



LSCB Business Plan 2015/16

Welcome to the LSCB Business plan for 2015/16.

The LSCB is responsible for:

- Co-ordinating what is done by each person or body represented on the Board for the purposes of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area of the authority by which it is established;
- ensuring the effectiveness of what is done by each such person or body for that purpose.
- promoting greater understanding of the need to safeguard children and promote their welfare.

This Business plan is being produced in consultation with all LSCB partners and describes our priorities as a Board over the next year.

LSCB Business Plan 2015/16 Priorities

Priority Area 1: Improve the effectiveness of agencies and the community in preventing child sexual exploitation

Priority Area 2: Improve the effectiveness of agencies in meeting the needs of Children Missing for Home, Care and Education

Priority Area 3: Improve the effectiveness of safeguarding activity for children in specific circumstances:

- **Children placed in Lancashire from other areas, and in other areas from Lancashire**
- **Children whose parents are in prison**
- **Children in need of support for emotional and mental health issues**
- **Children who are Privately Fostered**

Priority Area 1: Improve the effectiveness of agencies and the community in preventing child sexual exploitation (CSE)			
What do we want to achieve? <i>(Objective)</i>	Tasks to be completed <i>(to achieve the objective)</i>	Lead Person	Completion Date
1. Ensure there is an effective, multi-agency strategy in place to tackle CSE	Refresh Pan-Lancs CSE strategy and re-launch	LSCB team	By 31/03/16
2. Ensure that the local authority and its partners have a comprehensive action plan in place to tackle child sexual exploitation, and hold partners to account for the urgency and priority they give to their collective and individual contribution to the child sexual exploitation action plan	Multi-agency action plans to be monitored locally by CPBs and fed back to CSE sub as part of the QA framework CSE Sub Group will monitor and receive feedback from CPBs regarding progress against the CSE action plan and provide the QA Group with a composite half yearly and end of year report. QA Group to also include CSE as a KLOE in MASPIs	CPBs CSE Sub QA Sub	By 31/03/16
3. Critically evaluate how effective the activity and progress of each of the LSCB members is against the CSE action plan and publish these findings in the LSCB annual report	Agree CSE dataset (as referred to in the Quality Assurance Framework) and ensure monitoring through CPBs and report to QA sub.	CSE Sub	By 31/03/16
4. Ensure that all partners routinely follow child protection procedures for all children and young people at risk of or who have suffered from child sexual exploitation	Audit to be undertaken as part of QA activity (to include compliance with CP procedures and thresholds) Include as a KLOE in future MASPIs	QA Sub Audit Group	By 31/03/16
5. Ensure that partners meet their statutory duties in relation to children returning from missing episodes where child sexual exploitation is a potential or known risk factor	Dataset around missing episodes to be developed. QA Group to receive half yearly and end of year report from the Children's Society and CSC re RHIs.	MFH Sub	By 31/03/16

6. Ensure that all partners carry out their responsibilities as defined in the locally agreed Continuum of Need / threshold guidance document, which sets out the different levels of provision offered to individual children and young people at risk of or who have suffered from child sexual exploitation in the area, based on their individual needs	CSE Sub Group to ask CPBs to undertake a random Sample of cases that were deemed not to meet the threshold and those that were considered to meet the threshold. QA Group to consider focus group.	CSE Sub QA Sub	By 31/03/16
7. Ensure that an appropriate level of child sexual exploitation training is available to all professionals in the local area who require it; specialist training should be targeted on those working with children and young people at risk of or suffering from child sexual exploitation;	Complete training needs analysis for CSE. Develop and deliver training package for private taxi companies Monitor training uptake for all agencies and challenge non-attendance. Develop risk assessment tool for young people to use	L and D sub	By 31/03/16
8. Evaluate the impact of training with a focus on how it makes a positive difference to keeping children and young people safer	L and D sub to continue developing tools to measure impact of training. Separate report about this for CSE training to be provided to the LSCB	L and D sub	By 31/03/16
9. Develop a thorough and accurate understanding of CSE activity in Lancashire to analyse how effectively agencies are responding to this.	CSE Sub Group to establish performance framework, data from problem profile, referrals and agree dataset. CSE Sub Group to include in half yearly and end of year reports analysis of effectiveness of agencies response.	CSE Sub CSE Sub	By 31/03/16
Priority Area 2: Improve the effectiveness of agencies in meeting the needs of Children Missing for Home, Care and Education (MFH/C/E)			
What do we want to achieve? <i>(Objective)</i>	Tasks to be completed <i>(to achieve the objective)</i>	Lead Person	Completion Date
1. Ensure there is an effective, multi-agency strategy in place to address issues around children MFH/C/E	Ensure MFH/C/E strategies are effective and comprehensive	LSCB team	By 31/03/16

2. Ensure that the local authority and its partners have a comprehensive action plan in place to address issues around MFH/C/E, and hold partners to account for the urgency and priority they give to their collective and individual contribution to the action plan	Children Missing Sub Group to monitor effectiveness of strategies and action plans and provide half yearly and end of year reports to the QA Group	MFH Group	By 31/03/16
3. Critically evaluate how effective the activity and progress of each of the LSCB members is against the action plan and publish these findings in the LSCB annual report	Children Missing Sub Group will develop MFH/C/E Dataset and monitor effectiveness of each LSCB member against the Children Missing action plan	MFH Sub	By 31/03/16
4. Ensure that all partners routinely follow procedures for all children and young people who are MFH/C/E and that the services offered are of outstanding quality	<p>Agree MFH/C/E dataset</p> <p>Audit activity around safe and well checks and return interviews to be completed as part of QA framework</p> <p>Focus groups – young people, parents, professionals to be undertaken as part of QA framework.</p> <p>Challenge Panels of professionals, care leavers and LAC to examine first-hand the experience of service users</p>	<p>MFH Group</p> <p>QA Sub</p>	By 31/03/16
5. Ensure that partners meet their statutory duties in relation to children returning from missing episodes where risks are identified	<p>Children Missing Sub Group to develop dataset.</p> <p>QA Group to receive half yearly and end of year report from the Children's Society and CSC re RHIs and management of risk.</p>	<p>MFH Group</p> <p>QA Sub</p>	By 31/03/16
6. Develop a thorough and accurate understanding of MFH/C/E activity in Lancashire to analyse how effectively agencies are responding to this.	Children Missing Sub Group to establish performance framework and dataset. Children Missing Sub Group to include in half yearly and end of year reports analysis of effectiveness of agencies response	MFH Sub	By 31/03/16
<p>Priority Area 3: Improve the effectiveness of safeguarding activity for children in specific circumstances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children placed in Lancashire from other areas, and in other areas from Lancashire 			

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1. Ensure that children placed in Lancashire by other authorities are safeguarded. 2. Ensure children placed in other Local Authority areas by Lancashire County Council are safeguarded	Agree dataset for this cohort of children, to include number of children, quality of placements and information about health needs, care planning and education All to be monitored though QA Sub and issue reported to the LSCB	QA sub	By 31/03/16
3. Ensure that children who have a parent in prison are safeguarded and raise awareness of the impact on children.	Agree dataset for this cohort of children, to include number of children. iHOP conference to be held which will develop a consistent professional approach cross county	QA Sub L&D Sub	By 31/03/16
4. Ensure that service provision for children who need support for emotional and mental health issues is consistently good across Lancashire	Establish links with the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure plans to re-commission services are effective re safeguarding. LSCB Exec to receive regular and timely progress reports for Director of PH re this.	LSCB	By 31/03/16
5. Ensure that children who are privately fostered in Lancashire are safeguarded	Agree dataset for children who are privately fostered and ensure routine monitoring of this through QA performance data activity Scrutinise and challenge where necessary the Private Fostering annual report from the Local Authority	QA Sub LSCB	By 31/03/16

<p>6. Ensure that the needs of children who misuse alcohol are recognised and addressed.</p>	<p>Focussed audit looking at data, trends and quantitative information.</p> <p>This in turn will inform the development of an agreed action plan.</p>	<p>QA Sub / Audit Group</p>	<p>By 31/03/16</p>
<p>7. Ensure LSCB agencies recognise the threat to children from radicalisation / extremism and have appropriate arrangements to deal with concerns.</p>	<p>Update S11 audit tool to include reference to radicalisation guidance.</p> <p>Ensure LSCB are kept up to date with any national or local development.</p> <p>Ensure schools and other agencies have access to guidance and procedures</p>	<p>QA Sub-group</p> <p>Esafety Group</p> <p>Esafety Group</p>	<p>By 31/03/16</p>
<p>8. Ensure that there are effective countywide strategic arrangements and governance for domestic abuse link to the emerging professional practice regarding FGM and FM&HBV.</p>	<p>Mapping exercise to be completed to illustrate how DA is managed strategically across county.</p>	<p>LADA (via SC)</p>	<p>By 31/03/16</p>
<p>Priority Area 4: Cross Cutting Themes</p>			
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1. Ensure the current multi-agency service re-designs do not impacting on the effective safeguarding arrangements for C&YP	Board and Board Members to monitor impact through their own organisations and Board activity LSCB challenge to partners re high caseloads and impact on practice		By 31/03/16
2. Ensure the LSCB has robust and detailed performance information / data covering longer timescales to understand robust trends rather than short term variance.	To be developed through implementation of regional QAF and dataset	QA Sub	By 31/03/16
3. LSCB to be assured that the MASH is effective and improving outcomes for children's and families	Complete MASH Diagnostic and oversee recommendations arising	T&F Group	By 31/03/16
4. LSCB to develop an action plan so it can be assured that GPs are effectively engaged with safeguarding and child protection processes across agencies.	Agree how this can be achieved through CCGs.	CCG Reps	By 31/03/16
5. LSCB to be assured of the effectiveness of Early Help arrangements and commissioned services	Regular reporting through QA Sub-group from service manager	QA sub-group	By 31/03/16
6. Peer review of Health and LADO links.	Lead Health professionals and LADO to discuss and agree	LADO	By 31/03/16