

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
 BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP
 28 SEPTEMBER 2016**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C R OXBY (CHAIRMAN)

Lincolnshire County Council: Councillors D Brailsford, S R Dodds, C E D Mair and Mrs M J Overton MBE.

District Council: Councillor M Exton.

Parent Governor: Dr E van der Zee.

Also in attendance:

Chris Cook (Independent Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Dave Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager), Barry Earnshaw (Independent Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Cheryl Hall (Democratic Services Officer), Caroline Mogg (CSE Co-ordinator) and Jade Sullivan (LSCB Audit and Policy Officer).

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed Councillor M Exton (District Council Representative) and Dr E van der Zee (Parent Governor Representative) to their first meeting of the Sub-Group.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs L A Rollings and Mrs P A Bradwell (Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health and Children's Services).

It was noted that Councillors C E D Mair and Mrs M J Overton MBE were attending the meeting on behalf of Councillors Mrs S Ransome and R A H McAuley, respectively, for this meeting only.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6 APRIL 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes from the meeting held on 6 April 2016 be approved.

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RESOLVED

That the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 6 July 2016 be approved.

11 KEY MESSAGES FROM LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

The Independent Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board circulated a briefing paper, which covered the following areas: -

- Partnership working (local, regional and national);
- Work Plan Progress;
- Concluding remarks.

It was highlighted that there had recently been a Peer Review on Lincolnshire County Council's Adult Social Care. The review had focused on Adult Frailty and Long Term Conditions; and Safeguarding. The Chair provided an update on the key outcomes of the Peer Review for the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Members were advised that the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2015/16 and Strategy 2016-18 had now been finalised. Both documents would be circulated to all key partners and would be made available on the Safeguarding website.

The Sub-Group was advised that there were currently eight safeguarding adults reviews; and nine domestic homicide reviews (as well as four serious case reviews) underway.

The Chairman commented that the safeguarding agenda was challenging, but the work that the Board was doing locally, regionally and nationally, and a further partnership development approach, meant that the Board was well placed to achieve its goals.

The Sub-Group was also advised that the Board now had representation from Lincoln University. It was suggested that the Board should highlight the issue of cyber-crime, particularly with new university students, with the University.

A member queried whether the Safeguarding Adults Board had been involved in the formation of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP), particularly its impact on safeguarding. In response, Members were advised that the Executive Director with responsibility for Adult Care had been asked to identify safeguarding issues for input into the STP process.

A discussion took place regarding harmful cultural practices and suicide and self-harm, which were areas the Board was working on with Public Health. It was queried whether there was a link between the services provided within the community and suicide rates within that area.

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The Independent Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board advised Members he was scheduled to meet with the Interim-Governor of HMP Lincoln to discuss the safeguarding agenda. Further to this, the Sub-Group was advised that the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board had been working closely with HMP Lincoln regarding its responsibilities around safeguarding children.

RESOLVED

That the update report be noted.

12 SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Sub-Group on current Safeguarding Adults Reviews (SAR) (formerly known as Serious Case Reviews), which were going through the early information gathering process.

Reference was made to four SARs currently going through the review process, details of which were in the report and the Sub-Group was updated on the progress and current situation of each.

Members were advised that there was currently regional review taking place, which should enable Boards to identify themes and to share expertise.

Members were provided with an opportunity to ask questions in relation to the four SARs and officers responded to those questions raised.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

13 SAFEGUARDING PEER REVIEW VISIT

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Sub-Group with an update on the recent Adult Care Peer Review visit, in particular the findings and recommendations reported for the Safeguarding Adults Board.

Members were advised that between 27 and 29 June 2016 a number of members from the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS) had visited Lincoln to conduct a Peer Review on specific areas within Lincolnshire's Adult Care Services. Following the visit, the Team of Inspectors from ADASS had produced a report setting out its findings and offering recommendations for these, and those directly and indirectly impacting on the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board were detailed within the report.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

14 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND ITS SUB GROUPS

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Sub-Group with an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board and its Sub-Groups.

The Independent Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board advised that the Board was actively preparing for inspection, owing to the changes in the inspection arrangements for Domestic Homicide Reviews; Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabularies; Her Majesty's Inspector of Probation; Care Quality Commission; and Ofsted.

Members were advised that the Serious Incident Review Group was currently managing three commissioned reviews in Lincolnshire. Officers responded to questions raised.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

15 SERIOUS CASE REVIEWS

Minute 14 refers.

16 LSCB POLICY AND AUDIT UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report which provided an overview of the policy and audit development of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board. In addition, a sample communications pack was attached at Appendix 3.

Members were advised that the following policies were developed or reviewed and uploaded to the policy manual in September 2016: -

- Child Protection Conference Complaints Policy;
- Child Death Guidance;
- Initial Child Protection Conference;
- Arrangements for children who are subject to a Children Protection Plan;
- Domestic Abuse Protocol; and
- Local Contacts.

A number of policies were currently under review or being developed and included:-

- Working with sexually active young people;
- E-safety guidance;
- Concealed and Denied Pregnancy;
- Consent and competency guidance;

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- Banned Items Schools Guidance; and
- Drug Policy Schools Guidance.

Members were advised that policies were continually reviewed and updated, where required. Partner agencies were notified of any changes to policies via the e-courier.

Members were also advised that the Board had both a large scale and case file audit programme. The strategic audit programme comprised of the large scale deep dive audits that the Board was undertaking, using a variety of methodology from interviews with front line practitioners, discussions with families and children, agency self-evaluations and case file reviews.

It was noted that it had been agreed at the 2016 Annual General Meeting in June 2016, that the large scale audit programme would be reduced to a maximum of two a year and the case file audits would be developed in include engagement with families and children, and an opportunity for key professional reflection.

A discussion took place regarding the audit reports on Child Sexual Exploitation and Children who go missing; and Domestic Abuse, which were detailed at Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

In response to a question, each agency which was represented on the Board was asked to provide assurance on how they would tackle required changes in culture. However, the Board recognised that this would not be easy to achieve and this was a long-term goal.

In response to a question, officers stated that it was recognised that more work was required around linking Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) with other pieces of work. The Sub-Group was advised of the workload of the MARAC.

Reference was made to the twelve questions on page 69 of the report, and it was agreed that the audit tool and questions (as referred to as appendix one) would be emailed to Members for their information.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

17 IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Consideration was given to a presentation concerning *Stop Child Sexual Exploitation – Development of the Multi-Agency Child Exploitation meeting (MACE) Model*. The presentation provided detailed information, covering the following areas: -

- Background;
- Administration;
- Attendance;
- Impact;
- MACE Governance; and

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- Challenges.

Members were advised that MACE had been running for a period of three months and provided a way of managing Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and missing risk in the community, building on successful models from elsewhere in the UK. Meetings of MACE were attended by a number of agencies and people directly working with the young person or managing the perpetrator.

Officers confirmed that the MACE would be reviewed after six months to evaluate its outcomes.

RESOLVED

That the presentation be noted.

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WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Group considered its work programme for its forthcoming meeting and included the schedule of upcoming Board meetings.

Members were advised that in May 2015, the Local Governance Association and the Centre for Public Scrutiny had published *Safeguarding Children – A Practical Guide for Overview and Scrutiny Councillors*. The table in Appendix C suggested which scrutiny bodies should take a lead on the suggested questions.

Sub-Group representatives to attend forthcoming Board meetings were sought and it was agreed that if any members were able to attend the Board meetings would contact the Health Scrutiny Officer.

RESOLVED

That the work programme be noted.

19 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Members agreed the following dates and times for future meetings: -

- 11 January 2017 at 2.00 pm;
- 28 March 2017 at 10.00 am;
- 5 July 2017 at 10.00 am; and
- 26 September 2017 at 10.00 am.

The meeting closed at 4.25 pm.