

LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP

**WEDNESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2013, COMMITTEE ROOM 3, COUNTY OFFICES,
NEWLAND, LINCOLN**

PRESENT: Councillor P J O'Connor (Chairman)

Councillors S R Dodds, Mrs H N J Powell (Vice Chairman) and Mrs S Ransome.

In attendance: Elaine Baylis (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Strategic Safeguarding Adults and Dignity Board).

Officers in attendance: Mandy Cooke (Head of Safeguarding), Simon Evans (Scrutiny Officer), Toni Geraghty (Legal Services Manager), Dan Hawbrook (Assistant e-Safety Officer), Tracy Johnson (Scrutiny Officer), and Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer).

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Brailsford and C R Oxby.

Apologies were also received from Councillor C Burke (District Councils Representative) and Emma Olivier-Townrow (Parent Governor Representative).

15. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared at this stage in the proceedings.

16. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY
SUB-GROUP HELD ON 25 JULY 2013

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 25 July 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD BUSINESS

17. UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN BOARD AND ITS SUB GROUPS

Consideration was given to a report which updated the Sub Group on the work currently being undertaken by the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) and its sub groups. Toni Geraghty presented the paper on behalf of the LSCB as the Chair was engaged elsewhere.

Toni Geraghty took the group through the report and highlighted the following points:

- The Performance, Assurance & Risk Sub-Group are in the process of developing a new performance information framework.
- A lay member had been appointed to sit on the Board. An advertisement for a second lay member had attracted a good amount of interest;
- The Child Sexual Exploitation Sub Group had developed a risk Assessment Toolkit which would assist practitioners in identifying and working with young people at risk of sexual exploitation; it will be launched at the LSCB Child Sexual Exploitation conference on 8/11/13.
- The Board was due to have its own independent Ofsted inspection, however it was unclear when this would be.

AGREED

That the content of the report and its appendix be noted.

18. IMPROVING E-SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

Dan Hawbrook, Assistant e-Safety Officer for the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board made a presentation to the group on the work being undertaken by his team to increase e-safety knowledge amongst children and young people and their parents in Lincolnshire.

Following the presentation, the following points were made:

- Presentations to parents outside school hours would be helpful for those who worked during the day;
- The training had been tailored to be provided to corporate parents and foster parents.
- It was queried whether consideration should be given to some targeted provision to vulnerable groups, e.g. children looked after.

AGREED

That the presentation be noted.

LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS

19. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS

The Sub Group considered a report which was to inform it of the key messages from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board.

Elaine Baylis reported to the Sub Group that the Board was preparing itself for the changes that would impact on it once it became a mandatory board. Governance arrangements were being established along with revised terms of reference.

The Business Plan had been refreshed and each objective was owned by a senior partner organisation. In addition, there was a memo of understanding so all organisations involved would know how the Board would operate.

A document based on the policy and procedures of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) had been tried and tested and was a very helpful multi-agency policy.

Following a question, it was explained that with the high turnover of staff in adult care, each agency had a responsibility to ensure the staff they employed were trained effectively to ensure knowledge was embedded within the working culture.

The next step for adult safeguarding was for the County Council to take part in a peer review in November which would provide a benchmark for how the service was performing.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

JOINT BUSINESS

20. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

Members agreed that receiving training at Sub Group meetings on all aspects of safeguarding was helpful and informative.

It was reported that a safeguarding update, presented by Mandy Cooke, would be included on the agenda of the Adults Scrutiny Committee at its January meeting and it was suggested that the members of the Sub Group and other agency representatives be invited.

The Sub Group agreed its meeting dates for 2014, which were as follows (at 10 am in each case):

29 January
30 April
16 July
15 October

AGREED

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.08pm.

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