Further to your Information request FOI64946 please find your questions and our responses below:

Working Together 2010 states that ‘LSCB’s are responsible for developing local policies for training people who work with children or in services affecting the safety and welfare of children. LSCB’s should evaluate the provision and availability of single and inter-agency training to ensure training reaches all relevant staff.’ A number of target groups and suggested training are detailed.

Working Together 2013 does not detail target groups (outside the intercollegiate document) and shifts the emphasis of responsibility for the provision of appropriate training to the employing organisation. ‘LSCB’s should monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of training, including multi-agency training, for all professionals in the area. Training should cover how to identify and respond early to the needs of all vulnerable children, including: unborn children; babies; older children; young carers; disabled children; and those who are in secure settings. LSCBs may provide training. While LSCBs do not have the power to direct other organisations they do have a role in making clear where improvement is needed. Each Board partner retains their own existing line of accountability for safeguarding.’

As the lead agency for LSCB, please can you tell me what your current local policies are for training people who work with children or in services affecting the safety and welfare of children and if they are to alter as a result of this new publication which comes into force on 15/04/13:

1a) In what ways does the local LSCB policy currently accept online training for target groups detailed in Working Together 2010 and the Intercollegiate Document?

1b) Are there changes to this aspect of LSCB policy from 15/04/2013 and if so, what?

2a) Does the local LSCB policy currently enforce face to face training for any target groups?

2b) Are there changes to this aspect of LSCB policy from 15/04/2013 and if so, what?

3a) Does local LSCB policy currently mandate multi-agency training for certain target groups or roles such as designated lead for safeguarding and deputies?

3b) Are there changes to this aspect of LSCB policy from 15/04/2013 and if so, what?

4a) What elements of training does the local LSCB policy define as multi-agency?

4b) Are there changes to this aspect of LSCB policy from 15/04/2013?
5a) What is the current policy on LSCB 'validation' of both online and offline training materials. (is there a validation system, does this apply to use in all settings, are third party materials validated, do LSCB's invoice for validation - if so cost of validation?)

5b) Are there changes to this aspect of LSCB policy from 15/04/2013?

Response: I have been advised we do not have an LSCB policy on training. The role of the LSCB is to ensure that agencies have adequate safeguarding training, which are updated in line with government legislation and guidance.

This concludes your request FOI64946.

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