

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**LSCB ANNUAL REVIEW 2010**

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the publication of the LSCB Annual Review January 2010 – December 2010 and the Annual Review highlights and achievements of the LSCB 2010; and
- 1.2 To highlight key achievements of the LSCB 2010.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) is the statutory body to ensure relevant organisations co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in North Lincolnshire.
- 2.2 LSCBs are established by law under section 13 of the Children Act (2004). The Core Functions of the LSCB are set out in the Local Safeguarding Children Board Regulations and are described in Chapter 3 of Working Together to Safeguard Children (2010).
- 2.3 Section 11 of the Children Act (2004) places duties on named agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. These duties are defined as protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's health and development and ensuring that they are growing up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care.
- 2.4 The primary goal of the North Lincolnshire LSCB is:
  - a) To co-ordinate the work that is done by agencies to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people in North Lincolnshire.
  - b) To ensure the effectiveness of that work.
- 2.5 The LSCB is chaired by an Independent Person, and is made up of senior officer's from statutory partners and those who wish to take a proactive role in the work of the board. The LSCB has three lay members who are key links into the community within North Lincolnshire.

2.6 The LSCB has a statutory responsibility to produce an annual report and submit this to the Children's Trust Board. The Annual Review was submitted to the Children's Trust Board on 1 April 2011.

### 3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 The Annual Review outlines safeguarding work undertaken during the year 2010 and the impact it has made for children, young people and their families.

3.2 Some highlights of safeguarding work in North Lincolnshire:

- Work was undertaken to identify a group of primary school children to advise the LCB on keeping children aged 5 to 9 safe. The group was established in 2010 and worked with the Children Feel Safe Action Group, electing to call themselves the Fab Five. At the September 2010 meeting of the Board, they delivered a presentation that focused on the work they have completed in their school about keeping children safe. The Board heard how the Fab Five had developed a consultation form to ask all children in the school about where they felt safe and unsafe, in and around school. The children developed an action plan, which was implemented immediately to resolve issues that were raised.
- In North Lincolnshire there are currently 17 trained Cyber mentors who provide advice and guidance to children and young people across the UK on how to keep themselves safe. The Cyber mentors have worked with North Lincolnshire TV, supported through funding from the Yorkshire and Humber Grid for Learning, to develop a DVD about bullying.
- Street Sport is an initiative, run by North Lincolnshire Council Sports Play and Development Team and supported by the Voluntary Sector, to engage with young people aged 8-19 years in identified areas of youth crime and anti social behaviour. In the last year the project has engaged with 998 young people in this age group.
- The Thumbs Up Group for disabled children is a consultation group for children who have a range of disabilities from moderate to profound, aged 6 to 18 years. They have made a significant contribution towards keeping disabled children and young people safe. Their safeguarding activities include the development of a 'Keep Safe This Summer with Thumbs Up' booklet; and a 'Keep Safe This Winter' booklet and involvement in the recruitment process to appoint staff.
- Children in care are consulted on an individual basis as part of their care plan reviews. Feedback in 2010 demonstrates that most children said they were given time to speak to their Independent Reviewing Officer before their review if they wanted to, all children said the date of their review was okay, the right people were invited, they understood what was being planned for their future and they knew how to make a complaint.

- Schools continue to be engaged and proactive in raising awareness about bullying and empowering children and young people to address it or seek help. Almost all schools have peer mentors or buddies.
- The LSCB Communication/Community Participation Action Group, co-ordinated awareness raising activities on a number of key safety areas that were important to local children and young people. i.e water safety, e-safety and what to do if you are worried about a child. Information was delivered through school events, community events, publicity and events for people working with children and young people.
- The continued delivery of a comprehensive safeguarding training programme. In 2010 the LSCB made available training for 747 multi agency professionals in child protection and specialist areas of safeguarding. The evaluation and feedback on LSCB courses continues to show that courses are rated very highly and support the development and competence of practitioners.
- The co-location of police and social work services in the social work duty services ensures swift and prompt responses to referrals of significant harm. Humberside Police have conducted their own review of North Lincolnshire's co-location and concluded that this is a best practice model within the Humberside Police Authority area.
- The Review reports that Child Protection investigations reviewed by Ofsted Inspectors were timely, thorough and were carried out by Qualified Social Workers with well coordinated working between the Police and social work services.
- The LSCB review also reports the positive outcomes found by the Local Government Improvement Development Agency in their Peer Review of Safeguarding in North Lincolnshire.

#### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 The LSCB Review outlines the commitment of LSCB partners in fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities and the impact on the lives of children and young people

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

- 5.1 None associated with this report

#### **6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 – CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)**

- 6.1 None associated with this report

## 7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The participation and involvement of children and young people in the LSCB and through audit and scrutiny of our work has been evident throughout the Review.

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 That Cabinet accepts the information contained within the report.

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

North Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Board Annual Review  
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