

**Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards
Scrutiny Sub-Group**

**Wednesday, 4 July 2012, Committee Room 3
County Offices, Newland, Lincoln**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S F WILLIAMS (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors W J Aron, Mrs C M H Farquharson and J D Hough;

Added Members: Councillor C Burke (District Councils Representative) and Mr Fred Mann JP (Lincolnshire Police Authority)

In attendance: Councillor C R Oxby (Executive Support Councillor, Adult Social Care)

Officers in attendance: Chris Cook (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Simon Evans (Scrutiny Officer), Paula Whitehead (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager) and Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs P A Mathers and R A Shore; and Richard Childs (NHS Lincolnshire), Mrs E J Olivier-Townrow (Parent Governor Representative) and Steve Tyrrell (Foster Carer)

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor S F Williams declared a personal interest as his wife was a member of the Board of Boston Women's Aid.

Councillor J D Hough declared a personal interest as his wife was a Non-Executive Director of the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust and he was a Member.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP HELD ON 11 APRIL 2012

It was noted that Lynne Young, Independent Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board was not in attendance as her tenure as Chair of the Board had come to an end.

AGREED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 11 April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. **INCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD BUSINESS**

4. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) were presented as follows:-

(a) Minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, Operational Delivery Group held on 15 March 2012

During discussion of the minutes, the following points were noted:

- In relation to Minute 12, it was reported that work was on-going to persuade more GPs to agree to perform medical examinations of children who had been victims of sexual abuse. On a related matter, the Sub Group was advised that two new paediatricians had been appointed in Lincolnshire;
- In relation to Minute 14, Chris Cook updated the Group on sexual exploitation. This was an area that required prioritisation as there were some pockets of south east Lincolnshire where sexual exploitation was occurring. A scoping exercise was being undertaken to identify activity in relation to sexual exploitation and health and social care were being trained to identify the signs. Fred Mann reported that Lincolnshire Police were considering creating two posts to deal directly with sexual exploitation of children;
- In relation to Private Care Homes under Any Other Business, it was reported that there were approximately 24 looked after children from Lincolnshire in out of county placements (for legitimate reasons), in contrast to the 271 children from outside of the county who were placed in care homes within Lincolnshire.

(b) Minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, Strategic Management Group held on 19 April 2012

- In relation to Minute 9/10 it was reported that schools rated by Ofsted as less than outstanding for their safeguarding policies and practices, could still be awarded outstanding for their overall assessment. This was a recent change to inspection framework;
- The Sub Group was advised that the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board would be making its response to the Ofsted consultation *Working Together*. The Sub Group asked whether it was appropriate for the Sub Group to have any input into this consultation;
- One member of the Sub Group had seen the *Chelsea's Choice* training. It was suggested that the remaining members of the Sub Group might wish to see this training;

(c) Minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Operational Delivery Group held on 10 May 2012

- No comments were made regarding these minutes.

AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

5. CHILD PROTECTION CONFERENCES

Chris Cook and Paula Whitehead would shortly be meeting with the independent chairs of child protection conferences in order to resolve issues relating to decision making and attendance.

AGREED

That the verbal report be noted.

6. SECTION 11 AUDIT

It was reported that the Section 11 audit had now been completed. A report, following the audit, was being produced. All immediate actions identified during the audit had been completed and some actions were ongoing. However, there were no significant shortfalls in service.

AGREED

That the verbal report be noted.

7. INVOLVEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH LSCB

Chris Cook visited the Lincoln Intergrated Domestic Abuse Service (LIDAS) refuge to talk to Kids Against Domestic Abuse (KADA). It had been suggested that children representing KADA, could pass their experience and knowledge onto other children to aid the safeguarding process.

A lady from Lincoln's Polish community would be joining the Communities Sub Group which could help the LSCB to engage with eastern European children in Lincoln.

Discussion took place regarding adoption and fostering figures and whether these should be included in LSCB data. Chris Cook would take this issue to the next meeting of the Board in July for further discussion.

AGREED

That the verbal report be noted.

JOINT LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB) AND LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD (LSAB)

8. VETTING AND BARRING

Paula Whitehead informed the Group about the review of the Vetting and Barring Scheme as set out in the Protection of Freedoms Act 2012 and a briefing paper was circulated. The changes would be coming into force on 10 September 2012 and transitional arrangements would be in place prior to this date.

It was emphasised that the intention was the new regulations would not incur extra cost to applicants.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

The Group considered their work programme for the coming months.

Reference was made to a report published by the Care Quality Commission on 25 June 2012 entitled *Learning Disabilities Inspection Programme*. The Sub Group asked whether the Strategic Adults and Dignity Board would be considering the report as part of its work programme.

The Sub Group also requested a visit to the Sexual Assault Referral Centre and it was agreed that this would be arranged.

AGREED

That the work programme and changes made therein, be noted.

LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD BUSINESS

10. SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD AGENDA AND PAPERS

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Mandy Cooke was unable to be present and it was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

AGREED

That the Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board agenda and papers be deferred until the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 3.00pm.