

# NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

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1.	Information	<i>National Curriculum and assessment for schools</i>	<p>Information for Schools on changes to the national curriculum from September 2014.</p> <p>The Department for Education has issued information on the new national curriculum to be taught in maintained primary and secondary schools from September 2014.</p> <p>A timetable for when these changes affect primary schools is also available</p>	School Heads	Consider implications for practice	Expectation about what is taught within the curriculum to support children being and keeping safe.	<p><a href="#">DfE Guidance: National curriculum and assessment: information for schools</a></p> <p><b><u>Updated 21st August 2014.</u></b></p>

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2.	Information	<i>The Underwear Rule – teach your child the underwear rule and protect them from abuse.</i>	<p>The NSPCC's Underwear Rule campaign is being made more accessible to <b>Eastern European communities in the UK</b>. The easy-to-read guides have now been translated in to Russian, Polish, Lithuanian and Latvian.</p> <p><a href="#">Underwear rule - Latvian version (PDF)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Underwear rule - Lithuanian version (PDF)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Underwear rule - Polish version (PDF)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Underwear rule - Russian Version (PDF)</a></p>	LSCB Communication Group	To ensure a link to this on the LSCB Website	This will help to keep more children safe by reaching those in some of the ethnic minority groups	<p><a href="#">The underwear rule - Teach your child the underwear rule and protect them from abuse</a></p> <p><u>Source NSPCC website – 22 August 2014</u></p>
3.	Information	<i>The NSPCC urges adults to call helpline with gang worries</i>	The NSPCC has launched a new, free helpline service for people who are concerned about a child or young person who is already, or risks becoming, involved in a <b>gang</b> .	LSCB Communication Group	To ensure this link and message is available on the LSCB Website	Raise the information and profile of possible gang / group culture and the possible implications of harm to children and young people	<p><a href="#">NSPCC urges adults to call helpline with gang worries</a></p> <p><u>Source BBC Online 19 August 2014</u></p>

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4.	Information	<i>Evaluation of Family SMILES: interim report</i>	The NSPCC has published an interim evaluation of their <b>Family SMILES (Simplifying Mental illness plus Life Enhancement Skills) service for children and families where the parent has a mental health problem</b> . Findings include: children found that the group session helped them understand mental health problems are common; parents reported increased self-esteem and lower levels of distress and unhappiness.	Mental Health and Wellbeing Services	To consider the evaluation and any possible action that may be required.	Any recommendations to inform current practice to better assist north Lincolnshire's children and young people who may be in need of support.	<a href="#">Family SMILES: Interim evaluation report August 2014</a>  <u>Source NSPCC inform 19 August 2014</u>
5.	Information	<i>Councils 'unaware of child neglect risk'</i>	An Action for Children Freedom of Information request of 80 local authorities has revealed that 60% said they were unaware of the extent of <b>child neglect</b> in their region.  <u>Further information: - <a href="#">Action for Children Press Release</a></u>	LSCB Safe Practice Group	To consider that we are not one of the councils to be unaware of the impact of neglect	Can we evidence, if questioned, that we are very well aware of the impact of neglect – this is across all agencies.	<a href="#">Council's "unaware of child neglect risk"</a> <u>Source: Children &amp; Young People Now</u>

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6.	Information	<i>DBS Guide to eligibility.</i>	Disclosure and Barring Service provides eligibility, workforce and supervision guidance for those working with children and adults. [Updated: Changes to legislation - the eligibility guidance and child workforce document have both been updated to include some new entries about the introduction of child minder agencies by Ofsted. These show in the eligibility guidance from reference number 34 onwards.]	LSCB Safe Practice	All agencies to ensure their recruitment practice is up to date	To prevent people who could pose a risk to children and young people being recruited.	<a href="#">DBS guide to eligibility - Guidance from the Disclosure &amp; Barring Service, DFE and Dept of Health</a>
7.	Information	<i>EU Kids Online</i>	EU Kids Online have published the final recommendations for policy on <b>keeping children safe online</b> . Recommendations include that teachers should integrate online safety skills across the curriculum and the Government should promote positive online content for different age groups.  Further information: <a href="#">Final recommendations for Policy (PDF)</a>	All Schools	To support school by asking how and what they are teaching – use the Safeguarding Audit	The judgement by Ofsted may be lowered if this is not a strong part of a school's curriculum.	<a href="#">EU Kids Online</a>

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8.	Information	<i>Female Genital Mutilation: recognising and preventing FGM.</i>	The Guardian reports that UK Border Force officers have warned that there is an emerging trend in 'cutters' being flown into the UK to practice <b>female genital mutilation</b> .	LSCB Safe Practice Group	To place the link for training onto the LSCB Website and allow public access in order to raise awareness and prevent the harm	<p>Whilst it is correct to raise awareness we must also ensure a safe place for those wishing not to take part in the practice as they could be ostracised from their communities and overall may be more at risk of harm.</p> <p><b>NB</b> - The practice can be on white girls or women who marry into the communities who practice FGM.</p> <p>NL LSCB have a FGM Champion [very few authorities do] we need to make efficient use of this role although board members need to be aware that her training / information services need to be paid for as she does this work in her own time.</p>	: <a href="#">Female genital mutilation: recognising and preventing FGM. Free online training</a>

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9.	Information	<u>'Improving the quality of serious case reviews' through support and training: independent evaluation (PDF)</u>	The Centre for Research on Children and Families at the University of East Anglia has published an independent evaluation of support and training to improve the quality of <b>serious case reviews</b> .	LSCB SCR Sub Group	To consider the lessons being learned and inform practice and training.	Sharing the information across North Lincolnshire is essential to keeping children and young people safe from CSE.	<b>Source:</b> <u>Centre for Research on Children &amp; Families - University of East Anglia</u> 08 September 2014

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10.	DfE Transparency Data	<i>Local Authority Interactive Tool [LAIT]</i>	<p>A tool for comparing data about children and young people across all local authorities in England. The tool presents information in interactive tables and charts with the local authority's rank and position within the national context. The tool includes data on: <b><u>looked-after children; child protection; special educational needs (SEN); pupil attainment; children's health; post-16 circumstances; judgements from Ofsted.</u></b> We update the data in the LAIT regularly.</p>	LSCB Members	To consider the potential use of the tool.	To Inform members when an analysis of the tool is complete and the use thereof.	<a href="#">Local authority interactive tool (LAIT)</a>

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11.	Information	<i>Safeguarding Vulnerable Children</i>	The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and the Secretary of State for Education have written a joint letter to council leaders on <b>safeguarding vulnerable children</b> . It sets out next steps in response to the Rotherham abuse scandal, which includes all councils undertaking an audit of their child sexual exploitation procedures.	All LSCB members	All to read Professor Jay's report and consider whether you have adequate measures in place to ensure that you cannot be accused of similar failings in the future.	All agencies to be instructed by their board representatives on the implications of the report and to ensure all necessary measures are in place to prevent this harm happening to children and young people in North Lincolnshire.	<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/358979/140924_-_Rotherham_letter_joint_final.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/358979/140924_-_Rotherham_letter_joint_final.pdf</a>
12.	Information	<i>Safeguarding children with autism</i>	The National Autistic Society, Ambitious About Autism and the Autism Education Trust have produced a free booklet for professionals on <b>safeguarding children with autism</b> . The booklet looks at key principles of safeguarding children who haven't worked with children with autism before.	LSCB Communications Group	To pass this information onto all practitioners	To be used when working with children on the autistic spectrum	<a href="http://www.autism.org.uk/Products/Core-NAS-publications/Safeguarding.aspx">http://www.autism.org.uk/Products/Core-NAS-publications/Safeguarding.aspx</a>
13.	Information	<i>Partnership dissolution: how does it affect income, employment and wellbeing</i>	University of Essex research, funded by the Nuffield Foundation, has found that 20% of mothers and their children fall into <b>poverty</b> after a relationship breakdown.	LSCB Safe Practice	To pass this information onto all practitioners	To consider the information within the research	<a href="https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/research/publications/working-papers/iser/2014-30.pdf">https://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/research/publications/working-papers/iser/2014-30.pdf</a>

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14.	Information	<i>Crown Prosecution Service offers clear guidance for prosecutors on 'revenge pornography.'</i>	The Crown Prosecution Service has released new guidelines on prosecuting cases of ' <b>revenge pornography</b> '. It recommends that in the most serious cases, where victims are coerced into further sexual activity, offenders could be prosecuted under the Sexual Offences Act 2003. This could lead to a 14 year jail sentence	LSCB	To ensure procedures are updated to reflect the new legislative change.  All agencies to be more vigilant when collecting evidence for this type of harmful practice.	More prosecutions for these offences.	<a href="http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/crown_prosecution_service_offers_clear_guidance_for_prosecutors_on_revenge_pornography/">http://www.cps.gov.uk/news/latest_news/crown_prosecution_service_offers_clear_guidance_for_prosecutors_on_revenge_pornography/</a>
15.	Information	<i>Managing Self Harm in Young People</i>	The Royal College of Psychiatrists has published a report looking at managing <b>self harm</b> in young people. Issues covered include: the relationship between self-harm and the internet, and when to admit 16-17 year olds who self harm to an acute hospital.	LSCB	To consider whether all agencies do enough to support young people who self harm and the reasons for this act.	A decrease in the number of self harm incidents	<a href="http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/files/pdfversion/CR192.pdf">http://www.rcpsych.ac.uk/files/pdfversion/CR192.pdf</a>
16.	Information	<i>Young people and interpersonal violence: first findings from the Young People's Programme Jan 2014 – July 2014</i>	Domestic violence charity, CAADA, has published a report of evidence collected by frontline practitioners working with young victims of <b>domestic abuse</b> . The report details the young people's experience of domestic abuse and their needs and vulnerabilities. It also evidences outcomes achieved for these young people including improvements in their health and well-being. <b>Source:</b> <a href="http://www.caada.org.uk">CAADA</a> 06 October 2014	LSCB Safe Practice and DV Forum	To promote the Healthy Relationships training taking place in schools across North Lincolnshire	The Healthy Relationships Mentors are a great strength in helping young people break the cycle of abuse relationship.	<a href="http://www.caada.org.uk/documents/Young_people_and_interpersonal_violence_first_findings_from_the_Young_People%27s_Programme.pdf">http://www.caada.org.uk/documents/Young_people_and_interpersonal_violence_first_findings_from_the_Young_People%27s_Programme.pdf</a>

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