

Launch of the Single Assessment and Revised Child Concern Model

In early November launched the Family Support Pathway and Single Assessment.

Each Family Hub Cluster has a duty team in place to offer advice, guidance and support on using the new Single Assessment, with an ongoing training and support programme in place..

Future plans include sending out Frequently Asked Questions and developing Single Point of Access 'Families First Access Point' (FFAP) operating alongside the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub. Support will be available throughout.

The LSCB Website is continually updated to support and promote safeguarding. In response to user feedback, a dedicated button has now been added to assist users locating leaflets and forms, which had been hard to find. A news section has been added providing details of the Single Assessment and Family Support Pathway. Following the review of the site by young people, work is ongoing to improve the children's element and make it more user relevant.

The Children and Young Person's Partnership Board

The Children's Partnership Board last met in November with its key agenda item being the upcoming 0-19 Commissioning Project that is one of three main council projects for 2016/17. It was agreed that the Children and Young Person's Plan will continue into 2016 but will then be subject to review so that we can ensure the current actions and plans are still appropriate.

Creating Stronger Communities

As part of our Early Intervention and Prevention strategy, a revised Threshold of Need and Family Support Pathway and a newly developed Practitioner's Toolbox are now in use. A series of 'Single Assessment' workshops have been delivered to a broad range of agency partners across NEL and training workshops on Signs of Safety, danger statements and safety goals are also being rolled out to support practice development across children's services.

Schools Child Protection Coordinators (CPC) Update

The Schools Child Protection Coordinators meetings take place twice a term. Attendance is excellent and includes, heads, governors and designated child protection coordinators. The remit is to:

- Share information on local, regional, national child protection and safeguarding
- Share findings/ learning from serious case reviews/ audits
- Raise matters of interest and concern and indicate action required to address them
- Enable peer support, share good practice and research and provide a two way dialogue between children's social care services and our education providers
- Areas discussed so far have included 'Prevent', prevention and early intervention, training, domestic abuse, neglect, bullying, e-safety, learning from serious case reviews, escalation policy and professional challenge and the children's feedback tool, View Point.

Neglect Strategy and Spotlight on Neglect

On 19 November, a Spotlight on Neglect partnership event took place at the Warehouse in Grimsby. The event was well received and focused on the prevalence of Neglect, on how it is being tackled locally and nationally and the effectiveness of early help. Dr Alice Haynes who presented the findings spoke to her recently published report, 'Thriving Communities: A framework for preventing and intervening early in child neglect.' Addressing Neglect continues to be one of the LSCB's core priorities for this year and forward into 2016/17.

LSCB Annual Report

The LSCB Annual Report 2014/15 is now published on our website providing an overview and analysis of safeguarding activity across NEL. The last year has been characterised by a shared determination for continuous improvement and sustained momentum of partnership activity. There continues to be excellent commitment and a shared willingness from all partners to embrace joint accountability and encourage partnership challenge to drive up improvements.

LSCB OBA Priority Indicators

The LSCB is making great progress in implementing Outcomes Based Accountability. It now has four Whole Population Priority Indicators based on the LSCB four priorities:

- Incidence of Abuse
- Incidence of Domestic Abuse
- Incidence of Child Sexual Exploitation
- Incidence of Neglect

The priority indicators will support the LSCB to gauge the health of safeguarding children in the area.

LSCB Lay Members

The LSCB have recently recruited two new Lay Member representatives whose role is to support stronger public and community engagement and bring a 'grass roots' perspective to safeguarding. In February 2016, the new Lay Members Lola Harris and David Albery will join the third Lay Member Jayne Bacon for their first Safeguarding Board.

Audit Activity / Headlines

Threshold, Neglect, Child Protection Case Conference Decision Making and Domestic Abuse audits have been completed this year. Action plans for all the completed audits have been approved by the Quality Assurance and Best Practice Sub Group.

The audit calendar for 2016 has been developed to reflect learning from Serious Case Reviews and will be presented for endorsement by the Quality Assurance and Best Practice Sub Group in January 2016. An audit of Safeguarding for Disabled Children is planned for the New Year.

Gang Youth Violence Peer Review headlines

NEL invited the Home Office to undertake an *Ending Gang and Youth Violence Peer Review* and this took place over four days in November. The review team was impressed with the level of staff ambition, our partnership working and "amazing workforce" who displayed passion and commitment to drive improvement. The review identified links between illegal substances and legal highs with many local issues such as CSE, Domestic Abuse, Missing children and ASB. The review identified many examples of positive partnership developments and its findings will help shape our responses to some of NEL key issues and challenges.

Children's Commissioner Report on Sexual Abuse in the Family Network

A Critical Assessment of Child Sexual Abuse in the Family published earlier this year estimated that 1 in 8 victims of sexual abuse come to the attention of statutory services. The report found most of these emerge during adolescence and it makes a number of recommendations including the development of a national strategy for the prevention of child sexual abuse.