

LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP

**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL 2014, COMMITTEE ROOM 3, COUNTY OFFICES,
NEWLAND, LINCOLN**

PRESENT: Councillors C R Oxby (Chairman), D Brailsford, Mrs H N J Powell (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Ransome and Mrs L A Rollings.

In attendance: Chris Cook (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board)

Officers in attendance: Tracy Johnson (Scrutiny Officer), Caroline Mogg (Child Sexual Exploitation Officer), Andrew Morris (LSCB Business Manager), Catherine Wilman (Democratic Services Officer).

33. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S R Dodds, Chris Burke (District Councils Representative) and Emma Olivier-Townrow (Parent Governor Representative)

Apologies were also received from Elaine Baylis (Independent Chair, Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board)

34. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

No interests were declared.

35. MINUTES OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB-GROUP HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2014

At this point in the proceedings it was noted that representatives from the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adult Board had been unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments and therefore items relating to adult safeguarding had been deferred until the next meeting.

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Boards Scrutiny Sub-Group held on 29 January 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

36. UPDATE ON THE WORK OF THE LSCB AND ITS SUB-GROUPS

Chris Cook gave an update on the work of the LSCB and the following points were noted:

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- The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board was made up of two groups: the Strategic Management Group which met quarterly and the Operational Delivery Group which met every two months. Mr Cook chaired both groups;
- In addition, there were 4 sub-groups:
- Training and Policy;
- Significant Incidents;
- Child Sexual Exploitation Steering Group;
- Child Death Overview Panel (statutory);
- A large proportion of child deaths in Lincolnshire were from natural causes, but all deaths were subject to a review;
- Tony McGinty (Assistant Director, Public Health) had recently taken over as the Chair of the Child Death Overview Panel;
- The Board was currently in the process of recruiting a Policy and Audit Officer;
- There were four large pieces of work currently being undertaken by the Board and these were listed in the report.

Discussion took place regarding children who had committed suicide following cyber bullying. Councillor Mrs Ransome was concerned that the consequences of cyber bullying were not being publicised enough in the media or at schools to deter potential offenders. The teachings of the LSCB's E-safety officer had reached 4,000 children in Lincolnshire so far and taught children how to protect themselves online.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

37. SERIOUS CASE REVIEW – FAMILY V

The Sub-Group considered a report which provided information on the Serious Incident Review Group and an update on the outcomes from the recent publication of the Serious Case Review on Family V.

Chris Cook took the Sub Group through this case and highlighted that the conclusion of the Serious Case Review was that the child's death had been neither predictable nor preventable. The adult convicted of the child's murder had been classed as low risk to agencies and the mother had trusted him. Of the agencies involved in the case, only three of them had worked with the family before the first incident occurred and none of them could have predicted the death.

AGREED

That the report be noted.

38. THE CHILDREN'S COMMISSIONER'S INQUIRY INTO CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION IN GANGS AND GROUPS

Consideration was given to the Children's Commissioner's inquiry into child sexual exploitation in gangs and groups and a presentation given by Caroline Mogg.

Caroline had been in post as the LSCB's Sexual Exploitation Officer since September 2013.

The presentation covered the following areas:

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- What Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) is;
- The strategy for tackling CSE in Lincolnshire;
- Some local headlines;
- Responding to local need.

Points noted during the presentation were:

- There was no evidence of any Lincolnshire based groups sexually exploiting children, however children from Lincolnshire had been targeted by groups outside of the county;
- 70% of victims in Lincolnshire were living at home with their parents. The remaining 30% were either in foster placements, care homes, living independently or 'sofa surfing';
- A play, focussing on CSE called Chelsea's Choice had been touring schools to raise awareness among children;
- Some safeguarding children's boards in other areas did not have dedicated CSE officers. Lincolnshire was in a good position to tackle the issue.

AGREED

That the report and presentation be noted.

39. LSCB TRAINING PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to the Board's training programme. Following questions, it was confirmed that the document was presented according to OFSTED's requirements.

The group was informed that the Board had its own Learning and Development Officer, Mary-Ann Round.

The Sub-Group was impressed by the number of courses, which were on offer to members of the Board and its public sector partners. Private organisations were able to buy the courses.

Where possible, the courses incorporated any lessons learnt from serious case reviews.

In addition to the courses in the training programme, there were 26 e-courses which members of the Sub-Group were invited to try.

AGREED

That the training programme be noted.

JOINT BUSINESS

40. LINCOLNSHIRE SAFEGUARDING BOARDS SCRUTINY SUB GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2014

The Sub-Group considered its work programme for the coming months and changes made were noted. It was noted that the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adult Board's

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business which had been deferred from this meeting would now be considered at the next meeting on 16 July 2014.

AGREED

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 12.05pm