

Leadership Board Terms of Reference

Mandate

The LSCB is the responsible body for agreeing how organisations work together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in the local authority area and ensure the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements. Its role is to scrutinise local arrangements and it should therefore have a separate identity and an independent voice. It should therefore function independently of other local structures so as not to compromise its role.

Core Objectives

The LSCB functions are set out in primary legislation via the S14 Children Act 2004 and the Local Safeguarding Children Regulations 2006 (Regulation 46 and 48). The core objectives of the LSCB are to:-

- Co-ordinate what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in North East Lincolnshire and ensure the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for that purpose.
- Determine the priorities and Business Plan for the NEL LSCB.
- Provide the mandate for the LSCB subgroups in addressing the LSCB priorities.
- Receive regular progress reports from the Operational Board and Subgroups on the implementation of the LSCB Business Plan and effectiveness of Performance Management, Learning and Improvement and impact on practice.
- Ensure the statutory functions are effectively implemented and provide challenge where this is not the case.
- Demonstrate direction and transparency in its strategic leadership
- Provide an interface with the public and community in the context of safeguarding children in North East Lincolnshire.

Membership

Members of the Leadership Board are professionals with strategic roles in relation to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare within their organisations. They are able to speak with authority on behalf of their organisation, make commitments on behalf of their organisation on policy and practice matters and hold their organisation to account. The Leadership Board will also draw on expertise and advice from all the relevant sectors represented at Operational Board level or on LSCB themed subgroups, including Designated Doctors, Nursing Services, the voluntary and community sector and key representatives from educational establishments such as schools and colleges.

Table 1 Core Membership

Rick Proctor	Independent LSCB Chair	Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB)
Helen Willis	LSCB Coordinator	North East Lincolnshire Council
David Wood	Detective Superintendent	Humberside Police
Nick Hamilton-Rudd	Head of National Probation Service	Humberside National Probation Service
Steve Kay	Director of Children's Services	North East Lincolnshire Council
Roz Danks	Head of Education Services and Strategic Lead for Education	North East Lincolnshire Council
Kathryn Wheatley	Portfolio Holder for Children & Young People	North East Lincolnshire Council
Becky Bailey	Interchange Manager	Community Rehabilitation Company
Jan Haxby	Director of Quality & Nursing	North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NELCCG)
Megan Dennison	Assistant Director of Children and Families	North East Lincolnshire Council
Caroline Douse	Service Manager	Children & Family Court Advisory Support Service (CAFCASS)
Jayne Bacon	Lay Member	

Craig Ferris	Head of Safeguarding	Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLG)
Julie Wilburn	Designated Nurse – Safeguarding Children & Adults	North East Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NELCCG)
Zena Roberston	Senior Nurse	NHS England
Richard Albery	Lay Member	

Meeting arrangements

The Leadership Board is chaired by an independent LSCB chair on a quarterly basis who organises setting the LSCB agenda supported by the LSCB Coordinator. The LSCB will ensure that identified member agency representation meets requirements in progressing the work of the Board.

Responsibilities

- The Leadership Board does not commission or deliver services. Each board partner retains their own existing line of accountability for safeguarding. Whilst LSCB's do not have the power to direct other organisations, they do have a role in making it clear where improvement is needed and in holding its members to account for its statutory functions under S11 of the CA 2004.
- The LSCB expectations are made explicit with the LSCB principles/values/priorities and Business Plan. Governance arrangements are in place in ensuring the effective working of the LSCB and in providing appropriate challenge and support to agencies in evidencing the impact of safeguarding on an individual and at a Board level.
- The Leadership Board provides the mandate for the LSCB Sub Groups that are aligned to the LSCB statutory functions and four LSCB priorities. Each Sub Group will address the specialist activity described in its mandate, alongside the contribution it will make to the implementation of the NEL LSCB Business Plan. The Operational Board will scrutinise and support the work of the sub groups, reporting to the Leadership Board on progress with the Business Plan.
- The LSCB will link effectively with the Health and Wellbeing Board, including the Director of Public Health. In doing that, the LSCB should both inform and draw on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).
- The Leadership Board through the Operational Board and the themed Sub Groups will ensure work is measurable against the identified priorities and the statutory functions are effectively implemented in ensuring children and young people are safe.

Specifically the LSCB will have an overarching strategy and plan that identifies its priorities and will provide an annual report that highlights how successful and effective the LSCB has been in achieving these priorities.

Outcome and Success Measures

The LSCB will monitor its effectiveness of local arrangements to safeguard children by demonstrating the difference made by the LSCB to outcomes for safeguarding children and young people through the delivery of the LSCB Business Plan.

The LSCB has adopted and will implement an outcome based accountability approach to monitoring and measuring effectiveness. Where it identifies gaps in processes either from sub-group activity or Serious Case Review the board will work to challenge partners and fill the gaps to promote safe services and improvement across the safeguarding and welfare spectrum of NEL provision for children.

The effectiveness and implementation of action planning across North East Lincolnshire Council with regard to ensuring the authorities statutory functions and responsibilities are adhered to and deliver good outcomes for its children will be published on the LSCB website.