

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of the
Multi-Agency Lincolnshire System Resilience Group

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	8 December 2015
Subject:	Lincolnshire System Resilience Group System Wide Winter Plan 2015-16

Summary:

This paper outlines the key drivers, requirements and highlights of the Lincolnshire SRG System Wide Winter Plan 2015-16. This plan outlines how as one health and care system Lincolnshire commissioners, providers and voluntary and community sectors will collectively prepare, respond and recover from Winter 2015-16.

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note and be assured of the joint health and care system approach to winter planning.

1. Background

The Lincolnshire System Resilience Group (SRG) is required to produce annually a whole system winter plan (which is based on learning from previous winters).

The organisations represented at System Resilience Group are: NHS England, Trust Development Agency (TDA), the four Lincolnshire CCG's, ULHT, LCHS, LPFT, EMAS, LCC, Care UK and LinCA) and is chaired by the Accountable Officer for Lincolnshire East CCG.

The winter plan is underpinned and organised according to the principles of integrated emergency management:

Anticipate; Assess; Prevent; Prepare; Respond and Recover.

The winter plan:

- Details how all health; social care and community providers will respond to both anticipated and unpredicted surges in demand.
- Identifies the shared risks across the health and care system and the joint mitigations in place to reduce risk levels.
- Is a live working document and as such is updated up to the week before Christmas and then its impact will be evaluated in April 2016.
- Is delivered operationally through an agreed system wide surge and escalation plan (detailed within the document).
- Is guided by national frameworks and expectations such as the Public Health England Cold Weather Plan.
- Is written in the context that an NHS Constitutional Standards Recovery Programme is in place in Lincolnshire (discussed at Health Scrutiny on the 18th November 2015).
- Spans the whole system from promoting self-care and prevention through to how acute care will deliver both emergency/urgent and planned care.

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the following highlights from the plan:

- **Anticipate**
 - The national Cold Weather Plan and the supporting Met Office cold weather alerts came into force from the 1st November and are monitored by all partners.
 - The Surge and Escalation plan for Lincolnshire provides the triggers for a system wide response to three key tiers of response: maintaining business continuity, critical incident and major incident – the latter two can be site specific or take place on a system wide level.
- **Assess**
 - Risk assessment of the current hazards and threats to be monitored and mitigating actions delivered through the SRG and its working groups.
- **Prevent**
 - There is a locally agreed Winter Communications campaign in place across statutory and community services to support the *NHS Stay Well This Winter* campaign. The Lincolnshire communications campaign offer for this year has been recognised as good practice across the East Midlands.
 - The Flu Prevention campaign locally is under-way to promote vaccination to the key groups of children aged 6 and under, over 65's, pregnant women, people with long term health conditions and carers.

- **Prepare**
 - Individual providers plan's to maximise capacity of service provision and staff over winter (with particular reference to the Christmas and New Year period) are detailed.
- **Respond**
 - Providers mutually deliver their plans as one system and this is operationally coordinated by the SRG via on call directors/on call tactical level managers.
- **Recover**
 - An essential element of winter planning is reviewing and testing our local response (for example: for NHS organisations through formal testing against Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response (EPRR) standards) and identifying lessons for a post winter debrief session planned for April 2016.

2. Conclusion

The Lincolnshire SRG System Wide Winter Plan demonstrates a detailed and connected approach across health and care organisations to prepare, respond and recover to the presenting risks and challenges of this winter.

3. Consultation

The winter plan has been developed through consultation throughout October and November with all organisations represented on the SRG.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire System Resilience Group System Wide Winter Plan 2015-16

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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