

Governance Arrangements and Terms of Reference for Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group

Governance Arrangements

Purpose

To scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board.

Membership

The Membership of the Scrutiny Sub-Group will consist of: -

- Six Lincolnshire County Council elected members
(3 Conservative, 1 Independent, 1 Labour, 1 Liberal Democrat)
- Five additional members who are not county councillors, which include
 - 1 District Council elected member
 - 1 Police Authority representative
 - 1 Lincolnshire PCT Lay Board member
 - 1 Parent Governor
 - 1 Foster Carer

If further additional members are deemed necessary, the Scrutiny Sub-Group must refer this request to the Adults Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee for approval. A corresponding increase in the county councillor element of the membership would also be required so that the Scrutiny Sub-Group retains its democratically-elected majority.

Chairman and Vice Chairman

The Chairman will also be a member of either the Adults Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, with the Vice Chairman being a member of the other Scrutiny Committee.

Quorum

The quorum of the Scrutiny Sub-Group will be four with at least one of the county council Scrutiny Sub-Group members in attendance. Should less than four Members be in attendance the Chairman will adjourn the meeting.

Frequency of meetings

The Scrutiny Sub-Group will meet on a quarterly basis and as otherwise required.

Reporting

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group will report to the Lincolnshire County Council Adults Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. Following each meeting of the Scrutiny Sub-Group, a written report, including the minutes of the Scrutiny Sub-Group meeting, will be presented to the next meeting of the Adults Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. This report should be presented by the Chairman or

Vice Chairman of the Scrutiny Sub-Group or another member if the Chairman or Vice Chairman is unavailable.

Training

All members of the Scrutiny Sub-Group will receive ongoing training to ensure that they are aware of any new developments in safeguarding.

Attendance at the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board

Members of the Scrutiny Sub-Group will alternate attendance at both the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board and the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board so that there is a link between the two Safeguarding Boards and the Scrutiny Sub-Group. Attendance will be as an observer of the two Safeguarding Boards' activities and will be on a non-participatory and confidential basis. Feedback on the activities of the two Safeguarding Boards can then be provided to the Scrutiny Sub-Group.

Terms of Reference

The Scrutiny Sub-Group is authorised to undertake the following activities in relation to the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board:-

1. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's arrangements for ensuring agencies work in partnership to protect vulnerable adults from abuse.
2. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's arrangements for ensuring agencies work together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable adults and to reduce the risk of abuse occurring.
3. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's arrangements for ensuring agencies work together to promote a community involvement in safeguarding adults and promoting their welfare by raising awareness through publicity and training.
4. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's arrangements for developing and reviewing policies and procedures.
5. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's arrangements in undertaking reviews of cases where someone had died or has been seriously harmed in circumstances where abuse or neglect is known or suspected. Ensure systems monitor implementation of lessons learnt from reviews.
6. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's arrangements in ensuring the workforce is trained to safeguard adults and improve safety.
7. Receive reports on matters of local and national relevance relating to the objectives of the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board.

8. To assist in the publication of materials which highlight issues relating to the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable adults.
9. To refer matters of concern back to the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board.
10. To report back formally on these matters in writing to the Adults Scrutiny Committee after each meeting of the Scrutiny Sub-Group.

The Scrutiny Sub-Group is authorised to undertake the following activities in relation to the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board:-

1. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board's arrangements for ensuring agencies work together to protect children from maltreatment and prevent impairment of children's health or development.
2. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board's arrangements for ensuring agencies work together to ensure that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe effective care.
3. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board's arrangements for ensuring agencies work together to promote a community involvement in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare by raising awareness through publicity and training.
4. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board's arrangements for developing and reviewing policies and procedures.
5. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board in ensuring agencies have the safest possible practices in relation to the recruitment and selection of all those who work with children in a statutory and voluntary capacity.
6. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board in ensuring adult services recognise the impact of adult problems on children's welfare.
7. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board's arrangements in undertaking reviews of cases where a child had died or has been seriously harmed in circumstances where abuse or neglect is known or suspected. Ensure systems monitor implementation of lesson's learnt from reviews.
8. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board's arrangements in ensuring the workforce is trained to safeguard children and improve safety.
9. Scrutinise the effectiveness of the Safeguarding Children Board in ensuring that the implementation of their Action Plan is on target.
10. Receive reports on matters of local and national relevance relating to the objectives of the Board.
11. To assist in the publication of materials which highlight issues relating to the protection and safety of children.
12. To refer matters of concern back to the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board.
13. To report back formally on these matters in writing to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee after each meeting of the Scrutiny Sub-Group.