

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
 BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP
 7 OCTOBER 2015**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C R OXBY (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors S R Dodds, Mrs S Ransome, Mrs L A Rollings, and Mrs M J Overton MBE;

Added Members: Councillor C L Burke (District Council Representative), Emma Olivier-Townrow (Parent Governor Representative);

Officers in attendance:- David Culy (LSAB Business Manager), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Tracy Johnson (Senior Scrutiny Officer), Andy Morris (LSCB Business Manager), Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer).

16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor D Brailsford.

Councillor Mrs M A Overton MBE was present as a replacement for Councillor A Austin for this meeting only.

17 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

18 MINUTES OF THE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY
 SUB GROUP HELD ON 15 JULY 2015

RESOLVED

That the minutes from the meeting held on 15 July 2015 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19 KEY MESSAGES FROM LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
 ADULTS BOARD

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Sub Group on the key issues from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board since the last meeting.

The Sub Group reviewed the Board's Risk Register. In relation to the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS), it was reported it would not be

mitigated. The legal consultation into changing the Cheshire West judgement was expected to take 18 months to 2 years; this length of time was to be expected. The mitigated risk had been entered onto the register and the risk and target score would be reviewed on a regular basis.

The Board's first Strategy had been finalised and copies were circulated to the members. The strategy would be in force for three years from 2015-2018 and had taken several months to finalise. All members of the Board as well as the Health and Wellbeing Board had helped to develop it.

The Sub Group were complimentary about the strategy, feeling that it was a clear and precise document and its presentation was easy to follow and read. The strategy document would be available to view online and hard copies had already been posted out to relevant organisations.

It was felt an interactive version would be beneficial as it was currently a PDF. This feedback was noted.

The Sub Group discussed the Multi-Agency Policy and Procedure 2015 whose purpose was to set out to multi agency partners the procedures to be followed for situations involving safeguarding.

During discussion of the document it was noted that:

- Under section 3.23 – Person in a Position of Trust, young people who were carers needed to be within this section;
- Under section 4.7 – Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager, there were blurred lines between the role of a Designated Adult Safeguarding Manager and a Safeguarding Lead;
- It was clarified that all faith groups would be included in the policy. The Lincoln Diocese had worked tirelessly to promote safeguarding and free training would be available to faith groups.

RESOLVED

That the Sub Group be assured that the LSAB continues to try to protect the adults at risk living in Lincolnshire from abuse and neglect.

20 SAFEGUARDING ADULT REVIEWS (SARS)

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Sub Group on the current Safeguarding Adult Reviews (formerly Serious Case Reviews), currently going through the early information gathering process.

The action plan written as a result of the case of KJ had identified changes to procedures, which was a positive outcome.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

21 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE LSCB AND ITS SUB-GROUPS

The Sub Group considered a report which provided an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board and its sub groups.

The LSCB had recently recruited an Audit Officer which would greatly strengthen its processes.

Through the work of its four sub groups, the Board was coming to the conclusion of three Serious Case Reviews and the Sub Group received an update on all of these.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

22 LSCB AUDIT PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report which provided an overview of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board audit programme covering the period 2015/16.

There was an ongoing multiagency case file audit being undertaken, which was spot checking cases at random.

The Sub Group discussed paying visits to care homes, however it was felt that the group's function was to scrutinise the Boards and not the services. It was felt attending a Board meeting would be far more useful and enlightening to the scrutiny process.

It was reported that best practice and success stories, as a result of the audit process, was shared and reported to the Serious Incident Review Group. This would then be shared with the Policies and Procedures Group in order to incorporate best practice.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

23 JOINT BOARD WORKING

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Consideration was given to a report which provided a response to the task assigned to Business Managers to discuss business planning cycles and processes, and outcomes. The report made proposals for future working practices.

It had become clear that there was no scope for one joint board with each of the existing boards having a different scope for safeguarding. However, there was a need for the two boards to work together for consistency and to do this, the Business Managers to meet four times each year.

There was a proposal for a 'collective' handbook which would explain how the boards could work together. There was totally different legislation and remit for both the boards, however where there was a crossover, was where the alliance could occur.

A network for business managers outside of meetings had been proposed which would further aid information sharing and stronger cooperation between Boards.

There had already been some good collaborative work emerging from the joint working and more was to be expected.

RESOLVED

That the proposals to introduce:

- A Business Managers' email network;
- Regular scheduled business Managers' meetings;
- Development of a 'collective' handbook;

be supported by the Sub Group.

24 JOINT DOMESTIC ABUSE PROTOCOL

The Sub Group considered a report which provided an update on the work being undertaken by the LSCB in conjunction with the LSAB and Domestic Abuse Strategic Management Board (DASMB).

The protocol was launched on 29 September 2015 and was an example of good multi agency/board working. The launch had seen a good amount of media attention.

The Sub Group discussed the DASH Risk Assessment (Domestic Abuse, Stalking and Honour Based Violence), contained within the protocol and it was felt the questions contained in the assessment were too closed, only requiring a 'yes' or 'no' answer. To get a fuller response, questions should begin with why, what, where, when and who. This feedback would be noted, however, as it was a national risk assessment, it was likely that the document could not be changed. The questions asked were intended to provide an indication, as the process undertaken prior to the DASH assessment, would

provide sufficient information for professionals to form an opinion.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

25 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB
GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

Volunteers were sought to attend the next meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board on 28 October 2015 and the LSCB Strategic Management Group on 3 December 2015. Councillors C L Burke, C R Oxby, Mrs S Ransome, and Mrs L A Rollings agreed to attend on 28 October 2015, and Emma Olivier-Townrow agreed to attend on 3 December 2015.

RESOLVED

That the work programme and changes made therein be noted.

26 PROPOSED MEETING DATES

The dates for future meetings, as proposed on the agenda, were discussed and the following dates were agreed:

6 January, 2016 – 10am
6 April, 2016 – 2pm
6 July, 2016 – 10am
28 September, 2016 – 2pm.

The meeting closed at 12.45 pm

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