

CHILDREN'S MARS BOARD NEWS UPDATE



CHILDREN'S MARS BOARD—APRIL 2022

Welcome to the 15th edition of the news update for the North Lincolnshire Children's Multi Agency Resilience and Safeguarding (MARS) Local Arrangements. Safeguarding partners met again at the Children's MARS Board on 29 April 2022.

Key areas of discussion included:

- Progress relating to the safeguarding partners' portfolio areas
- Updates from the Children's Help and Protection Pathway Group and the Safeguarding Practice Learning and Improvement Group
- Edwina Harrison, Independent Scrutiny Officer attended the Board to share the outcomes of the Independent Review of the Children's MARS Arrangements
- The evaluation of the Partnership Integrated Triage (PITSTOP) and the impact on children
- An update on the outcomes of the annual schools safeguarding audit



Please share this information across your agency/organisation and use it as a means of prompting discussion, sharing learning and improving practice.

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In May 2022, the below key national reports were published by the government:

- [Child Protection in England: National review into the murders of Arthur Labinjo-Hughes and Star Hobson](#)
- [The Independent Review of Children's Social Care report](#)

A practitioner briefing has also been published by the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel in relation to the Child Protection in England report. This can be viewed on our website: [Practitioner briefing—Child Protection in England report](#)

Partnership workforce briefing sessions have been scheduled to take place to disseminate the learning and key messages from the report. The sessions are aimed at frontline staff and managers. The sessions are taking place on the below dates:

- 2 August 2022, 10am to 11am— [Link to access the session](#)
- 9 September 2022, 3pm to 4pm — [Link to access the session](#)

There is no requirement to book. Click the link above to access the session.

Children's MARS subgroup updates

Key Updates - Children's Help and Protection Pathway (CHaPP) Group

- The Partnership Integrated Triage (PITSTOP) continues to be successful in ensuring early help for families from the right agency and reducing the number of children who need to be considered within the social work 'front door'
- Early help assessments continue to be undertaken and logged on the DASH system, with increasing numbers showing sustained commitment to this process particularly from schools, settings and the RDaSH 0-19 Health and Wellbeing Service
- The CHaPP received progress updates in relation to partnership groups/ initiatives including reducing parental conflict, graded care profile 2, emotional wellbeing and mental health, and risk outside the home

Key Updates - Early Help Strategic Leads Group (EHSLG)

- Following consultation with schools, colleges and settings, the early help assessment and plan has been re-designed. As part of our commitment to co-produce, the draft format is being fine-tuned with parents and family members, and 'trials' in two schools in preparation for the final model being launched over the summer period
- Bespoke task and finish groups have been held to review the capabilities of the DASH system for logging early help assessments and to review the North Lincolnshire role of the lead professional descriptor
- Early help locality network meetings are an important feature of the North Lincolnshire system, with termly meetings held in each locality for a number of years, providing an opportunity for practitioners to meet with schools, family support and other local authority staff to share best practice and seek solutions. The format for these forums has been refreshed to provide opportunity for receiving service updates and encouraging greater connectivity around impact and outcomes as well as continuing to enable peer support and the sharing of best practice

Key Updates - Safeguarding Practice Learning and Improvement Group (SPLIG)

- The SPLIG received updates on recent scrutiny and assurance activity including the thematic assurance event on the harmful sexual behaviour and the multi-agency case audit practice learning line of sight event on child sexual abuse in the family environment
- The SPLIG reflected on the learning from the Child Safeguarding Practice Review report 'The Myth of Invisible Men'
- An evaluation report of the Yorkshire and Humber Multi-Agency Safeguarding Trainers (YHMAST) domestic abuse webinar series was presented to the SPLIG
- The SPLIG considered and agreed the 'Shine a Light' areas of focus for 2022/23 which would be posited to the safeguarding partners for endorsement

News Update

Learning from practice

Practice Learning Line of Sight event - Child sexual abuse in the family environment

A multi-agency case audit practice learning line of sight event took place in March 2022.

Good practice and key learning include:

- Cases involving child sexual abuse are complex, however the values and principals of the One Family Approach are being demonstrated within practice. There was evidence of relational working and the practitioners supporting the family were the best persons to do the work. In both cases, the children were supported to remain in their home, in their school and in their community
- The use of family solutions was evident in that wider family members were involved in the plan

A 7 minute briefing on the event has been published on the [learning from practice page of the Children's MARS website](#).

Children's MARS Training

The Children's MARS Education and Training programme 2022/23 is now available on the [Children's MARS website](#). The programme contains further information on upcoming courses and learning aims.

Upcoming Courses:

- Drug trends and local updates - 28 September
- Brook Traffic Light Tool—6 October
- Risk Outside the Home and Child Exploitation—12 October
- Child to parent violence and abuse - 13 October
- Graded Care Profile 2—17 October

Children's MARS Conference 2022

The Children's MARS Conference took place on Thursday 5 May 2022, 10am to 3.30pm at Forest Pines Hotel. Over 150 people attended from across the partnership including leaders at all levels and young people.

Practitioners fed back that *'There was great oversight of all of the fantastic multi-agency work we all strive to do, which is ultimately for the children of our area'* and that *'The day was a real celebration of all that we do as a team of North Lincs'*

The special edition conference news update contains a brief overview of the presentations and key messages from the day. The news update can be found on the [communications page of our website](#).



Communications and Stakeholder Engagement

We are continuing to share messages via Safe North Lincs and through our email communications in response to key documents, emerging themes and further opportunities for education and training.

The Children's MARS Spotlight is a mechanism for coordinating key communications messages, tools and resources and upcoming training associated with the Children's MARS 'Shine a Light' areas of focus.



In the Spotlight...

Female Genital Mutilation and Honour Based Abuse

The theme of the latest Spotlight is Honour Based Abuse, Forced Marriage and Female Genital Mutilation. You can view it on the [communications page](#) of the Children's MARS website.

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