

**Open Report on behalf of Glen Garrod,
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Report to:	Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Date:	5 September 2018
Subject:	Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy

Summary:

Lincolnshire County Council is a Commissioning Council and is organised in line with 17 Commissioning Strategies. These Commissioning Strategies are in different stages of readiness. This report has been produced to provide the Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with details of the current Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy. The report also provides information on the key strategic aims recently identified in the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB) Strategy which will be considered when the Council refreshes the Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy in 2019.

Actions Required:

To note the content of the current Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy and to provide feedback that can be considered by the Council's Executive.

1. Background

The Care Act

The Care Act 2014 provides the legal framework for adult safeguarding, setting out the responsibilities of local authorities and their partners. In summary it places a duty on Local Authorities to establish Safeguarding Adults Boards and also stipulates local authorities' responsibilities and those with whom they work, to protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect.

The aims of adult safeguarding are to:

- stop abuse or neglect wherever possible;
- prevent harm and reduce the risk of abuse or neglect to adults with care and support needs;
- safeguard adults in a way that supports them in making choices and having control about how they want to live;

- promote an approach that concentrates on improving life for the adults concerned;
- raise public awareness so that communities as a whole, alongside professionals, play their part in preventing, identifying and responding to abuse and neglect;
- provide information and support in accessible ways to help people understand the different types of abuse, how to stay safe and what to do to raise a concern about the safety or well-being of an adult; and
- address what has caused the abuse or neglect.

Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy

Safeguarding means protecting an adult's right to live in safety, free from abuse and neglect. It is about people and organisations working together to prevent and stop both the risks and experience of abuse or neglect, while at the same time making sure that the adult's wellbeing is promoted including, where appropriate, having regard to their views, wishes, feelings and beliefs in deciding on any action. This must recognise that adults sometimes have complex interpersonal relationships and may be ambivalent, unclear or unrealistic about their personal circumstances.

Each organisation must take responsibility for their contribution to the prevention of adult abuse or neglect and where it does occur, respond appropriately, recognising that adults have the right to be able to determine what happens.

The Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy sets out how Lincolnshire County Council approaches Safeguarding Adults working in partnership with the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB). The Commissioning Strategy was produced in 2015-16 but is scheduled to be refreshed in 2019 following on from the recent publication of the LSAB most recent Strategic Plan.

Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board (LSAB)

The Care Act details the statutory requirement to have a Safeguarding Adults Board and that the Board has three primary functions:

- It must publish a strategic plan that sets out how it will meet its main objectives, and what the members will do to achieve these objectives. The plan must be developed with local community involvement and the Safeguarding Adults Board must consult the Local Health watch organisation.
- The Safeguarding Adults Board must publish an annual report detailing what it has done during the year to achieve its main objectives and to implement its strategic plan. The report should include what each member organisation has done to implement the strategy, as well as detailing the findings of any Safeguarding Adults Reviews, whether completed or on-going.

- It must conduct Safeguarding Adult Reviews in line with Care Act criteria, examining interaction between partner agencies and identifying key learning and service improvements.

The LSAB has an independent chair with Board membership including Adult Care and other statutory and voluntary partners. The Board has recently published a new strategic plan that sets out the key strategic aims that all partners will work together to achieve. These are:

- Prevention and Early Help
- Service User and Carer Engagement
- Quality and Assurance

A copy of the LSAB Strategic Plan can be accessed via the LSAB website.

2. Conclusion

A Commissioning Strategy has been developed by lead commissioners, which needs to be formally agreed by the Council's Executive. A refreshed version of the strategy will be produced in 2019 in consideration of the LSAB Strategy 2018-21 and in line with feedback from the Scrutiny Committee and the Council's Executive.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out??

No

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

The commissioning strategy is considered as part of the wider Council's Risk Management Framework and Audit cycle. The areas of commissioning responsibility are also considered via peer review.

A supplementary risk and impact analysis in relation to this commissioning strategy will also be completed once feedback has been received from the Scrutiny Committee.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Adult Safeguarding Commissioning Strategy

5. Background Papers

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board Strategic Plan 2018-21	LSAB Website www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/lsab/the-lsab/127496.article

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