



## Open Report on behalf of Heather Sandy, Executive Director – Children’s Services

Report to:	<b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>
Date:	<b>22 April 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership - Annual Report</b>

### Summary:

As part of the independent scrutiny of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP), the Annual Report for 2021 is presented to the Committee for review and comment.

### Actions Required:

The Committee is invited to review and comment on the work and function of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) and seek assurance of activity by the Partnership to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in Lincolnshire.

## 1. Background

Scrutiny of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) falls under the remit of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. This is the second presentation by the LSCP to the Committee, and this update is based on the Annual Report for 2021.

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 children 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.

## **2. Conclusion**

The last year has continued to present challenges to the Partnership, however the commitment to safeguarding children has been sustained. During 2021, the Business Plan was extended from its three year cycle and work continued against the existing Strategic Priorities:

1. Tackling Child Exploitation and understanding emerging themes of abuse
2. Enhancing the Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People
3. Promoting Healthy Relationships
4. Working Together to Recognise Risk Making Behaviours
5. Identify and Reduce the Impact of Neglect on Children and Young People.
6. Identify and Reduce the Impact of Domestic Abuse on Children, Young People and their Families.

The Strategic Management Group has recently reviewed and agreed the new LSCP Strategic Priorities for the next three years and work will be commencing on the associated business plan to co-ordinate the delivery of work against these priorities. The Strategic Priorities were informed by an evidence base, drawn from a shared strategic needs assessment with other Lincolnshire partnerships, audit activity, thematic and serious incident review work.

The LSCP Strategic Priorities for 2022 – 2025 will be:

1. Tackling Child Exploitation
2. Enhancing the Emotional Wellbeing of Children and Young People
3. Promoting Healthy Relationships
4. To identify and reduce the impact of neglect on children and young people
5. To identify and reduce the impact of sexual and physical harm

The LSCP will also work closely with partners in the Lincolnshire Domestic Abuse Partnership around a specific Area of Assurance, to identify and reduce the impact of Domestic Abuse on children, young people, and their families.

### **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 Annual Report 2021

### **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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