

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Alison Christie, Health and Wellbeing Board Business Manager,
Lincolnshire County Council

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	9 December 2014
Subject:	Protocol between Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults 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 Adults 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 Adults Board that do not fundamentally affect the intentions of the protocol.

1. Background

Safeguarding is everyone's business and not the sole responsibility of one agency or organisation. The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board was established as a multi-agency partnership and comprises a range of organisations all with a common interest in the promoting and protecting vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect. Currently the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adult's Board operates in

accordance with the requirements set out in the policy guidance '*No Secrets: Guidance on developing and implementing multi-agency policy and procedures to protect vulnerable adults from abuse*' (DOH, 2000). However, from April 2015 new statutory requirements come into force as a result of the Care Act 2014. The Act formally sets out the local authority's responsibility for adult safeguarding for the first time in primary legislation. Whilst the guidance does not formalise a relationship between the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board, there is an expectation that the two Boards will work together to ensure effective adult safeguarding arrangements are in place.

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 Adults Board have in safeguarding and protecting vulnerable adults from abuse and neglect. As well as providing a mechanism to ensure effective safeguarding arrangements are in place, it also looks 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 Adult's Board's Strategy and Annual Report and uses it to inform reviews of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy;
- providing timely opportunities for the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adult's 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 Adult's Board and has been shared with the Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adult's 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 Adults Boards.

2. Conclusion

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to agree to a formal working agreement with the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults 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 Adults 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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