

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD ANNUAL REVIEW REPORT 2013-2014**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To present the LSCB Annual Report for 2013-2014

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The LSCB Chair must publish an annual report on the effectiveness of child safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the local area. This review is that of the LSCB and endorsed by the Independent Chair.
- 2.2 The Statutory guidance set out in Working Together to Safeguard Children 2013, states that the annual review report should be a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services. It is required that the report is submitted to the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, local Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 2.3 The Annual Report outlines the progress made in respect of the LSCB statutory functions:
- Agencies duties in respect of Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 and section 14 of the Children Act 2004

The Board's duties in respect of:

- Developing policies and procedures to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children;
- Training of persons working with children
- Communication and awareness raising about safeguarding children
- Undertaking reviews into child deaths
- Undertaking serious case reviews

2.4 The Annual Report also includes progress against the 2013/14 LSCB priority areas which are:

- **Reduce the harm from exploitation of children and young people**
- **Provide Early Help to children and young people**
- **Support parenting capacity**

2.5 Report headlines:

- The Board carries out its duty to challenge and scrutinise effectively through a number of mechanisms such as section 11 audits, quality assurance and case audit and the schools safeguarding audit.
- The arrangements for the Child Death Overview Panel and the Serious Case Review Sub Committee are effective.
- Practitioners have the opportunity to access high quality training through the LSCB to support their professional development. The impact of LSCB training is evidenced consistent/ positive feedback.
- There are robust policies and procedures in place that are reviewed regularly and are tested through case audit
- Agencies are compliant with their section 11 duties and the commitment retained throughout organisational change.
- All agencies contribute to the Child Protection System and work together to safeguard children subject to plans.
- There is a strong approach to empower and support children and young people, recognising their strengths to safeguarding and support each other and how their voices and ideas drives up the quality and effectiveness of the services delivered.
- Good progress has been made against LSCB priority areas.

2.6 The LSCB will continue to deliver the core functions and has also set two priority areas for 2014-2015. These are;

### **1 Reduce the harm from neglect**

- Undertake and implement the findings of the research undertaken by Huddersfield University regarding the local issues and challenges with neglect.
- As part of the local, universal approach to preventing neglect, we will
  - I. Respond to the findings of the research and develop an evidence based, local strategy on neglect.
  - II. Implement a specific assessment and intervention framework for neglect

III. Ensure that staff are trained in knowing the difference between chronic and reactive neglect and that they have the range of knowledge and skills required for effective early intervention.

- Expand range of parenting interventions to support long term change.

## **2 Reduce the harm from child sexual exploitation**

- Further develop approaches to intervening and supporting children and young people at risk or suffering from CSE
- Further develop consultation arrangements and collaboration with children and young people at risk or suffering CSE, ensuring that the voices of children and young people continue to inform and shape the delivery of service and support
- Develop a specific risk assessment that is based upon qualitative information and informed professional judgement regarding CSE that will further enhance the North Lincolnshire Risk Analysis Framework.
- Further enhance the preventative approach to CSE through roll out of education empowerment programmes on healthy relationships to Yr 6 upwards, social media campaigns and awareness raising with children and young people
- Build upon the work we have undertaken with the local community to ensure a collaborative approach to preventing CSE

2.7 The LSCB through its Board members will continue to support innovative work with children and their families across all services, keeping the child at the centre.

## **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 To receive the Annual Review Report 2013-2014 and consider this in future commissioning of services for safeguarding children.

3.2 The Annual Review Report will also be presented to the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Executive of the Council and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 That cabinet consider the annual review in future commissioning.

5. **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 That cabinet consider the annual review in future commissioning.

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 Not applicable

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 Partners within the LSCB have contributed to the annual review.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To receive the LSCB Annual Review report 2013-2014 and consider this is the future planning and commissioning of services for safeguarding children.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

LSCB Annual Review Report  
Working Together to Safeguard Children : A guide to interagency working to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 2013.