



**Open Report on behalf of David O'Connor,
Executive Director Performance and Governance**

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	14 June 2013
Subject:	Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub Group – Introductory Item

Summary:

This report invites the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee to develop an understanding of the arrangements for enabling councillors on overview and scrutiny committees to review and scrutinise the safeguarding activities of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, and the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board. These scrutiny functions are undertaken by a Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub Group, which involve six members of the County Council, together with other representatives.

Actions Required:

1. To develop an understanding of the processes for scrutinising the activities of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, and the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board.
2. To note and consider the draft minutes from the last meeting of the Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub Group held on 14 March 2013.

1. Background

Introduction

Safeguarding adults and safeguarding children are key activities for the County Council. These services are delivered within Adult Care and Children's Services. In each case the relevant officers from the County Council participate in multi-agency boards, which include representatives from the NHS (commissioners and providers); and the Police, as well as other bodies. The two multi-agency boards are called: -

- the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board; and
- the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board.

Membership

A Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub Group is established in order to scrutinise the activities of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, and the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board. The Scrutiny Sub Group meets on a quarterly basis.

The Membership of the Scrutiny Sub-Group consists of: -

- Six Lincolnshire County Councillors
- Additional members who are not county councillors, which include
 - 1 District Council elected member
 - 1 Parent Governor
 - 1 Foster Carer

The Lincolnshire Police Authority was represented on the Sub Group until November 2012, when that body was abolished. The Police and Crime Commissioner has been approached for a representative on the Sub Group but is unable to nominate a representative at the present time.

A non-executive director of Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust also served on the Sub Group until 31 March 2013, when that organisation was abolished. A representative from one of the clinical commissioning groups in Lincolnshire has been sought but unfortunately they are unable to provide a representative at this time.

If the Police and Crime Commissioner and the clinical commissioning groups were to be represented, this would take overall membership of the Sub Group to eleven members.

Chairman and Vice-Chairman

According to the approved arrangements, the Chairman of the Sub Group will be a member of either the Adults Scrutiny Committee or the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, with the Vice Chairman appointed from the other scrutiny committee.

Role and Terms of Reference

The essential role of the Scrutiny Sub Group is to satisfy itself that the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, and the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board are both operating effectively, for example, in terms of multi-agency representation and participation; consideration of the key safeguarding issues; and the outcomes from each Board.

The terms of reference of the Sub Group are set out in Appendix A of this report.

Reporting Arrangements

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group reports to the Adults Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. Following each meeting of the Scrutiny Sub-Group, a written report, including the

minutes of the Scrutiny Sub-Group meeting, is presented to the next meeting of the Adults Scrutiny Committee and the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee.

The draft minutes from the last meeting of the Scrutiny Sub Group on 14 March 2013 are attached at Appendix B. As the Sub-Group considers both adults' and children's safeguarding matters, the remit of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee is to focus on those aspects of the minutes that relate to children's safeguarding or matters of general safeguarding policy.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to develop an understanding of the processes for scrutinising the activities of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board, and the Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board.

The Committee is also invited to note and consider the draft minutes from the last meeting of the Scrutiny Sub Group on 14 March 2013.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Terms of Reference of Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub Group
Appendix B	Draft Minutes from the meeting of the Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub Group held on 14 March 2013

4. 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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