

Agenda Item 4

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	4 October 2023
Subject:	Chairman's Supplementary Announcements

1. **New Macmillan Psychological Support Service Launching in Lincolnshire**

Figures show that people with cancer are more likely to be affected by sadness, depression, worry, fear or anxiety as a result of their diagnosis. In the East Midlands, these feelings are present in one in four people with cancer, which is above the national average. On 27 September 2023, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) announced the launch of a new psychological support service for people with cancer. The service, which has been developed by a partnership of LPFT, Macmillan and the East Midlands Cancer Alliance, went live on 2 October 2023, and will provide a team of four clinical psychologists to work across the county to provide therapy and support to cancer patients.

Through a series of fully personalised therapy sessions, the service aims to improve quality of life for adults living with, and beyond, cancer. The team will work with patients, families, carers and other professionals to identify and address any challenges related to coping with cancer. It is hoped that the psychological support could also have a positive impact on cancer survival rates and help to reduce emergency hospital admissions. Access to the service is via a referral from their hospital's cancer team.

2. **Hartsholme Centre – Lincolnshire's Male Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit**

On 28 September 2023, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) announced its plans to partially re-open the Hartsholme Centre in November. Hartsholme is Lincolnshire's male psychiatric intensive care unit. Initially, LPFT's intention is to open the service to four patients, with the centre fully opened by March 2024. LPFT states that since the temporary closure in November 2022, it has made positive progress in stabilising its staffing across adult mental health wards, as well as undertaking essential work that would keep the building fit for purpose.

3. Engagement on the Potential Development of a Female Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit in Lincolnshire

Feedback from the engagement on the temporary closure of the male psychiatric intensive care unit included support for a female psychiatric intensive care unit in Lincolnshire. As a result, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) has announced that it is turning its attention to the options to providing a psychiatric intensive care unit for females.

With this in mind, LPFT will be holding a number of public events are being held around the county, which will be open to service users, their families and any one in our local community interested in being involved. These will be taking place as follows:

Monday 23 October	2pm-4pm	The Boardroom, Saxon Court, St George's Site, Long Leys Road, Lincoln, LN1 1FS
Tuesday 24 October	10am-12pm	Jubilee Church Life Centre, 5 London Road, Grantham, NG31 6EY
Thursday 26 October	10am-11.30am	Virtual event. Click here to join the meeting on the day
Wednesday 8 November	10am-12pm	The Storehouse, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1BY
Thursday 9 November	2pm-4pm	The Len Medlock Centre, St Georges Road, Boston, PE218YB

LPFT asks that anyone interested in attending contact its Involvement Team at lpft.involvement@nhs.net or call 07773 206341. LPFT also stated that it is also happy for people to turn up on the day.

4. Dementia Strategy for Lincolnshire – What Matters to You?

The NHS in Lincolnshire and Lincolnshire County Council are developing a revised dementia strategy. As a result of engagement to date, a series of goals have been developed for the next dementia strategy, which were included in a document emailed to members of the Committee on 2 October 2023. The document says the strategy should focus on:

- (1) more information about preventing avoidable dementia and encouraging people to age well;
- (2) earlier support for people diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment and dementia;
- (3) improving experiences for people diagnosed and living with dementia – joining up services to help timely intervention and referral, including a new delirium and falls process;
- (4) preventing people reaching crisis – supporting people with dementia, their carers and families with personalised care planning, so that they can live well and get the right support when they need it;

- (5) improving access to personalised pre-diagnostic and post-diagnostic support and carer support; and
- (6) working together to ensure local community support is available.

The document states that the above would be delivered by a series of actions under five headings:

- Preventing Well – *The risk of people developing dementia is reduced.*
- Diagnosing Well – *Timely diagnosis, care plan and review in the first year.*
- Treating Well – *Ensuring access to the best treatment available.*
- Supporting Well – *Access to safe high quality health and social care for people with dementia and their carers.*
- Living Well – *People living with dementia can normally in safe and accepting communities.*
- Dying Well – *People living with dementia die with dignity in the place of their choosing.*

The full draft document is available at www.lpft.nhs.uk/Dementia-Strategy. Comments may be sent to the Lincolnshire Dementia Programme Board at licb.ldpb@nhs.net.

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