



CHILDREN'S MARS BOARD NEWS UPDATE

Edition 1

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Welcome

Welcome to the 1st edition of the news update for the North Lincolnshire Children's Multi Agency Resilience and Safeguarding (MARS) arrangements.

This news update is one way of communicating information and messages relating to the Children's MARS arrangements. The main focus of this 1st edition is to outline the new Children's MARS arrangements, to share information about the launch of these at the 'Out of this World' Conference, to communicate messages from the inaugural Children's MARS Board, to outline the role and function of the new Multi Agency Innovation Hub, to introduce the new Stakeholder Partnership and to highlight key communications and relevant contacts.

Children's Multi Agency Resilience and Safeguarding Arrangements

We are delighted to confirm that the [North Lincolnshire Children's MARS arrangements](#) were published on 31 October 2018 and were implemented with immediate effect. The plan of arrangements sets out how the safeguarding partners will work together with other agencies, to identify and respond to the needs of children, young people and families in North Lincolnshire. The new Children's MARS Board replaces the Local Safeguarding Children Board.

The intent of the Children's MARS arrangements is to:

- co-produce with children, young people and families using their strengths and assets to develop services to meet their individual needs
- provide robust independent scrutiny and assurance to the partnership in relation to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people in the North Lincolnshire
- make children's safeguarding personal and swift so they remain in families, in school
- build children, young people and families resilience
- drive an even stronger partnership with schools, colleges and local agencies

As safeguarding partners, we have equal and joint responsibility for the Children's MARS arrangements and we are committed to the transformational journey to help and protect children, young people and families. The launch of the local arrangements signals North Lincolnshire's ambition to:

- develop an equitable and robust partnership and a new way of working across the safeguarding system
- offer help and support at the earliest point to enable children, young people and families to have positive outcomes, where they reach their full potential and become independent of additional services.

North Lincolnshire has a proven track record of working in partnership to improve outcomes. It is the only local authority in the country to be judged by Ofsted during the Single Inspection Framework inspection process as outstanding for both children's services and the LSCB. The Children's MARS arrangements have been developed from a position of strength. North Lincolnshire is aspirational for the children, young people and families in this area and there continues to be a drive and commitment across local agencies and organisations to work collaboratively to move to 'beyond outstanding'. This is evidenced throughout ongoing partnership work and our status as an early adopter of the new arrangements, which provides opportunities to test and develop the local approach and lead the way in implementing new innovations.

Chosen by the Government as early adopters of the new arrangements, we will listen, learn, review and adapt as we implement our local arrangements. To reflect this, they will be subject to a review and will be republished in June 2019.



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'Out of This World' Conference



- ✓ *"The best conference I have attended"*
- ✓ *"Really thought provoking"*
- ✓ *"Already thinking about how my practice can change"*
- ✓ *"Inspiring and motivating"*
- ✓ *"All speakers were excellent and informative"*
- ✓ *"Really impressive"*
- ✓ *"Such brilliant organisation"*

The 'Out of this World' Conference to launch North Lincolnshire's new multi agency safeguarding arrangements took place on Friday 2 November 2018 at Forest Pines.

Over 150 people attended from the safeguarding partner organisations and other agencies and organisations including leaders at all levels and young people representatives, who will be responsible for contributing to shaping and influencing the strategic direction as we move to beyond outstanding.

Further details regarding the presentations and feedback are detailed in the [Children's MARS News Update: Conference Edition](#).

Children's MARS Board

Safeguarding partners met for the first Children's MARS Board on Monday 12 November 2018. The three safeguarding partners are developing strong, collaborative relationships and the discussion at the meeting was proactive and forward thinking. As well as assuring themselves of the work undertaken across the children's early help and safeguarding pathway, there was also a focus on how partners would work together to deliver the new arrangements.

Key points arising from the discussions included:

- Children's MARS Board arrangements in place and agreement to review and adapt terms of reference as required
- Individual safeguarding partners agreed leads for specific portfolios
- Recruitment to Multi Agency Innovation Hub underway
- Delivery plan to be developed to focus partnership action to innovate and progress the new arrangements based around the agreed intents
- Next Board scheduled for 8 January 2019

Multi Agency Innovation Hub

The Safeguarding Partners Multi-Agency Innovation Hub will be one of the key mechanisms for change. It will bring partners together at a strategic and operational level to deliver a focussed, co-ordinated response, innovate system change, deliver efficiencies and drive up multi-agency practice.

The team will initially consist of a lead officer, three development officers and a partnership and planning officer. Other officers will link in and there will be opportunities for other agencies to contribute to the hub in the future.

Recruitment is being planned for some of the posts and more information will be distributed in due course.

Stakeholder Partnership

A stakeholder partnership development session took place on 22 November 2018 to bring together representatives from safeguarding partners and other agencies to consider how all partners can engage and be involved in the new Children's MARS arrangements as these are further developed and the best mechanisms for communicating and learning from best practice.

Partners provided suggestions about the markers of success and proposed that there should be further consultation over the coming weeks and months. A further discussion will be held at the next stakeholder partnership development session on 14 January 2019.

Communications

The [Children's MARS website](#) is now up and running. The website contains information around the following headings:

- ✓ Early Help – note that EH Assessment front sheets can now only be submitted via an electronic form with a link provided to this form
- ✓ Key Documents and Resources
- ✓ Children, Young People and Families
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Policies, Procedures and Guidance
- ✓ Learning from Practice

The [LSCB website](#) also remains live as further work is undertaken to review and transition other information to the new website.

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