



**Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board
Scrutiny Sub-Group**

**Thursday, 19 May 2011 in Committee Room Five,
County Offices, Lincoln**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S F WILLIAMS (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs C M H Farquharson, J D Hough,

Added members: Steve Tyrrell (Foster Carer)

Officers in attendance: Chris Cook (Independent Chairman of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Sheridan Dodsworth (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager), Tracy Johnson (Scrutiny Officer), Sue Westcott (Assistant Director, Children's Services), Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H R Johnson, R A Shore and J R Hicks, Mr R Childs (NHS Lincolnshire), Mrs E French (Parent Governor Representative), Mr J Walker (Lincolnshire Police Authority)

41. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No declarations were declared.

42. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD SCRUTINY SUB GROUP HELD ON 31 MARCH 2011

It was noted that Steve Tyrrell had been omitted from the attendance list.

In relation to paragraph 4 of minute 39, it was reported that the Section 11 training had been provided in house and, as such, had saved a considerable amount of money. The training had been well organised by Children's Services.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Sub-Group held on 31 March 2011 be agreed as a correct record.

43. DRAFT MINUTES OF LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD OPERATIONAL DELIVERY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2011

The Sub-Group considered the draft minutes from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Operational Delivery Group meeting held on 17 March 2011 and the following points were noted:

- Minute 7 suggested that, following the closure of the NSPCC office in Lincoln, the city would not have an office close enough to deal with sexual harm issues. It was reported that Lincoln and the county would still be covered through the Grimsby office;
- Further to Minute 12, it was reported that Edie Butterworth had met with consultants and Dr Julie Clark in relation to starting the medical examinations service. The examinations of children over the age of 14 at the Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) in Lincoln was being considered;
- Issues were raised regarding minute 12, which stated that *“G4S are arranging for adult doctors to see those aged 14 and above – this is against guidelines”*. This would be clarified at the next meeting of the LSCB Operational Delivery Group;
- Two paediatricians were qualified to undertake examinations of children and further funds were available to appoint and train a further three. The examination of girls was different to that of adult women and therefore required specialists;
- The issue of children gaining access to gambling machines in pubs was raised and the LSCB Business Manager agreed to raise it with the police representative for licensing.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Operational Delivery Group held on 17 March 2011 be noted.

44. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION STRATEGY - DRAFT

The LSCB Business Manager reported that this document had now been ratified and was an attempt to involve children in the work of the board. The strategy would be audited through the Board's quality assurance checks.

The Board's business plan would identify what work could involve children and it was felt details of that work needed to be specific. It was suggested a separate plan containing only the work involving children be included in the Board's plan and the LSCB Business Manager would raise the issue at the Quality Assurance Sub Group to clarify how best to move forward.

The Sub Group agreed that an update on the Strategy in 12 months' time would be valuable.

RESOLVED

That the Draft Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Children and Young People's Participation Strategy be noted and that an update on the participation of children in the strategy be given in 12 months' time.

45. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD SCRUTINY SUB GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2011

The Sub Group considered their work programme for the coming months and changes were noted.

It was reported that the possible amalgamation of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Scrutiny Sub Group and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Scrutiny Sub Group had been suggested. Further discussions would need to take place before a decision could be made on the subject and both Sub Groups would be kept updated.

RESOLVED

That the Sub-Group's work programme and changes made be noted.

The meeting ended at 1.30pm.