healthwatch via LSAB board members.
- 2.7 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
- 2.8 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. In May 2020 Adults with care and support needs and a lived experience wrote and produced a poem in recognition of the community spirit seen during the pandemic.
 - Adults with care and support needs and a lived experience were empowered to share their knowledge and expertise with the local community, partner organisations and frontline practitioners by planning and facilitating the safeguarding conference called '*Listen to me and hear my voice*'.
 - Following the conference, the adults who were involved were supported to design and produce several guidance documents. The documents were aimed at professionals, informing them how they can help adults who might be experiencing, or at risk of abuse and neglect in the future.
 - 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.
 - There are strong relationships with the other key strategic partnerships – the Children's Multi-agency and Resilience Safeguarding, Adults Voice Partnership, Community Safety Partnership and Domestic Abuse Partnership Board.

- 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.
- To help partners make continued improvements in keeping adults safe, key messages and learning from reviews have been shared.
- In partnership with adults who have a lived experience, communications on the LSAB website have been enhanced as a means of sharing information 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 is regularly scrutinised by the Protection & Accountability subgroup.

Future priorities

During 2020/21 the board have made considerable progress in relation delivering the priorities and strategic objectives outlined within the Strategic Plan. The board recognise the importance of ensuring that focus continues to remain on the issues which are going to make the greatest difference to safeguarding people in North Lincolnshire.

The following key themes have been identified by board partners as areas of focus in 2021/22.

- Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS) are due to replace the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DoLS) in 2022. The board will continue to work with partners to prepare for the implementation and will support partners to keep up to date with the evolving situation regarding the timeline and publication of the statutory guidance.
- In line with the government change in legislation and the formal establishment of Integrated Care Systems (ICS), the board will focus on ensuring safeguarding arrangements continue to remain a priority locally, whilst also committing to strengthen our working arrangements with colleagues across the regional Humber Partnership and the Humber, Coast and Vale Integrated Care System.
- The board will continue to analyse safeguarding data, as well as the impact of the pandemic on adults with care and support needs and plan to address any additional safeguarding needs that emerge as a consequence.
- The board will continue ensure that appropriate training and education is offered to partner agencies, including the development of multi-agency training. We will

remain committed to supporting our community, making sure they are equipped and empowered to play their part in preventing, detecting, and reporting abuse and neglect.

- The board and Executive Leads will evaluate the priorities within the 2019 - 2022 Strategic Plan, this will include reviewing both the system-wide assurance priorities and operational priorities.

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, for information only

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 wide ranging 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 NLSAB, 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 2020/21 and consider this where relevant in relation to planning, commissioning and budgets setting processes.
- 9.2 To note submission of the report to the following via board members to consider the contents of the report and how they can improve their contributions to both safeguarding throughout their own organisation and to the joint work of the board -
- Leader and Chief Executive of the Council
 - Police & Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable of Humberside Police
 - Healthwatch

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Appendix –
Care Act 2014
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