

LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP

**THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2013, COMMITTEE ROOM 3, COUNTY OFFICES,
NEWLAND, LINCOLN**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR S F WILLIAMS (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors Mrs C M H Farquharson, J D Hough, Mrs P A Mathers and R A Shore.

Councillor C R Oxby (Executive Support Councillor, Adult Social Care) also attended the meeting.

Officers in attendance: Elaine Baylis (Independent Chairperson, Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board), Chris Cook (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Mandy Cooke (Head of Safeguarding), Katrina Cope (Democratic and Civic Services Team Leader), Simon Evans (Scrutiny Officer), Tracy Johnson (Scrutiny Officer) and Paula Whitehead (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Business Manager).

The Chairman on behalf of the Group welcomed Elaine Baylis, (Independent Chairperson, Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board) to her first meeting.

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell (Executive Councillor for Children's Services & Lifelong Learning), Councillor G A Marsh (Executive Councillor Adult Social Care) and Councillor C Burke (District Councils Representative).

An apology was also received from Janice Spencer (Assistant Director of Children's Services).

24. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

**25. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY
SUB-GROUP 18 OCTOBER 2012**

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 18 October 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD BUSINESS

26. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING ON 4 OCTOBER 2012

It was confirmed that District Councils had their own Safeguarding Group. If District Councils wanted to raise issues regarding the Domestic Abuse Strategy and the setting up of a task and finish group as highlighted, enquiries should be made to Karen Shooter (Domestic Advice Co-ordinator).

It was highlighted that work was currently underway looking into the setting up of one strategic board which would bring a number of the boards and agencies together; this would then present a more holistic approach.

The Scrutiny-Sub Group extended their support to the establishment of one board. Officers agreed to bring the item back to the Scrutiny Sub-Group, once a way forward had been finalised.

It was highlighted further that there needed to be linkage also to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

AGREED

1. That the minutes be noted.
2. That a report concerning the establishment of a strategic board be considered by the Scrutiny Sub-Group at a future meeting.

27. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD OPERATIONAL DELIVERY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 25 OCTOBER 2012

During consideration of the minutes, the Scrutiny Sub-Group made reference to Looked After Children gone missing, as there appeared to be an assumption that these children were in school when they were not. As some of these children were placed here from other authorities, the Scrutiny Sub-Group agreed that they would like a further report concerning what's happening with regard to finances and what was happening to deal with the situation.

AGREED

1. That the minutes be noted.
2. That a report relating to what's happening with regard to missing Looked After Children and the costs attributed in dealing with the situation be considered by the Scrutiny Sub-Group at a future meeting.

28. CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION (PRESENTATION)

The Scrutiny Sub-Group received a short presentation from Chris Cook and Paula Whitehead, which provided awareness of what constituted Child Sexual Exploitation; an update on the National and Lincolnshire context and to advise members of current activity and future plans for work in this area.

From discussion, officer agreed to speak to school counsellors regarding joining the Board.

AGREED

That the presentation be noted.

JOINT BUSINESS

29. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2013

The Scrutiny Sub-Group considered its work programme for the coming months.

It was agreed that the Terms of Reference for the new Inter Agency Case Review group should be programmed for consideration by the Scrutiny Sub-Group.

The Scrutiny Officer extended an invite to members of the Scrutiny Sub-Group to attend the following meetings:-

LSCB Operational Delivery Group on 24 January 2013;
LSCB Strategic Management Group on 31 January 2013; and
Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board on 6 March 2013.

Councillor J D Hough confirmed he would be able to attend the meeting scheduled to be held on 31 March 2013. The Scrutiny Officer agreed to liaise with members after the meeting about attendance at the meetings on 24 and 31 January 2013.

AGREED

1. That the work programme be agreed, subject to the inclusion of the additional items identified at minute number 26(2) and 27(2) above.
2. That the Scrutiny Officer would liaise with members regarding attendance at the above mentioned meetings.

LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD BUSINESS

30. MINUTES OF THE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS OPERATIONAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2012

AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

31. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 5 DECEMBER 2012

During consideration of the minutes, the Scrutiny Sub-Group made reference to human trafficking and Domestic Homicide Review. Both items raised were serious issues. Officers reassured that work was on going, but there was always more that can be done particularly joined up working.

Reference was also made to the accompanying documents to the above mentioned minutes, particularly the National Customer Service Centre Safeguarding Analysis as detailed at Appendix C at (9.1) and the Care Quality Commission's approach to safeguarding; what the providers need to know as show at Appendix D at (9.1). The data presented did cause officers some initial concerns but from further investigation it had become apparent that the difference was as a result of how calls received had been recorded. Lincolnshire did not have 980 areas of concern.

The Scrutiny Sub-Group also raised concerns in relation to Appendix F Safeguarding Adults 2011 from the Directors of Adult Social Services, particular reference was made to outcomes; the role of boards and effectiveness.

AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

32. DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS

Consideration was given to a report from the Chief Executive and Director of Adult Social Services, which provided the Scrutiny Sub-Group with information on the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board's consideration of the Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards.

Attached to the report presented were three documents that the Scrutiny Sub-Group was asked to consider.

Note: Councillor J D Hough wished it to be noted that his wife sat on various mental health boards.

During discussion the following issues were raised:-

- The County Council's was taking responsibility for all Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards in hospitals and care homes from 1 April 2013;
- The potential reputational risk for the authority from taking on the extra responsibilities;
- Training – It was noted that the health service had previously provided staff with one day training. It was highlighted that the Councils approach was to do multi-agency training; and

- Funding – The Scrutiny Sub-Group was advised that a sum of £20,000 had been allocated for this function which it was felt would not be sufficient due to the risks associated with this responsibility.

AGREED

That the report and associated appendices be noted.

33. BOARD BUSINESS PLANNING 2013/14

AGREED

That the plan be noted.

34. DRAFT CARE AND SUPPORT BILL – VIEWS OF THE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD

The Scrutiny Sub-Group gave consideration to a report from the Chief Executive and Director for Adults Social Services, which advised members of the views of the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board on the Safeguarding Clauses in the Draft Care and Support Bill.

A copy of the final report of the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board was attached at Appendix A for the Scrutiny Sub-Groups consideration.

The Scrutiny Sub-Group was advised that one of the main concerns was the proposed definition of a vulnerable adult. There appeared to be at least five definitions, but the definition in the Draft Care and Support Bill was that a vulnerable adult was one who “has needs for care and support”, which was very broad.

Some concern was also raised in relation to the clause in the draft Bill relating to the protection of property of persons cared for away from home, and the potential for criminal allegation when a Local Authority staff member enters a property of an estranged family member which could be seen as an opportunity for litigation and generate compensation.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.10 p.m.