

North East Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children Board. Multi-Agency Practice Audit – Thematic Audit – Thresholds

Relationships matter, where practitioners are successful in building honest and open relationships with children and families this leads to better outcomes for the child.

What Happened?

The themed audit challenge event reviewed five cases where children were receiving services at different levels on the threshold. Each case had a time for discussion. Auditors, along with practitioners and managers involved with the case came together to consider the audit responses. The challenge event was used to begin to analyse audit findings and propose actions to improve outcomes for children and families across the Child Concern Model.

What Did The Audit Tell Us?

Overall, agencies had a good understanding of the threshold and it was applied correctly in all the cases the audit looked at.

The audit showed the multi-agency commitment to joint working and a willingness and keenness to 'get it right' for children by building on good practice and learning from experience.

When decisions were challenged, this was effective and was well done. However there were instances where the Escalation procedure could have been used and wasn't.

Where cases moved between the threshold, sometimes information got lost in translation.

What Can We Do?

Most of the findings of this audit have been addressed with the introduction of the FFAP and Families First Model. For more information about the above please [Click Here](#) to follow the link to the procedures.