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Core Data Set and Reporting Arrangements

“Performance information should not be treated as a straight forward measure of good and bad practice, but interrogated to see what lies behind it”

**Eileen Munroe, Final Report – A Child Centred System
(2011)**

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Context

Working Together 2013 specifically outlines the responsibility for the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) to “use data and as a minimum”, should;

- Assess the effectiveness of the help being provided to children and families, including early help.
- Assess whether LSCB partners are fulfilling their statutory obligations set out in chapter 2 (of the guidance).
- Quality assure practice, including through joint audits of case files involving practitioners and identifying lessons to be learned and monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of training, including “multi-agency training, to safeguard and promote the welfare of children”.

North East Lincolnshire LSCB has agreed a set of core data, performance and success indicators by which to assess all agencies working together to safeguard children. The performance indicators and data set is designed to answer the following questions:

What are the needs of children, young people and families in our area?

- How much have we done to meet those needs?
- How well have we done it
- What do we still need to do?

The NELSCB Leadership and Operational Board, sub and task groups will cover a range of stages of the child’s journey including:

- Promotion
- Prevention Early Help
- Protection

Links with other core data sets

The Core Data Set is aligned informed by and mapped with the performance indicators highlighted within a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA), Prevention & Early Intervention Strategy and the Boards Strategic Priorities and Business Plan.

The core set of data which is aligned to the agreed strategic priorities, key performance indicators based on these will be reported on through various sub and task groups, across the partnership. Each sub and task group will produce a Score Card for the Operational Board on its agreed performance and success indicators. The Operational Board will consider these and report to the Leadership Board on the performance of the sub groups.

The focus will be on the child’s journey and experiences of being helped- (see diagram below).

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Core Data Set Leadership and Operational Board

Sub Groups

Young and Safe (Child Sexual
Exploitation and Missing from
Home and Care)

Serious Case Reviews

Child Death Overview Panel

Health

Education

Neglect

Quality Assurance

Learning and Development

Score Card reporting on agreed
success and performance
indicators aligned to Core Data
Set

Report / Score Cards

Children's Safeguarding and
Reviewing Service

Domestic Violence

Local Authority Designated
Officer

Private Fostering

Core Assessment Framework

Score Card reporting on agreed
success and performance
indicators aligned to Core Data
Set

Sub groups reporting

All sub groups have a set of performance indicators which are based on the overarching data set. Each sub group will report on both quantitative data i.e. how many and qualitative data i.e. outcomes, what difference have we made for children and their families. The score card will be presented to the Operational Board who will monitor both the performance indicator set and actions taken by the sub groups in response to any emerging themes, patterns and decline in performance. The Operational Board will in turn report thematic information and decrease in performance to the Leadership Board.

The following sub groups will report on action plans and performance indicators including voice of children and young people;

- Serious Case Review Panel
- Child Death Overview Panel
- Neglect Sub Group
- Safeguarding Children in Education
- Safeguarding Children in Health
- Quality Assurance Sub Group
- Learning and Development Sub Group
- Young and Safe – Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing from Care and Home, Domestic Abuse

Report / Score Cards

Additional to the reporting of the sub groups, quarterly reports are received from the following:

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- Private Fostering -Through Care Team
- Common Assessment Framework (CAF) / Early Intervention Service (EIS) - Children Partnership Board, EIS
- Domestic Abuse - Community Safety Partnership Groups
- Safeguarding and Reviewing Service including Local Authority Designated Officer

Each group completes a Score Card to report performance information, indicators and action and forward planning for the Operational Board. The Board may commission audits, internal reviews and deep dives as a result of monitoring and scrutinising performance data and indicators.

Operational Board

The Operational Board will monitor and review performance across all task and sub groups and may commission further audit, deep dives and thematic reviews to be undertaken by the Quality Assurance sub group to assess and measure the quality of intervention and impact. The Operational Board holds challenge meetings using the completed Score Cards.

Leadership Board

The Leadership Board will review the Core Data Set quarterly and will use this to challenge partner agencies on performance and in particular meeting agreed performance targets aligned to strategic plan. The Leadership Board may request further information from the Operational Board, sub groups and may commission internal reviews, deep dives audit and review from the Quality Assurance sub group. The Data Set Score Cards will inform S11 audit, and challenge meetings. The Leadership Board will review annually the Core Data and sub group performance indicators in order to respond to emerging themes, results from inspection, audit and local needs.