

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
 BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP
 6 APRIL 2016**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C R OXBY (CHAIRMAN)

Lincolnshire County Council: Councillors D Brailsford, S R Dodds, R A H McAuley, Mrs S Ransome and Mrs L A Rollings.

Officers in attendance:-

Chris Cook (Independent Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Dave Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager), Barry Earnshaw (Independent Chairman, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer), Caroline Mogg (CSE Co-ordinator), Andrew Morris (LSCB Business Manager) and Jade Sullivan (LSCB Audit and Policy Officer).

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs P A Bradwell (Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Health Services, Children's Services) and C Burke (District Council Representative).

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting Barry Earnshaw (Independent Chairman of the Safeguarding Adults Board) who was attending his first meeting in this capacity and Councillor R A H McAuley as a newly appointed Member of the Sub-Group.

23 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this point in the meeting.

**24 MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS
 SCRUTINY SUB GROUP MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2016**

RESOLVED

That the minutes from the meeting held on 6 January 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the inclusion of Chris Cook (Independent Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board) and Jade Sullivan (LSCB Audit and Policy Officer) in the list of attendees.

25 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 (LSAB) held in January 2016.

Members were advised that Barry Earnshaw had recently been appointed to the role as Independent Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board, with effect from 1 April 2016.

Members were also advised that the Safeguarding Adults Review (SAR) Policy and Toolkit was approved by the Board at the January meeting and embedded into practice from 1 March 2016. The new Policy and Toolkit set out the requirements for submission of a Significant Incident Notification, the process which was undertaken to affirm that the notification was an SAR and the requirements from agencies during the review.

It was noted that an item on the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board three year Strategy would be presented to the Sub-Group at its meeting on 28 September 2016. It was also noted that the Board was currently working on the development of a Prevention Strategy.

In response to a question, Members were advised that safeguarding referrals from care homes would usually be reported via the Safeguarding Team.

Members were assured that similar to the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board; the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board had a standing item on its agendas for declaration of interests.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

26 SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS

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

There were four SARs currently being processed, details of which were in the report and the Sub-Group was updated on the progress and current situation of each.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions in relation to the four SARs and officers responded to those questions raised.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

27 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND ITS SUB-GROUPS

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Sub-Group with an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and its sub-groups.

Members were reminded that that the Government had recently commissioned an independent review of children's safeguarding, which ended in March 2016. A proposal in the review, which the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board had responded to, was to centrally commission Serious Case Reviews.

Some Members reiterated they were against centralisation. The Independent Chair of the LSCB stated that it was clear from discussions that the Government lacked confidence in a certain number of safeguarding boards and their transparency, across the country.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

28 SERIOUS CASE REVIEW - C

RESOLVED

That this item be deferred to a future meeting.

29 UPDATE ON THE NEW OFSTED INSPECTION FRAMEWORK

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Sub-Group on the work currently being undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board for its inspection preparation.

Members were advised that the joint targeted area inspections were an inspection of frontline practice and the leadership and management in relations to multi-agency arrangements. The inspections would be led by Ofsted with parallel inspections of the Police, the Youth Offending Service, the Probation Service, health providers and commissioners through the Care Quality Commission. Members were guided through the timeline for inspections, as detailed on pages 73 – 75 of the report.

Members were assured that any blockages over information sharing were being addressed and it was hoped that full engagement would be achieved by May 2016.

A Member of the Sub-Group sought assurance that an inspector would not be allowed to come into contact with a children without a professional known to the child being present. Officers agreed to take this query forward.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

30 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD POLICY AND
AUDIT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided an overview of the policy and audit development of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board.

Members were advised that the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board co-ordinated the development of safeguarding policy and audit development within Lincolnshire and had a robust governance structure in place to undertake this function.

Members were informed of new policies which had recently been developed; those current policies requiring updates; and entirely new versions of existing policies which were detailed on page 98 of the report. Attached at Appendix A to the report was the Strategic Audit Programme.

A discussion took place regarding the 'who should be involved' column on Appendix A, where a number of inclusions were suggested.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

31 IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Sub-Group with an update on the work undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

Members were advised that the STOP CSE campaign was launched on 16 March 2016 to coincide with the national CSE Awareness Day on 18 March 2016. All campaign materials had a link to the dedicated STOP CSE website www.couldbeanyone.org.uk where there was further information about CSE and links to helplines and other resources. Members congratulated officers for the successful launch.

Members were also advised that four new Early Help Workers – CSE Leads had recently been recruited. The workers would be located in each of the four Early Help Teams and would take the lead and co-ordinate all services for those children and young people most at risk of CSE. In response to a question, it was confirmed that these workers could undertake work with schools.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

32 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP
WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Group considered its work programme for coming meetings, which included the schedule of upcoming Board meetings.

It was confirmed that the item on 'Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Policy and Audit Update' should be added to the work programme as a standing item.

Sub-Group representatives to attend forthcoming Board meetings were agreed upon.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.55 pm.

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