



**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP
15 JANUARY 2018**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S R DODDS (CHAIRMAN)

Lincolnshire County Council: Councillors R L Foulkes, Mrs C J Lawton, A P Maughan and R Wootten

District Council: District Councillor Mrs S Waring (District Council)

Representative appointed by Police and Crime Commissioner: Marc Jones (Police and Crime Commissioner)

Representative appointed by Local NHS organisation: Andrew Burton

Officers in attendance:-

Dave Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Clare Rowley (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager), Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer), Sue Wilson (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Policy and Audit Officer) and Dawn Worthington (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adult Board Administrator)

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE/REPLACEMENT MEMBERS

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs W Bowkett.

The Chairman reported that Dr Emile van der Zee had resigned from his position as Parent Governor Representative due to work pressures.

This presented a vacancy on the Sub Group, and the election process for a new Parent Governor Representative would commence shortly.

11 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared

12 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2017

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 26 September 2017 be agreed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**13 KEY MESSAGES FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD**

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

It was reported that there were six sub-groups of the LSCB which remained active and well attended, details of which could be found in the main report:

- Child Death Overview Panel;
- Serious Incident Review Group;
- Policy, Procedure, Education and Training Sub-Group;
- Child Exploitation Sub-Group;
- Education Sub-Group; and
- Performance and Quality Assurance Tri-Board Sub-Group

As part of the Wood Review, it was reported that the Child Death Overview Panel was likely to change governance and be led by the Department of Health rather than the LSCB. The Panel would still be required to report back to the Board, however, if the need arose.

Alan Wood had been commissioned to conduct a review of LSCBs in 2016 which engaged a range of people and organisations. The passing of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 had meant a number of changes were required to local guidance, which were detailed in the report. The LSCB Independent Chairman explained that despite the good work of the Review, Lincolnshire's Board and structure would remain largely unchanged, as the partnership it had with all agencies remained strong. It was felt that more damage than good would come of making alterations.

During discussion, the following points were noted:-

- There was a question regarding the involvement of the District Councils in prevention of child exploitation. Officers reported that the LSCB was involved at district level, and the district councils in Lincolnshire had been very supportive of the LSCB's work over the years;
- It was reported that the National Crime Agency was running an online safety campaign and was keen to work with Local Safeguarding Children Boards;
- A new project, entitled Mini-Police, piloted in two Boston schools, was proving very successful and would eventually be rolled out to other schools in the county having secured the funding to do so. The project involved year 5 children and above learning about the police in a variety of different ways. It was agreed that this would be a good topic for the Education Sub Group;
- It was agreed that an update on the evaluation of a new model for MACE be included on the agenda for a future meeting.

RESOLVED

That the report and contents be noted.

14 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 (LSCB).

The LSCB Policy and Audit Officer introduced the report and confirmed that development of policies and procedures for safeguarding and the promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority was a statutory function of the LSCB. It was also a statutory obligation to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of what was done by the authority and their Board partners individually and collectively.

It was reported that a third party, tri.x, assisted the Board in its policy development. Changes to policies were either statutory, advised by tri.x or identified by Officers. They had been invaluable during the development of the Modern Slavery Protocol.

Members were invited to ask questions, during which the following points were noted:-

- There was discussion regarding the sharing of intimate images between young people of secondary school age. It was felt that, children needed to be made aware of the dangers and who to trust, especially when using social media;
- Some schools actively engaged with the LSCB and attended the Education Sub Group, however there was no requirement for schools to engage. It was suggested that the Chair of Governors could be a good access point in to schools;
- It was noted that tri.x may be able to advise on any areas of the country where initiatives in schools had been successful, which could inform the development of LSCB policy.

RESOLVED

That the report and content be noted.

15 KEY MESSAGES FROM THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS
BOARD

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the key issues from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) held on 13 December 2017. The report included the LSAB's Annual Report which had been published in early 2017 and highlighted some key issues which were under review by the LSAB.

The Independent Chair of the Board took the opportunity to introduce two new members of the Adult Safeguarding team: Michelle Morris – LSAB Policy and Audit Officer; and Dawn Worthington – LSAB Board Administrator.

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There was discussion regarding the act of omission (a failure to act) in relation to neglect cases. In a care setting, it was easier to spot cases of neglect, whereas in domiciliary care, it was more difficult. There had been cases of at risk/older/disabled adults not being taken to appointments, which had been classified as acts of omission.

RESOLVED

That the report and contents were noted.

**16 REPORT OF OBSERVATION OF LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
ADULT BOARD - 13 DECEMBER 2017**

The Chairman, Councillor S R Dodds, gave a verbal update following her attendance at a meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB), as an observer, on 13 December 2017.

Councillor Dodds referred to number of replacement members at the meeting of the Board she had attended, and the level of participation by those members present. She questioned whether this was usual practice. The Independent chair and LSAB Business Manager would monitor the situation.

Each organisation had expressed a concern about capacity issues in their own area of work and Officers explained that each agency undertook its work on the Board in addition to its specific workload. It was highlighted that audits needed to make a change on the front line. Councillor Dodds requested that at future meetings of the Board, the Sub Group representative observe the contributions made by each organisation to gauge their level of participation.

It was felt the Board's Risk Register had too many items listed, however the register was currently under review as some items were 'issues', rather than 'risks'. Issues were identified as something happening now.

RESOLVED

That the verbal update be noted.

17 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD PEER REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Peer Review, along with the final draft of the Peer Challenge Report which resulted from the Review.

In early 2017, the LSAB agreed to be part of a pilot Peer Review programme led by the Local Government Association (LGA), which involved two adult safeguarding boards; Lincolnshire and Leicester City.

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The LGA and ADASS (Association for the Directors of Adult Social Services) commissioned the peer review in order to identify what good looked like for LSABs, and not as an inspection.

The key messages and areas for consideration in the future, resulting from the review were as follows:

- The LSAB should agree fewer priorities in order to effectively deliver its objectives;
- The LSAB should act on its intention to agree and introduce a quality assurance framework to assure itself of the local safeguarding arrangements;
- In order to move forward on MSP (Making Safeguarding Personal), assurance was needed that the policies and procedures were in place, implemented and working;
- The Board should adopt a coordinated multi-agency approach when implementing MSP.

Whilst discussing the peer review, the following points were noted:

- A suite of resources was available to help move forward on MSP;
- An action plan would be written to assist with the governance structure, to identify a way to move forward with the priorities from the review;
- The Board would need to ensure partner agencies were on board with the changes that needed implemented;
- The outcome from the peer review pilots would be scrutinised nationally;
- As part of the review, the performance of the Independent Chairman was considered and he had received a good evaluation.

Following a question regarding district council involvement in adult safeguarding, it was confirmed that a representative for all seven district councils attended the LSAB. In addition to this, the district councils held their own quarterly safeguarding meeting which dovetailed with the Board. The newly appointed Policy and Audit Officer would be attending those meetings in future.

Issues were raised about knowing when to step in to safeguard an adult, even if the at-risk adult in question is happy about what is happening to them. Front line staff in council and agency organisations had been well trained to identify what would be the best course of action for each individual adult at risk.

It was noted that social isolation was an underestimated problem in Lincolnshire and this had been identified as a priority by Public Health.

RESOLVED

That the report and Peer Review Peer Challenge Report be noted.

18 **SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS**

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The Sub-Group considered a report which provided an update on the Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SARs) currently being undertaken.

David Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Business Manager) introduced the report and confirmed that although safeguarding adult reviews had always been part of the LSAB's remit, The Care Act now legally mandated the Board to undertake these reviews.

During discussion of the overview report from the SAR of TH19 (financial exploitation), the following points were noted:

- Lincolnshire did not currently have a MASH (Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub) for adult safeguarding. A hub would be able to immediately form an action plan for someone in trouble or needing help. The review had recommended that the county ought to have one;
- Within the recommendations made by agencies contributing to the review were issues relevant to the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. Officers would ensure that these would be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Committee's work programme;
- A lack of outreach provision within the City of Lincoln had been highlighted in the recommendations and this would be fed back to the Executive Director for Adult Care;
- Each agency involved in the case was required to complete an IMR (individual management review). The Board held each agency to account for their recommendations.

RESOLVED

That the report and content be noted.

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WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub Group considered a report outlining its future work programme and the additions made during the meeting.

Volunteers to observe the upcoming meetings of the LSCB and LSAB were sought and scheduled.

The Chairman wished it to be noted how grateful the Sub Group was for the help and support Dr Emile van der Zee had given during his time as a Parent Governor Representative on the Sub Group.

RESOLVED

That the Work Programme of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group be agreed.

The meeting closed at 12.50 pm