

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director Children's Services,
Lincolnshire County Council

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	30 September 2014
Subject:	Protocol between Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board

Summary:

This paper presents a proposed framework and protocol to ensure effective joint working between the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board. The protocol sets out the distinct roles and responsibilities of the Boards, the interrelationships between them in terms of safeguarding and wellbeing and the means by which they will work together to secure effective coordination and coherence between the Boards.

Actions Required:

1. That the draft protocol shown in Appendix A be approved;
2. That authority be delegated to the Health and Wellbeing Business Manager, in consultation with the Chairman, to make any necessary alterations following consideration by Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board that do not fundamental affect the intentions of the protocol.

1. Background

Safeguarding is everyone's business and not the sole responsibility of any one agency or organisation. Whilst 'Working Together to Safeguard Children (2013)' guidance does not formalise the relationship between the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, there is an expectation that the two Boards will work together to ensure effective safeguarding arrangements are in place to protect and promote the welfare of children and young people.

The protocol included in Appendix A aims to create a formal interface between the two Boards. It details the complementary but distinct roles that Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board have in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and young people in Lincolnshire. As well as providing a mechanism to ensure effective safeguarding arrangements are in place to maximise the opportunities this presents which includes:

- Ensuring comprehensive safeguarding data analysis is included in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- Ensuring Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board receives a copy of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board's Annual Report and uses it to inform reviews of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Providing timely opportunities for the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board to influence and inform the decisions of commissioners and evaluate the impact of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy on safeguarding outcomes and of safeguarding on the wider determinants of health outcomes.
- Promoting safeguarding and ensuring it is 'everyone's business'.

The protocol has been prepared by officers supporting the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board and has been shared with the Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board. The protocol covers the following elements;

- Roles and responsibilities of the respective bodies;
- Principles and commitments to ensure coordination between the Boards;
- Operational arrangements;
- Resolution process.

It is anticipated, over time, that changes will need to be made to the protocol to reflect any national guidance or local changes. It is therefore proposed that the protocol is reviewed a year after the agreement is made and bi-annually thereafter or in response to any new national guidance issued in relation to Health and Wellbeing Boards or Local Safeguarding Children Boards.

2. Conclusion

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree to a formal working agreement with the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board to ensure that opportunities to strengthen local safeguarding practice are identified and secured.

3. Consultation

N/A

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Protocol between the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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