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Our Vision and Values

The Local Safeguarding Children Board vision is set in the context of the Children and Young People's Plan 2006-2009 (CYPP). The CYPP vision and values 'Children - our future' are set out below.

Children - our future

We want our children and young people to be healthy and safe, to enjoy and achieve, to contribute and to do well (Every Child Matters 5 Outcomes)

We believe children and young people thrive best in their own family networks.

We make sure vulnerable children are a priority for all services.

We want children at the heart of our community; and

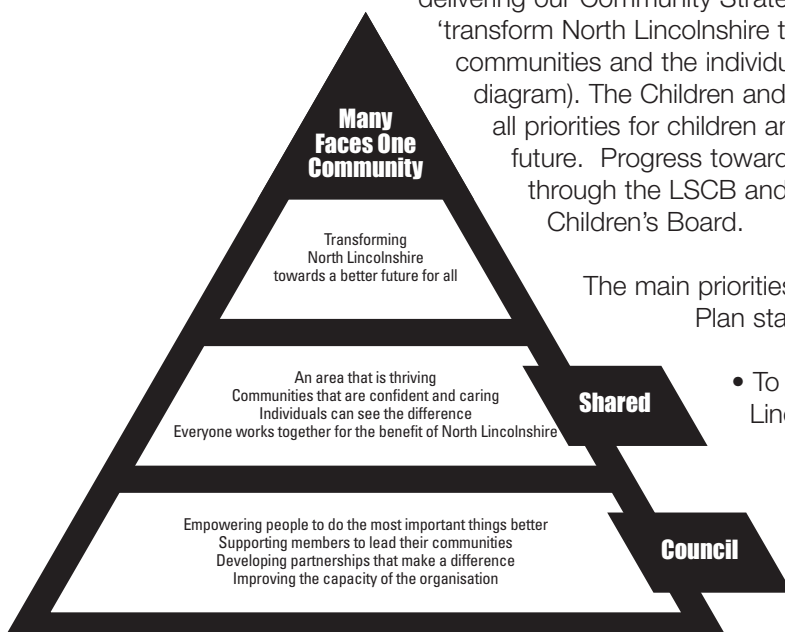
We will deliver services that are child centred.

We will achieve our vision by

- Closing the gap for those who are disadvantaged;
- Raising the aspirations of children and young people; and
- Celebrating our children and young people; their potential and their achievements

You will find these three themes throughout the plan.

Both the CYPP and this Strategic Plan for Safeguarding are integral in delivering our Community Strategy and our shared long term vision to 'transform North Lincolnshire towards a better future for all'; our communities and the individuals who live and work here (see diagram). The Children and Young People's Plan is the focus for all priorities for children and young people in delivering that future. Progress towards the stay safe priorities are monitored through the LSCB and will feed into the LSP and the Children's Board.



The main priorities from the Children & Young Peoples Plan stay safe outcome, for the LSCB are:

- To address bullying within North Lincolnshire
- To address domestic violence
- To keep children and young people safe from accidents in the home and on the roads



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Vision

Mission Statement

As a Local Safeguarding Children Board we will champion the belief that Safeguarding children is everybody's business and work to engage all aspects of the local community measuring our achievements through the community's ownership of the Board

What do we want to achieve?

The ambitions and aspirations of North Lincolnshire's LSCB are :


- Children and Young People of North Lincolnshire are safe.
- Safeguarding is everybody's business.
- Children and young people are the heart of our community.
- The community owns the safeguarding task and the LSCB is seen as 'Our Local Safeguarding Board'.
- That we become a Beacon Board*.
- We have a rigorous self assessment system that evidences the difference we are making regarding children being safe in North Lincolnshire.

* *The Board members said that they wanted to be a 'board of excellence' who had good working partnerships between agencies, good procedures, methods of working and good monitoring systems to measure how well they and their partners are delivering services to ensure the safety and well-being of children.*

Diversity

The vision of the Local Safeguarding Children Board is that the Children and Young People of North Lincolnshire are safe. The LSCB is committed to diversity and believes that support to families must respect individual needs. To achieve this we require action from a number of fronts and have a range of diversity objectives. These objectives are as follows:

- To help achieve a climate of mutual trust and respect across all of North Lincolnshire's diverse communities and between them and public institutions.
- To help create the opportunities and the means whereby all of North Lincolnshire's diverse communities can fully participate in a wide range of economic and social activity.
- To prevent the social exclusion of the most vulnerable in society and to assist those who have become socially excluded.



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- To ensure that diversity is a key driver in our strategic, service and financial planning processes
- To ensure that our policies and procedures are fair and equitable in the way that they relate to different individuals and groups

The Local Safeguarding Children Board

The Children Act 2004 requires each local authority to have a Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB) in place. The Local Safeguarding Children Board, chaired by the Chief Executive of the council, replaced the Area Child Protection Committee in April 2006. Its purpose is to promote and support the safety of children and young people in North Lincolnshire. The priorities for the LSCB for 2006/07 are:

- To do everything possible to keep children and young people safe;
- To let the public know what is being done to safeguard children and young people, and what they can do to help;
- To check how effective safeguarding of children is in North Lincolnshire and take action where necessary; and
- To make sure that mutual respect is at the heart of all working relationships.

The Local Safeguarding Children Board also believes that strong partnerships with children, young people and their families are very important in achieving these priorities.

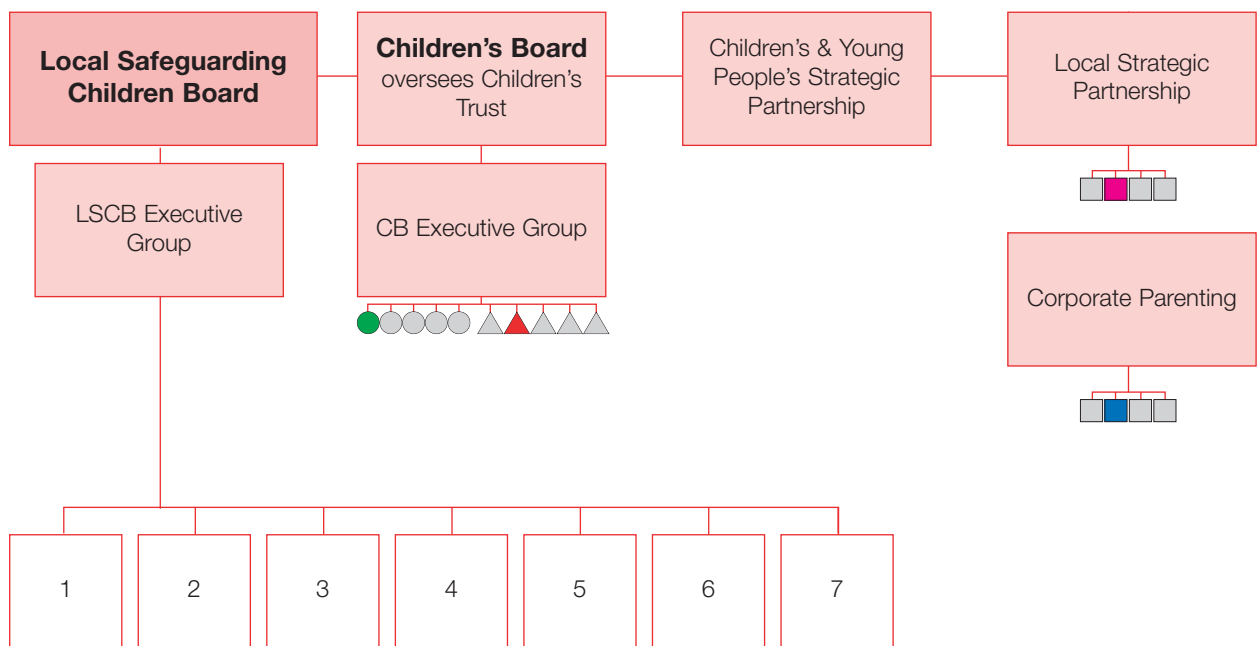
This Strategic Plan reflects the commitment of agencies to delivering services in a joined up way in order to safeguard and promote the well-being of children and young people. This is particularly important to meet the needs of potentially vulnerable groups of children, these include children with disabilities and mental health needs, children who are looked after, children whose parents may use illegal substances and children who are demonstrating offending behaviour and children whose parents may be engaged in offending behaviour.

The following diagram represents the three main clusters of linked partnership accountability. The Strategic plan will help shape the work of the LSCB and it will report into the Children Board, the Local Strategic Partnership and the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership to ensure that safeguarding children is on everyone's agenda and that it contributes to the wider goals of improving well-being for all children. Please see diagram overleaf.



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Partnership Framework for LSCB




LSCB Action Groups

1. Common Assessment/CIN Action Group
2. Communication/ Community Participation Action Group
3. Human Resources Action Group
4. Children in Care Action Group Policy
5. Serious Case Review Action Group
6. Training Action Group
7. Policies & Procedures Action Group

Linked groups

- Integrated C&YP Disability Services
- ▲ Stay Safe Performance/ Action Group
- Children and Young People's 'Block'
- LAC Safeguarding Group



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North Lincolnshire's Local Safeguarding Children Board is established under safeguarding principles enshrined in its Terms of Reference:

The North Lincolnshire Local Safeguarding Children Board also has shared values, which underpins its work to further develop the cultural change that will realise the ambitions and aspirations of the Board.

These are:

- We will work in the best interests of children and young people.
- Children and young people will be listened to and we will hear what they have to say.
- We will support children and families at the earliest opportunity appropriate with meeting their needs.
- We will respect the individuality of each child, young person and their family.
- We will assess children, young people and families needs using the agreed assessment processes, and we will undertake these assessments in partnership with children and their families.
- Professionals will collaborate with each other and work in partnership with children, young people and their families to deliver support.
- We will work to improve outcomes for children and young people.
- We will record and share information appropriately with children and families so that they receive consistent responses from professionals from all agencies.
- We will be open to learning and be willing to develop responding to best evidence and best practice.
- We will work in an open and honest manner with children, young people and their families and each other.

North Lincolnshire's Local Safeguarding Children Board has identified that in order to deliver it's statutory functions effectively there must be:

- Measures, controls and procedures in place to support the safeguarding task.
- A culture of continuous improvement.
- A principled environment that is transparent, accountable and honest.
- Strong leadership that will make things happen.
- Agreed standards in place set by the Board.
- Arrangements to ensure that all staff undertake appropriate training to equip them to carry out their responsibilities effectively.



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Functions

The Statutory Functions of the Local Safeguarding Children Board

The Local Safeguarding Children Board will promote safeguarding across three areas:

- The prevention of maltreatment or impairment of health or development by working to increase the understanding of safeguarding issues in the professional and wider community, promoting the message that **safeguarding of children is everybody's responsibility**.
- The coordination of proactive work that will support children and young people who may be vulnerable and identified as 'in need'.
- The coordination of responsive work to protect children and young people who are suffering or at risk of suffering harm.

The Board recognises the individual and collective responsibility for:

- The development and implementation of policies and procedures for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
- Consistent procedures for safe recruitment and supervision of staff.
- Effective training of persons working with children that is supported by an appropriate infrastructure.
- Effective investigation of allegations against staff.
- Ensuring Private Fostering regulations are in place and staff know about their responsibilities.
- Leading on the Stay Safe outcome in the Children and Young Peoples Plan.
- Communicating the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- Ensuring the infrastructure is in place to respond to all unexpected child deaths.
- Undertaking Serious Case Reviews.
- Ensuring the involvement of children, Young People and their families in the planning and development of services.