

Open Report on behalf of Debbie Barnes, Executive Director of Children's Services

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	10 March 2017
Subject:	Joint Targeted Area Inspection on Domestic Abuse and Neglect in Lincolnshire - Action Plan

Summary:

The Action Plan attached at Appendix B responds to the specific findings set out in the Joint Targeted Area Inspection of the multi-agency response to abuse and neglect in Lincolnshire report. The inspection included an in depth focus on the response to children living with domestic abuse.

Actions Required:

The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the Joint Targeted Area Inspection Action Plan and seek assurance on the issues raised.

1. Background

In September and October 2016 Lincolnshire was the subject of a Joint Targeted Area Inspection (JTAI) into front line practice and the leadership and management in relation to multi-agency arrangements to protect children. The inspection was led by Ofsted with parallel inspections of Police, Youth Offending Service (YOS), Probation, health providers and commissioners through the Care Quality Commission (CQC) with a "deep dive theme" around Domestic Abuse.

The inspection focused on children and young people at risk of Domestic Abuse and sought to evaluate the following:

- A.** The multi-agency response to all forms of child abuse and neglect at the point of identification, referral and notification;
- B.** The quality and impact of assessment and decision making in response to those notifications and referrals;
- C.** The experiences of a specific cohort of children and young people at risk of harm through a 'deep dive' investigation – this involved case tracking with an 'end to end' look at specific children's experience and includes reviewing case records and discussions with children, their families/carers and the

practitioners supporting them as well as a wider process of case sampling that looks at themes;

- D.** The leadership and management of this work and the effectiveness of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) in these areas – inspectors will also arrange to meet key partners

The Action Plan is attached at Appendix B which responds to the specific findings of the Inspection Report. It must be noted that Ofsted does not provide a "rating" and only provides a narrative response. In summary, the report is positive with areas of development and improvements identified throughout; there were no immediate concerns identified and no cases were escalated.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to consider and comment on the content of the attached Action Plan.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Letter - Domestic Abuse Joint Targeted Area Inspection
Appendix B	Domestic Abuse Joint Targeted Area Inspection Action Plan (including Addaction Action Plan)

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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