



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

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| Report to: | <b>Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee</b>             |
| Date:      | <b>16 June 2023</b>   |
| Subject:   | <b>Team Around the Child in Lincolnshire Annual Report 2022</b> |

**Summary:**

This report provides the Committee with an overview of the Team Around the Child (TAC) successes and the work of the TAC consultant team. The Team Around the Child in Lincolnshire Annual Report for 2022, which is a Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP) document, is attached at Appendix A.

**Actions required:**

The Committee is invited to review the Team Around the Child in Lincolnshire Annual Report for 2022 and seek assurance on the effectiveness of the TAC arrangements in place to support children and young people.

## **1. Background**

Team Around the Child (TAC) is a system of support for children and young people who have needs that may not be wholly met by their parents and the universal services, and therefore the family and involved professionals come together as the Team around that Child to develop a plan for how to address any worries or unmet needs and work together to meet them. A Lead Professional is chosen by the family to lead this process. TAC is rooted in the evidence-based understanding that in addressing an issue early, this will prevent it escalating.

In Lincolnshire, our Early Help system is enviable, and this strength is based largely in the work being undertaken by our partners and in their ability to recognise when a child or family requires support at the earliest opportunity and develop a TAC. This allows for children and families to get the right support from those they have a relationship with already, but also prevents escalation of concern into social care.

The TAC consultant team is in place to support the work of our partners and aims to build bridges and remove barriers to ensure that the shared vision that children who need it, are getting help at the earliest opportunity.

## 2. Conclusion

As the annual report shows, the TAC activity in Lincolnshire continues to grow, highlighting the commitment of the wider partnership in the application of early help provision, with few requiring escalation to social care further showing that children and families are getting the right help at the right time. Feedback from families articulates the difference TAC has made in their lives and Lead Professionals and partners in general find the support of the TAC consultants to be positive.

As the data shows, most of the TAC arrangements are led by schools, and whilst this is positive, the work going forward will be to engage further with other partners with an aim of increasing their involvement with TAC. As the TAC successes and challenges are overseen by the LSCP, additional recommendations and suggestions may be made by the Partnership as a whole as to how to further improve on the work of TAC in Lincolnshire.

## 3. Consultation

### a) Risk and Impact Analysis

Not applicable

## 4. Appendices

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| These are listed below and attached at the back of the report |  |
| Appendix A  | Team Around the Child (TAC) in Lincolnshire Annual Report 2022 |

## 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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