



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

Report to:	Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee
Date:	03 March 2023
Subject:	Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report 2022

Summary:

As part of the independent scrutiny of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP), the Annual Report for 2022 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 falls under the remit of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. This is the third presentation by the LSCP to the Committee, and this update is based on the Annual Report for 2022 (see Appendix A).

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 Annual Report also references two other annual reports, the Child Death Overview Panel Annual Report (Appendix B) and the Review of the Use of Restraint in the Lincolnshire Secure Unit (Appendix C). Both reports have been independently presented to the LSCP Governance meetings and scrutinised by the Partnership.

The Independent Chair and the Business Manager for the LSCP will provide a presentation on the Annual Report and the Partnership's activity to the Committee.

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 2022
Appendix B	Lincolnshire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) Annual Report 2021/22
Appendix C	Review of the Use of Restraint in the Lincolnshire Secure Unit

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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