

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP**

**THURSDAY 25 JULY 2013, COMMITTEE ROOM 3, COUNTY OFFICES,  
 NEWLAND, LINCOLN**

**PRESENT:** Councillors D Brailsford, S R Dodds, P J O'Connor, C R Oxby,  
 Mrs N H J Powell, Mrs S Ransome;

Added Members: Emma Olivier-Townrow (Parent Governor Representative);

In attendance: Chris Cook (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board), Elaine Baylis (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board);

Officers in attendance: Debbie Barnes (Director Children's Services), Mandy Cooke (Head of Safeguarding), Simon Evans (Scrutiny Officer), Tracy Johnson (Scrutiny Officer), Paula Whitehead (LSCB Business Manager) and Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

AGREED

That Councillor P J O'Connor be elected as Chairman for the coming year.

COUNCILLOR P J O'CONNOR IN THE CHAIR

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

AGREED

That Councillor Mrs N H J Powell be elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Burke (District Councils Representative)

4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this stage in the proceedings.

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5. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY  
SUB-GROUP HELD ON 14 MARCH 2013

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 14 March 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND  
DIGNITY BOARD BUSINESS**

6. INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING ADULTS

Mandy Cooke made a presentation to the Sub-Group on adults safeguarding which covered the following areas:

- The purpose of the Adult Safeguarding Board;
- National guidance published by the Department of Health;
- Government's principles on adult safeguarding;
- Care and Support Bill definition;
- The way forward – the vehicle of change.

During questions from members of the Sub Group, the following was confirmed:

- Mandy Cooke explained that better performance indicators were required for private situations between a carer and service user;
- Issues regarding sub-standard care were referred to the Contract Quality and Safeguarding section;
- Mandy Cooke reviewed the training plans of care contractors to ensure they were capable and competent;
- A Workforce Planning and Development Manager ensured all external contracted staff had access to good quality training;
- It was suggested that the Council pay for the training of contracted staff to ensure the Council's standards were met.

It was noted that a report on the Draft Care and Support Bill would be brought to the meeting of the Sub Group on 30 October 2013.

AGREED

That the presentation be noted.

7. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING  
ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 6 MARCH 2013

The Sub Group reviewed the minutes from the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board meeting on 6 March 2013 and it was noted that the Francis Report would remain a standing item on the agenda until the Board's Chair, Elaine Baylis was satisfied all the relevant actions in the Francis report had been completed.

AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

8. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING ADULTS AND DIGNITY BOARD MEETING HELD ON 5 JUNE 2013

The Sub Group considered the minutes from the Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board meeting held on 5 June 2013 and the following points were noted:

- £500k was available over two years for a multi-agency workforce development project to train safeguarding staff. This money would be managed by the Board through a project officer;
- The Board had received an update on a new structure proposal which had been agreed at the Board's June 2013 meeting. A further update would be received at a future meeting.

AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

**LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD BUSINESS**

9. INTRODUCTION TO SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Chris Cook, the Independent Chair of the Board gave a presentation on children's safeguarding which covered the following points:

- What is the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board?
- Statutory functions;
- Who is involved;
- Why it exists; to safeguard children and young people;
- How it does this;
- Links to other partnerships;
- The Significant Incident Review Group;
- Performance, Assurance and Risk Group;
- Training and Education Group;
- Inter-Agency Case Review Group;
- Communities and Communications Sub Group;
- Policies and Procedures Sub Group;
- Child Sexual Exploitation;
- Child Death Overview Panel;
- Current priorities.

Chris Cook answered questions from the Sub Group and the following points were noted:

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- The Sub Group discussed e-safety and it was agreed that the Board's E-Safety Officer, Dan Hawbrook, be invited to return to a future meeting of the Sub-Group;
- A review on the multi-agency Team Around the Child had been completed and this would be brought to a future meeting of the Sub Group.

#### AGREED

That the presentation be noted.

#### 10. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD OPERATIONAL DELIVERY GROUP MEETING HELD ON 21 MARCH 2013

Chris Cook suggested that scrutinising the minutes from the Board too deeply was not helpful to the work of the Sub Group.

Issues were raised regarding the lack of safeguarding statistics presented to the Sub Group and it was agreed that this would be brought to future meetings.

#### AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

#### 11. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING HELD ON 11 APRIL 2013

The Sub Group considered the minutes from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Strategic Management Group meeting held on 11 April 2013.

#### AGREED

That the minutes be noted.

#### 12. SERIOUS CASE REVIEW FAMILY T/S

Debbie Barnes, Director Children's Services briefed the Sub Group on the Serious Case Review surrounding Family T/S and the followings points regarding the case were noted:

- The case involved a set of twins whose mother had previously been in prison for grievous bodily harm to a child. The twins' father was a care leaver (aged 18-25);
- At the time of the abuse, the mother and father's relationship was in its infancy. At the time of the Council's assessment of the parents, the professional opinion was that the couple had matured and the risks to the twins could be managed within the community and placed on Child Protection Plans;
- However, whilst in the care of the couple, one of the twins sustained brain damage. The impact of the injury could not be fully ascertained until the child was older (at least 5 years of age);

- It was clear from the independent review that the children should not have been allowed to remain with their mother and father and this was thought to be an error of judgement by the social worker undertaking the initial assessment;
- The twins had since been adopted;
- The social worker involved was experienced and at the time of the assessment had an outstanding reputation and a reasonable case-load. Following the review, relevant staff were subject to disciplinary procedures;
- During the assessment process, various agencies could have challenged the Social Worker's decision but did not. The blame could not be placed solely on this person;
- Issues were raised regarding body maps and the need for one to have been carried out at the time the child was in hospital. The Children's Safeguarding Board had called the health authority to account over the need to undertake body maps. This issue of body mapping would be brought back to a future meeting of the Sub Group;
- It was suggested that further work be undertaken such as through a working group, to check whether frontline social worker practices were robust enough.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

### **JOINT BUSINESS**

13. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP  
WORK PROGRAMME 2013

The Sub Group considered its work programme for the coming months and the following additions were made to the items to be considered at the meeting on 30 October 2013:

- Draft Care and Support Bill;
- E-Safety;
- Child Sexual Exploitation.

AGREED

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

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