

**Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children's Services**

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>25 June 2021</b>
Subject:	<b>An Introduction to the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)</b>

**Summary:**

This report provides the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee with an introduction to the work and function of the LSCP. The Committee will receive a presentation on the work of the LSCP at the meeting.

**Actions Required:**

The Children and Young People Committee is invited to consider and comment on the report and presentation.

## **1. Background**

Working Together 2018 emphasises that to achieve the best possible outcomes, children and families should receive targeted services that meet their needs in a co-ordinated way. The responsibility for this join-up locally rests with three key safeguarding partners who have a shared and equal duty to make arrangements to work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in a local area. Within Lincolnshire these three partners are the Local Authority, the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group and Lincolnshire Police.

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership hosts a small team that supports the three safeguarding partners in discharging their duties as detailed in Working Together 2018. However the full partnership includes many more organisations including the seven District Councils, local Probation Services, Prisons, Youth Offending Service, the Diocese, Schools, United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust, Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust and many more. This is a particular strength of the partnership arrangements locally.

### **Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)**

The year 2019-20 saw the name change to Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership, with new branding being launched that illustrated the change whilst remaining identifiable to the many agencies and organisations that make up the Partnership.

The Assurance Executive was established as part of Lincolnshire's governance arrangements in 2019-20 and sits above the Strategic Management Group to scrutinise and challenge the work of the LSCP. Membership of the Assurance Executive comprises of the three key safeguarding partners identified in the statutory guidance (Local Authority, Police and Health), and our independent Chair.

As well as the Strategic Management Group, partners engage fully with the Operational Delivery Group and a number of subgroups including those focused on Education, Child Exploitation, Policy and Procedures, Serious Incidents and Child Deaths. The LSCP also retains oversight and responsibility for the designing, development and delivery of multi-agency safeguarding training across the County.

The strategic priorities of the LSCP for 2021/22 are:

1. Tackling Child Exploitation
2. Enhancing the Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People
3. Promoting Healthy Relationships
4. Working Together to Recognise Risk Making Behaviours
5. To identify and reduce the impact of neglect on children and young people
6. To identify and reduce the impact of Domestic Abuse on children, young people and families.

Due to the global pandemic, the Assurance Executive agreed to carry the existing strategic priorities over from the previous 2018-2021 business plan.

## **2. Conclusion**

At future meetings, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee will be invited to review and comment on the work of the LSCP.

The Committee's terms of reference relating to the LSCP in the Constitution are:

1. To scrutinise the effectiveness of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's arrangements for ensuring agencies work together:
  - to protect children from maltreatment and prevent impairment of children's health or development
  - to ensure that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe effective care
  - to promote a community involvement in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare by raising awareness through publicity and training
  - to develop and review policies and procedures
  - to have the safest possible practices in relation to the recruitment and selection of all those who work with children in a statutory and voluntary capacity
  - to ensure systems are in place to monitor the implementation of the lessons learnt from serious case reviews

- to ensure the multi-agency and independent sector workforce is trained to safeguard adults and improve safety
2. To review and scrutinise the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership's strategy, business plan and annual report including any updates on progress with the implementation of the priorities in the business plan.
  3. To review and scrutinise the outcomes of any external inspection or peer review of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership including any action plans arising from the inspection or peer review.

### **3. Consultation**

#### **a) Risks and Impact Analysis**

Not applicable

### **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	LSCP Business Plan 2021/22

### **5. 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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