

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING  
 BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP  
 11 JANUARY 2017**

**PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C R OXBY (CHAIRMAN)**

**Lincolnshire County Council:** Councillors S R Dodds (Vice-Chairman), D Brailsford, R A H McAuley, Mrs S Ransome and Mrs L A Rollings.

**District Council:** District Councillor M Exton.

Councillor Mrs M J Overton attended the meeting as an observer.

Officers in attendance:- Dave Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Caroline Mogg (CSE Co-ordinator), Andrew Morris (LSCB Business Manager) and Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer).

20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Emile van der Zee (Parent Governor Representative).

21 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor S R Dodds declared an interest in Item 29 as her husband was a serving fire fighter for Humberside Fire and Rescue.

22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2016

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group meeting held on 11 January 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD BUSINESS**

23 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE LSCB AND ITS SUB GROUP

The Sub Group considered a report which provided an update on the work being undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and its sub groups.

During discussion, the following points were noted:

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- A new sub-group covering education had been formed which had already had its first meeting where the PREVENT strategy had been discussed;
- Child Sexual Exploitation prevention continued to work well; and
- Work with the Department for Education was in the planning stages for the LSCB to work with central Government in shaping and designing the model and role of Children's Safeguarding Boards in the future. It was hoped this work would promote the Board as a leading model.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**24 SERIOUS CASE REVIEW**

Consideration was given to a report which provided the Sub Group with an update on the work currently being undertaken by the LSCB on a Serious Case Review – SCR E.

The Serious Case Review had now been published and the LSCB officers had met with the family before publication. It was agreed that the case had presented a series of exceptional circumstances which, the Review had concluded, could not have been predicted or prevented.

The Sub Group discussed the circumstances of the case at great length.

**RESOLVED**

That the report be noted.

**25 UPDATE ON THE NEW OFSTED INSPECTION FRAMEWORK**

A report was considered which provided the Sub Group with an update on the recent inspection of the multi-agency response to Protecting Children from Domestic Abuse.

It was requested that gratitude to Jade Sullivan (LSCB Policy & Audit Officer) and Caroline Mogg (CSE Co-ordinator) be recorded for their help during the inspection. It had been a substantial amount of work for them to complete.

The inspection report was good and there were no obvious recommendations within it. Officers were in the process of teasing any helpful advice out of the text itself.

Following questions from Sub-Group members the following was confirmed:

- There was a discussion regarding the Police's involvement in protecting children from domestic abuse. The Police had a backlog of referrals concerning domestic abuse. This work and investigating other crimes meant there was less time for them to be on other duties. From a Child Sexual Exploitation perspective, the Police were working hard on investigations; and

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- There were concerns that Ofsted had not undertaken enough research on referrals as the report stated schools were not familiar with the referrals process, however only one member of staff from one school had been asked. When schools were asked about referrals, following the report's publication, many knew well the purpose and process of referrals.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

26     LSCB POLICY AND AUDIT UPDATE

The Sub Group considered a report which provided an overview of the policy and audit development of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board.

It was reported that policies were constantly being reviewed and updated and different areas of LSCB work were frequently audited, the next area being mental health.

Concerns were raised regarding the number of briefings given to parents on technology and the risks it posed regarding child protection and safety. It was felt that too many briefings may lose their impact.

The Board had carried out a 'Moksted' inspection on its own case files to make sure its policies and procedures were watertight.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

27     IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the work currently being undertaken by the LSCB in relation to the identification and prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

During consideration of the report, the following points were noted:

- Some young people were exposed to CSE as they had run away from home. This was felt to be a way for those young people to feel like they had asserted control over their lives;
- With boys in this situation, it was harder to identify if CSE had occurred. A more effective way of assessing this was needed;
- The LSCB had a CSE Sub-Group which was focussing on these issues along with a Task and Finish Group looking at risk assessments around perpetrators; and
- There had been three successful police prosecutions following CSE investigations which were detailed in the report.

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Questions from the Sub Group members, confirmed the following:

- Successful prosecutions were prompting other victims to come forward and some of the cases had been committed by people with respectable positions within the community;
- There was discussion regarding *Kayleigh's Love Story*, a short film made to effectively communicate the risks of CSE to young people and parents, however it was felt the film was not truly representative of the majority of CSE cases. It was felt the film put the onus on the child to be careful and safe and no responsibility on the offender. This was not the message that the LSCB wished to send out to young people; and
- CSE tended to occur outside of the home most often with sexual abuse being more likely to occur in the home.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS****28     KEY MESSAGES FROM LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD**

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Sub Group on the key issues from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB), the last meeting of which was held on 12 December 2016.

There were several key messages from the Board which were summarised as follows:

- A half day development session for the Board members and key agency representatives had been held in November and the outcomes from it had been reported to the Board. They would also be fed into the work plan and the business plan. Development workshops had become a regular feature of the Board's work;
- A pilot project around a Peer Review Inspection for the Board was being organised between Lincolnshire and Leicestershire. So far it had highlighting that the relationship between independent chairs of boards within the region was not very strong. Following evaluation of the Peer Review pilot, it was possible it could be rolled out nationally;
- At a recent meeting of the Public Protection Board, the LSAB were asked to give a strategic overview around suicide prevention. A charter on suicide prevention had been developed which had been adopted by all agencies; and
- Having been asked to report to the Board on their findings in care providers in Lincolnshire, the CQC (Care Quality Commission) had reported that 71% presented as rated 'good' or above and 29% as 'requires improvement'. Although this followed a national pattern, it was noted that for Lincolnshire, its

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result showed a dip in performance and the reason for this needed to be identified.

Following a question from a member of the Sub Group regarding the source of risk to vulnerable adults, which had been printed in the report as a pie chart, it was confirmed that the figures were subject to change and Officers were confident that once data from all agencies had been received, the figures would be accurate.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

29     SAFEGUARDING ADULTS REVIEWS

The Sub Group considered a report which provided an update on the current Safeguarding Adult Reviews currently going through the early information gathering process.

The following points were noted:

- TH19 (formerly Operation Dungeon) was slightly overrunning due to the impact the investigation was having on agencies. This was a large case involving multiple perpetrators with detailed information to be considered;
- The Long Leys Court In-patient Unit had been closed following a safeguarding issue and there were many lessons to be learnt from this case;
- The Dunston Fire case was a joint review with Domestic Abuse. The Review had been temporarily suspended owing to illness of the Independent Chair;
- HT was the result of a Significant Incident Notification Form and involved Lincolnshire Police, Humberside Police and EMAS regarding a lady who absconded from an accident and emergency department and later died; and
- GW, another result of a Significant Incident Notification Form, regarding a lady who had died of septicaemia as a result of an acute bed sore that had been allowed to develop whilst in a care home.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

**JOINT BUSINESS**

30     LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP  
WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub Group's programme of work for the coming months was discussed and agreed.

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RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.55 p.m.