

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CABINET MEMBER**

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR THE ONE FAMILY APPROACH HUB -
2021/2022**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To inform and seek the Cabinet Member's approval of the Statement of Purpose for the One Family Approach Hub 2021/2022.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 state that "The registered person must compile in relation to the children's home a statement ("the statement of purpose") which covers the matters listed in Schedule 1. (Regulation 16 – (1)).

These matters are:

1. Quality and purpose of care
 2. Views, wishes and feelings
 3. Education
 4. Enjoyment and achievement
 5. Health
 6. Positive relationships
 7. Protection of Children
 8. Leadership and management
 9. Care planning
- 2.2. The physical development of the One Family Approach (OFA) OFA Hub has now concluded and is due to be registered as a Children's Home with Ofsted offering short term/crisis care in exceptional circumstances. The Statement of Purpose has been prepared and is to be submitted to Ofsted as part of the registration application.
- 2.3 In accordance with the children's Homes (England) regulations 2015 "The registered person must keep the Statement of Purpose under review and where appropriate revise it". As this is the initial Statement of Purpose for the OFA Hub it is the intention that the document will be regularly reviewed and revised at least on an annual basis.

The list of staff members in the Statement of Purpose will be updated when the current staffing review to establish the OFA Hub team is complete.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 Option 1 – The cabinet member notes and approves the Statement of Purpose for the OFA Hub 2021/2022.
- 3.2 Option 2 - The cabinet member does not approve the Statement of Purpose for the OFA Hub 2021/2022.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Option 1 – The approval of the Cabinet Member will enable the Statement of Purpose to be adopted and shared with children in care, their families, and Ofsted as an approved document. This will ensure that North Lincolnshire continues to meet its regulatory requirements in relation to the OFA Hub.
- 4.2 The Statement of Purpose may be accepted without changes, or amendments deemed appropriate by the Cabinet Member will be included in the documents.

5. FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)

- 5.1 There are no additional resource implications associated with approving the Statement of Purpose. Funding for the operational delivery of the OFA Hub has been agreed and is in place.

6. OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)

- 6.1 The Statement of Purpose is aligned with achieving positive outcomes for children and young people that will have a positive impact in:
 - Prosperous - supporting children's confidence, success and engagement with education, employment and training
 - Safe and Well - enabling children to live within North Lincolnshire promotes resilience and a sense of belonging which supports safety and wellbeing
 - Connected - children are supported to take an active part in their communities through the support of all staff at "The OFA HUB" building community resilience and social capital

7. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)

7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment Stage 1 Initial Screening Template has been completed in relation to this Statement of Purpose and did not identify any negative potential impacts.

8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

8.1 There are no conflict of interest.

8.2 Managers across children's services and the Regional Inspection Manager (RIM) for Ofsted have been consulted and have contributed to the preparation of the Statement of Purpose.

8.3 A formal staffing review is underway in relation to the OFA Hub team. Staff and the unions have been consulted about the proposals including the operational use of the OFA Hub premises. The names of the OFA Hub staff team will be added to the Statement of Purpose once the review has been completed.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That the Cabinet Member for Children and Families notes the Statement of Purpose for the OFA Hub 2021/2022 and approves the document.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: Children's Homes (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 16 and Schedule 1.