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Report Title:
North Lincolnshire Children's Multi-Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board – Briefing on new arrangements.
Decisions to be made:
Governing Body is asked to note the content of this Briefing

Link to a Strategic Objective?		
Link to a Strategic Risk	\boxtimes	Delivery of statutory functions

Continue to improve the quality of services	\boxtimes	Improve patient experience					
Reduced unwarranted variations in services	\boxtimes	Reduce the inequalities gap in North Lincolnshire					
Deliver the best outcomes for every patient	\boxtimes	Statu	\boxtimes				
Purpose	App	roval	Information	To note □	Decision	A	ssurance

Executive Summary (Question, Options, Recommendations):

The Children and Social Work Act 2017 set out provisions which replace Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) with new local flexible multi-agency safeguarding arrangements led by three safeguarding partners (local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and chief officers of police). The Act places a duty on those partners to make arrangements to work together and with any relevant agencies for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their area. Statutory guidance published in July 2018 outlines that plans for new arrangements must be published by June 2019, with implementation by September 2019.

The safeguarding partners in North Lincolnshire applied for, and were successful in achieving, early adopter site status which required the partners to publish and implement their plans by October 2018.

This paper provides the Governing body with an update on the progress of implementation of the new arrangements and the launch of North Lincolnshire Children's Multi-Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board on 2nd November 2018.

Recommendations	Governing Body is asked to note the content of this Briefing						
Report history							
Equality Impact	Yes □	No ⊠	An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for this report				
Sustainability	Yes □	No ⊠	No impact identified				
Risk	Yes ⊠	No □					
Legal	Yes ⊠	No □	Compliance with GDPR legislation.				
Finance	Yes □	No ⊠	No direct impact				

Patient, Public, Clinical and Stakeholder Engagement to date										
	N/A	Υ	N	Date		N/A	Υ	N	Date	
Patient:			\boxtimes		Clinical:			\boxtimes		
Public:			\boxtimes		Other:			\boxtimes		

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Children and Social Work Act 2017 received Royal Assent in April 2018. The Act set out provisions which:
 - replace Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCB) with new local flexible multiagency safeguarding arrangements led by three safeguarding partners (local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and chief officers of police). The Act places a duty on those partners to make arrangements to work together and with any relevant agencies for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in their area
 - require safeguarding partners to identify and arrange for the review of serious child safeguarding cases which they think raise issues of importance in relation to their area
 - provides for the establishment of a national Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel.
 The Panel will commission and publish reviews of serious child safeguarding cases which it thinks raise issues that are complex or of national importance
 - give local authorities and clinical commissioning groups joint responsibility for child death reviews, and enable a wider geographical footprint for these partnerships in order for them to gain a better understanding of the causes of child deaths in a local area.
- 1.2 Working Together to Safeguard Children (HM Government statutory guidance) was updated to reflect changes within the Act and was published on July 2nd 2018. Safeguarding partners were required to plan for the new arrangements and transition, publish their plans and notify government in this regard by June 2019. The plans must be implemented by September 2019.
- 1.3 Safeguarding Partners in North Lincolnshire applied to be an early adopter site for the new arrangements. The early adopter application was signed by the Interim Chief Officer on 24th May 2018. Each early adopter site was required to identify 3 areas of focus for their implementation. Through the early adopter sites, the Government (via the Department for Health and Social Care, Department for Education and the Home Office) were seeking to pilot different aspects of the new arrangements. North Lincolnshire's application identified a focus on:
 - independent scrutiny, building high level oversight and assurance of front line practice (at board level and including independent scrutiny).
 - working with schools/ education providers
 - reshaping the approach to working with adolescents, including those at risk of child exploitation.
- 1.4 The Governing Body received a paper outlining the changes to legislation at its meeting on 21st June 2018. The paper set out the proposal that each statutory partner at Executive Director / Chief Constable/ Chief Officer level delegate attendance at the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA) Executive Board to a Director. The governing body noted the changes to the statutory framework. The governing body was also informed of the application for early adopter status.

2. Purpose

2.1 The purpose of this briefing is to provide the Governing Body with an update on children's multi-agency arrangements in North Lincolnshire with effect from 1st November 2018.

3. Early Adopter arrangements

3.1 North Lincolnshire, as one of 17 local authority areas, was successful in achieving early adopter status. This required the 3 statutory partners to publish their plans for new arrangements by the end of October 2018.

- 3.2 Early adopter sites were not required to implement new child death arrangements in the same time frame. North Lincolnshire will publish the plans for these arrangements by June 2019, and implement by September 2019.
- 3.3 Between July and October 2018, the 3 Safeguarding Partners through:
 - Director of Children and Community Resilience, North Lincolnshire Council
 - Director of Nursing and Quality, NLCCG
 - Designated Chief Superintendent, Humberside Police

supported by officers from within the local authority, police and CCG have developed the arrangements which were published on 30th October 2018. A shadow Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangements (MASA) Executive Group was formed which met on a monthly basis through this period.

- 3.4 The new arrangements have been named the Children's Multi-Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board (MARS). 2 key documents have been developed which will be subject to review by June 2019:
 - Memorandum of Understanding, which describes (for the 3 Safeguarding Partners)
 the:
 - Shared values and principles
 - Legal framework
 - Roles and responsibilities
 - o Information Sharing and Governance
 - Funding
 - Dispute resolution
 - Partnership arrangements
 - Local Arrangements 2018-19, which describes (for the Safeguarding Partners and other Relevant Agencies) the arrangements for:
 - Partnership
 - o Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews
 - Scrutiny and Assurance
 - Multi-Agency Training
 - Funding
 - Voice of and Engagement with Children & Young People
 - Performance Data and Intelligence
 - Annual Report and Review

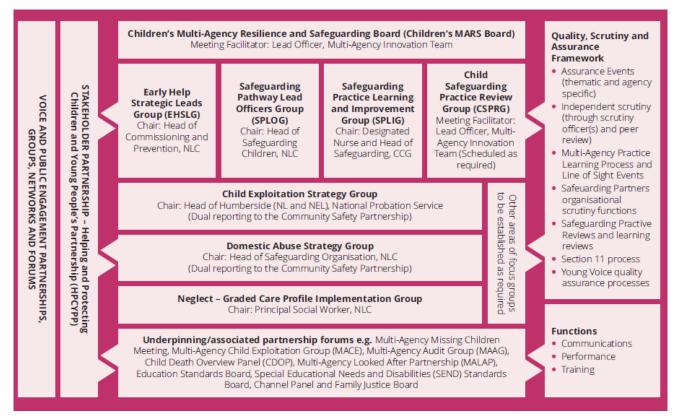
Both documents are available on the MARS website:

http://www.northlincscmars.co.uk/key-documents-and-resources/

- 3.5 The Memorandum of Understanding and the Local Arrangements document were discussed at the CCG Executive Team meeting on 16th October 2018. The Interim Chief Officer approved these arrangements on behalf of the CCG at this meeting.
- 3.6 As per the requirement identified at para 1.4 above, the Interim Chief Officer has confirmed that the responsibility for participation within North Lincolnshire's Children's MARS is delegated to the Director of Nursing and Quality.
- 3.7 North Lincolnshire's Children's Multi-Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Board was launched at a conference held on 2nd November 2018.

4. Partnership Arrangements – MARS Governance Structure

4.1 The Local Arrangements 2018-19 includes the governance structure for the Children's MARS



4.2 The MARS will be supported by a Safeguarding partners Multi-Agency Innovation Hub. The Hub will ensure a collective delivery of the arrangements and prioritise developments agreed via the MARS Board. In the first instance the core Hub will be funded through and/or have direct posts from across the safeguarding partners. Moving forward, it is the Partners intention to identify further opportunities for key officers in other agencies to be co-located in the hub to build on the principles and work of the MARS.

5. Recommendation

5.1 It is recommended that the Governing Body note the content of this briefing.

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6th December 2018