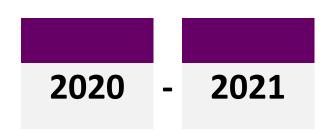


WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP TO KEEP ADULTS SAFE



Easy Read Annual Report



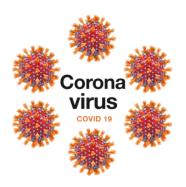
1. Introduction



I am the Independent Chair of the Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board(LSAB) and Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board.



This report is about what the LSAB did in 2020/2021 to keep adults with care and support needs safe from abuse and neglect.



COVID 19 changed the way the Boards worked and they continued to work well together.



Safeguarding means protecting your right to live: -

- in safety
- free from abuse and
- free from neglect

Making sure adults with care and support needs are not abused or neglected is called safeguarding.

2. What is the Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board?



The Board is a group of agencies that makes sure that all partners, are working together to protect adults from abuse and neglect.



The Board includes people from Leicester City Council, the Police, health services, criminal justice services, Healthwatch, Care Quality Commission and care homes association.



Every year the Board must write a report to let people know how the Board is working.

This report is what the Boards have done to make sure adults with care and support needs are protected from abuse and neglect.

3. What has the board done over the last year?



The Board focussed on these themes:-

- Transforming cares process in Leicester and Leicestershire.
 This is about improving health and care services for people with learning disabilities so that they can live in the community with the right support.
- Domestic abuse of adults with care and support needs
- Prisons, Safeguarding and Covid-19.



Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR) are carried out by the Board where an adult with care and support needs:

- has died and the death resulted from abuse and neglect, or
- is alive and the Board knows or suspects that they have experienced serious abuse and neglect.

The reviews look at how agencies worked together to safeguard the adult.

Eight referrals were received for a SAR out of which 4 were accepted.

One SAR has been completed. We are working on 6 SARs, out of this 3 are from last year.



A recommendation from the completed SAR was that agencies work together to produce guidance for staff. The guidance is for when a person is ready to use alcohol and substance misuse treatment services but is waiting for a criminal justice decision to be made. The guidance will help staff to make decisions and will make sure that the role of agencies is clear.

You can find out more information on the SAR and reviews we publish on our website www.leicester.gov.uk/lsab.



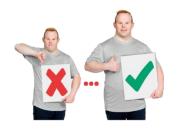
We continued to work with Leicestershire and Rutland Safeguarding Adults Board to make sure that policies and procedures were updated and easy to find for people who work with adults.



A new multi-agency guidance for working with adults at risk of exploitation specifically cuckooing was developed.

Cuckooing is where an adult's home is taken over by other adults for criminal activity linked to:

- Growing, selling, taking drugs
- storing weapons
- sex work,
- financially abusing the person whose home, they have taken over



We carried out checks on the work staff have carried out in different areas of safeguarding which included "Mental Capacity Act and Safeguarding" and "Neglect and Older People".



This helped to make changes to local policies and procedures and how people work with adults to keep them safe.



Some of the changes made from the checks included:

- producing additional guidance for staff relating to Safeguarding and the Mental Capacity Act(MCA), and
- workshops to promote the work of advocacy providers.

The City Training Sub-Group changed to a Leicester,
Leicestershire and Rutland(LLR)
Training Sub-Group

This group ran lots of online events for safeguarding adults week. This included people who spoke about Domestic Abuse and Older People, Inherent Jurisdiction, Hate Crime and "Cuckooing.

The group also provided basic and enhanced MCA training in preparation for Liberty Protection Safeguards(LPS) and produced quarterly LLR Safeguarding Matters newsletters.







The Engagement Sub-Group led on raising awareness of safeguarding adults in Leicester.

They provided :-

- online information sessions for Leicester communities on What is Adult Safeguarding?"
- Produced an article on
 "Safeguarding Adults in
 Leicester" which was translated
 in different languages and are
 available on our website.
- Age UK Leicester printed the article in their magazine.
- Leicestershire Police led on a live Facebook event on "Financial Abuse against Adults.
- We also ran a campaign called #OurDoorIsOpen to make sure people knew our services were still open during lockdown.
- Produced an easy read version of "What is Adult Safeguarding?" which is on our website and has been promoted via the Engagement Officer's Twitter account.





2021 - 2022

In 2021/22 the Board has two business plan priorities which are hidden harm and care homes.

- Hidden harm is harm that is taking place in plain sight, but not being reported. This could be staff not seeing the harm and/or community members not aware of harm taking place.
- During Covid-19 lockdown there was a rise in concerns around quality of care and safeguarding in relation to care homes, and care homes closing.

4. How to report concerns about an adult who is being abused or neglected



If you think you or someone you know is being abused or neglected **tell** someone you trust as soon as possible.



If you need help to contact Adult Social Care, Police or Health Services, ask a person you trust to help you.



If you, or the other person, is ill hurt or injured seek medical attention.

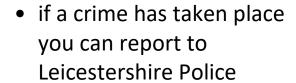
If you, or the other person, is seriously ill, hurt or injured dial 999.



You can report the abuse or neglect of an adult with care and support needs in Leicester:

 to the Adult Social Care team, telephone number
 0116 454 1004 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week)





- via their website
 www.leics.police.uk or
- you can call 101
- if it is an emergency, call 999

Organisations will work together with you to prevent the abuse and neglect taking place.



How can I find out more information about safeguarding adults in Leicester?

Take a look at the Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board website

www.leicester.gov.uk/lsab



If you go to a community group in Leicester and would like more information about safeguarding adults, please contact Leicester Safeguarding Adults Board, at LSAB@leicester.gov.uk or on 0116 454 6270 to arrange a virtual session (please do not report abuse or neglect via this route).