



**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP
28 MARCH 2017**

PRESENT: COUNCILLOR C R OXBY (CHAIRMAN)

Councillors S R Dodds (Vice-Chairman), D Brailsford, Mrs S Ransome and M Exton

Added Member: Councillor M Exton (District Council representative)

Safeguarding Boards Chairman: Barry Earnshaw (Adults Safeguarding Board)

Officers in attendance:-

Steve Blagg (Democratic Services Officer), Dave Culy (Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Manager), Simon Evans (Health Scrutiny Officer), Andrew Morris (LSCB Business Manager) and Jade Sullivan (LSCB Audit and Policy Officer)

31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R A H McAuley, Dr Emile van der Zee (Parent Governor Representative) and Chris Cook (Children's Safeguarding Board Chairman).

32 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this stage of the meeting.

**33 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE
SAFEGUARDING SCRUTINY SUB- GROUP HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2017**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 11 January 2017, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the deletion of "Fire Fighter for Humberside Fire and Rescue" and the addition of "Policeman for Humberside Police" (minute 21).

34 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS

34a Key Messages from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an update of the key issues from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board to be held on 29 March 2017.

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Barry Earnshaw, the Chair of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board, stated that there was a need to ensure that future meetings of the Board were aligned with meetings of the Sub-Group. He tabled a paper which was due to be presented to the Board on the 29 March 2017, including his local, regional and national activities since the last meeting of the Board on 14 December 2016. He reported that he had visited HM Prison, Lincoln and stated that the Prison Service had its own safeguarding procedures which the Board was satisfied and added that health and education in prisons was externally funded.

Since the publication of the report officers gave an update which included the establishment of a Suicide Overview Panel. With the oversight of Public Health all suicides, lessons learnt and prevention measures for the future were being reviewed and reported to the Panel. Details were provided of a case involving four suicides by eastern Europeans in the Boston area. Officers stated that information was now obtained from the Coroner and every unexplained death of a child and adult was reviewed.

Officers responded to comments by the Sub-Group in connection with the quarterly dashboard statistics including providing more detail of the various sources of risk, explaining the reasons for the "31 not recorded enquiries" which was mainly caused by a delay in the recording of data and explained the increase in "neglect and acts of omission" in November 2016, which could not be substantiated and might have been caused by someone failing to administer medication. All increases in types of abuse reported were investigated.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub Group and the responses of officers be noted.

34b Safeguarding Adults Reviews

(Councillor S R Dodds requested that a note should be made in the minutes that her husband was a Policeman for Humberside Police in connection with case "HT").

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an update on the current Safeguarding Adult Reviews (formerly Serious Case Reviews) currently being undertaken.

The following issues were drawn to the Sub-Group's attention:-

(a) TH19 (formerly Operation Dungeon)

- The author of the Safeguarding Adult Review report had been impressed with all of the reports by other agencies. The Safeguarding Adult Review was expected to be published in early June 2017 and would be submitted to the Safeguarding Adults Board and then to agencies with publication expected towards the end of June/early July.

(b) Long Leys Court

- A report author had been engaged to write the Safeguarding Adult Review report.

(c) SARDHR2015E (Dunston Fire)

- A meeting was held on 10 February to confirm the terms of reference including the chronology requirements and internal management review template.

(d) HT and GW

- A business meeting would be arranged at the end of April and a chronology would be established for both of these cases.

Officers stated that in the Dunston fire case an investigation was arranged as a result of the report from the emergency services into the fatalities. With regard to the dissemination of information to agencies and the Banks in connection with "TH19" case, officers stated that a one page executive summary would be prepared for front line staff and would include information on the lessons learnt. A lot of work was going on nationally in connection with the banking sector and the Police were working with Banks to identify vulnerable people.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers be noted.

35 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (LSCB) BUSINESS

35a Update on the work of the LSCB and its Sub Group

The Sub-Group received a report which provided an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Safeguarding Children Board and its Sub-Groups.

Officers highlighted the following issues:-

- All unexplained deaths had to be reviewed and there was a need for more connectivity with the Safeguarding Adult Board.
- The outcome of one Serious Case Incident Review was awaiting decision by Chris Cook, Chairman of the Safeguarding Children Board.
- The attendance of schools in the Safeguarding Children Board Education Sub-Group was growing and there had been a lot of information sharing with schools on safeguarding issues.
- Future areas for examination by the Safeguarding Children Board included neglect.

Officers stated that various methods were arranged to overcome the problem of those parents who were not prepared to engage in their children's education.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers be noted.

35b Serious Case Reviews

It was noted that Serious Case Reviews had already been considered in minute 38. Officers stated the reason for the use of different headings on this matter between the two Safeguarding Boards was a Government decision. It was noted that there was to be a joint Adults and Children's Safeguarding Board review of domestic abuse.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

35c LSCB Policy and Audit Update

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

The following issues were highlighted in connection with those policies developed or reviewed before being uploaded to the policy manual in April 2017:-

- Concealed/Denied Pregnancy guidance – this guidance was now complete and would be issued in April and consideration was being given on how the guidance was to be communicated to agencies.
- Child Protection Conference Complaints Policy – this guidance had now been updated and was now effective.
- Female Genital Mutilation information sharing flow chart – it was proposed to share this information with the NHS.

The following issues were highlighted in connection with those policies which were currently under review or being developed:-

- Working with sexually active young people—practical issues needed to be included, e.g. contraception.
- Consent and competency guidance – the title of the guidance had changed to "schools authorising without parents knowing. This was a difficult area and the guidance was expected to be issued in September 2017 and would be welcomed by schools.
- Criminalisation of children in care – this guidance was nearly complete and it was proposed to use restorative justice instead of the criminal system in the future.

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- Children and young people who display sexually inappropriate or harmful behaviour – this guidance was being examined and would eventually be reviewed by the Child Sexual Exploitation group.
- Children Visiting Psychiatric Wards and Facilities – work was on-going and guidance should be straight forward to produce.

With regard to the Policy Implementation Impact Assessment this would be used by the Safeguarding Children Board to measure the impact of new policies within partner agencies and the information received analysed.

Officers stated that they would report details of the large scale audit of self-harm to the next meeting of the Sub-Group. They stated that ten case of self-harm had been obtained from Accident and Emergency and a questionnaire was being prepared for GPs and schools.

Comments made by the Sub-Group and the response of officers included:-

- Children in Care needed more protection as most came from very difficult backgrounds and criminalising their behaviour was wrong. Officers stated that it was the wish of all agencies to resolve this matter as there was no wish to criminalise these children and there was a need to engage with private care providers about this issue.
- Officers stated that on occasion children might need to visit an adult or parents in a Psychiatric Ward.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers, be noted.

35d Identification and Prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation

The Sub-Group received a report in connection with an update on the work currently being undertaken by the Safeguarding Children Board in relation to the identification and prevention of Child Sexual Exploitation. Officers stated that this area should be broadened to encompass other related areas such as mental health, missing children and drug abuse.

Officers gave details of the multi-agency review which was examining the support provided to one of the young people subject to oversight by Multi-Agency Child Exploitation (MACE). Officers stated that by talking to the individual this would it provide an opportunity to learn lessons.

Officers stated the training provided to taxi drivers on child sexual exploitation had proved to be very useful.

(Note: Councillor Mrs S Ransome requested that a note should be made in the minutes that she was a taxi driver).

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Comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers included the following:-

- A member noted that the reported take-up of training by taxi drivers in the South Kesteven District Council area was low and he would raise this matter with the Council.
- Many taxi drivers who operated in Stamford were from Peterborough area and therefore there was a need to check that these drivers had been trained. Officers agreed to examine the matter.
- Was training compulsory and what happened if a driver was not trained? Officers stated that training was compulsory and no licence was issued to a driver who had not been trained.
- The NHS was a big user of taxis and an enquiry was made about the safeguarding undertaken. Officers stated that the NHS had their own safeguarding vetting procedures for taxi drivers.

RESOLVED

That the report, comments made by the Sub-Group and the responses of officers, be noted.

36 JOINT BUSINESS

37 LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP
WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Group received a report in connection with its Work Programme. The Sub-Group was informed that because a Councillor Safeguarding Children event had been arranged on the morning of 5 July 2017 this coincided with the next meeting of the Sub-Group. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Sub-Group should be re-arranged for 2pm on 5 July 2017.

The Chairman stated that this was the last meeting of the Sub-Group before the County Council Election in May and he took the opportunity to thank officers and members for their contribution towards the work of the Sub-Group. He also thanked Barry Earnshaw, Chairman of the Lincolnshire Children's Safeguarding Board and his predecessor, Elaine Baylis.

RESOLVED

That the Sub-Group's Work Programme be noted subject to the next meeting of the Sub-Group being re-arranged to 2pm on 5 July 2017.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am