

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 16 SEPTEMBER 2016

Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for NHS Liaison and Community Engagement

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

As reported in my last statement, the fundamental review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) began in earnest in April 2016. All 35 topics in the JSNA are being reviewed by expert panels made up of representatives from the County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups, other health partners, District Councils and the voluntary sector. The JSNA reports on the health and wellbeing needs of the people of Lincolnshire. It brings together detailed information on local health and wellbeing needs and looks ahead at emerging challenges and projected future needs. The JSNA is the overarching evidence base and is used by the Health and Wellbeing Board to inform the shared priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), and is the basis for the planning and commissioning of services.

The informal Health and Wellbeing Board meeting on 12 July, attended by wider partners, provided an opportunity to evaluate the robustness of the updated JSNA format by ensuring the new commentaries provide the necessary evidence to enable the Board to identify the priorities for the next JHWS. This exercise was particularly important given the fact that the JSNA review began before the prioritisation framework for the JHWS was developed, so the meeting enabled us to cross check the approaches.

The meeting highlighted a number of minor gaps in the approach and steps are being put in place to ensure the JSNA commentaries provide a robust evidence base for the development of the JHWS. This additional work may have a slight impact on timescales, although the intention is still to republish the JSNA on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory by early spring 2017.

As part of the review process a number of new topics have been identified: Autism, Dementia, Domestic Abuse and Financial Inclusion.

BETTER CARE FUND (BCF)

Members will be aware that we are now in our second year of the Better Care Fund. The Lincolnshire 2016/17 BCF Plans received NHS England approval on 5 July 2016. The required pooled fund agreement in the form of five 'Section 75 agreements', and two 'aligned budgets' between the County Council and the four CCGs in Lincolnshire were also all signed-off ahead of the 30 June deadline. This means that the £48.4m revenue funding and £4.9m capital available to Lincolnshire for 2016/17 is now protected and formally available. It also means that (following negotiations with the CCGs) £16.825m of BCF funding is available to protect Adult Care Services in 2016/17. This funding is absolutely essential for the service, both protecting existing service provision and providing some capacity for innovative joint working with the health community. In 2015/16 Lincolnshire was only one of five areas in the country with a significant pooled budget (of £197m), in 2016/17 the level

of pooled funding is in excess of £193m and we remain one of a small number of health and social care systems in the country with a large pooled budget.

The national conditions surrounding the BCF were added to in 2016/17 from those which existed in the previous year. Additional emphasis has been placed on non-elective admissions and delayed transfers of care at a national level reflecting increased concern about how acute care is operating. Regular performance reports are produced for the Lincolnshire system so that we can closely monitor these and other critical areas. The Health and Wellbeing Board that I chair receives an update concerning the BCF at each of its formal meetings.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Corporate Complaints and Compliments

In October last year, the Council undertook a review of corporate complaints. An action plan was developed which included a number of activities. Over the last few months, a working group consisting of managers from all Directorates has been meeting to address the actions. The Council now has a single Corporate Complaints and Compliments Policy and a supporting procedure. The Council's website and other supporting information have been updated and a new process for reporting on complaints, and making improvements where required, has been introduced.

Community Engagement Community of Practice

Last year, the Community Engagement team set up a Community Engagement Community of Practice (CoP) for officers involved in engaging with service users and members of the public. This 'platform' offers monthly practice development sessions (identified by the group and lasting only one hour); a monthly e-newsletter featuring local, national and international research and twice yearly meetings where best practice engagement is discussed along with common challenges. The CoP has over 60 members from across all Directorates and is now expanding to involve District Councils and other key partners.

Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant (AFCC)

The Armed Forces Community Covenant (AFCC) Partnership Board (co-chaired by Cllr Woolley and Air Commodore Luck) will be reviewing membership and consolidating actions at its next meeting on 14 September. This year's annual conference will be held on 14 October.

The AFCC is now open for applications under four priorities: details can be found on the AFCC area on our website. We continue to offer support to groups and organisations in the application process.

Between 2012 (when the AFCC Grant Fund started) and 2015, successful applications levered in £1.3 million to the county. The criteria and process of approval for the grant scheme changed last year with fewer applications being developed and accepted by the regional panel. This resulted in £105,000 being levered in over the last year.

Lincolnshire Sport

The DCMS and Sport England have both launched new strategies this year, to roll out in April 2017. The strategies look at activity rather than sport and will focus on getting people who are inactive doing at least 30 minutes of exercise. Unlike the previous strategy that engaged people who were already active, this new strategy will look at behaviour change to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of individuals.

The 5 key areas of the Sport England strategy "Towards an Active Nation" will focus on are Physical Wellbeing, Mental Wellbeing, Individual Development, Social and Community Development and Economic Development. There is an opportunity for Lincolnshire, with high levels of inactive people and areas with multiple indicators of deprivation, where we could work with other traditional and non-traditional partners to develop projects and programmes that will benefit the county.

Lincolnshire Sport is already working with the 3rd sector partners to scope potential projects and programmes that we could apply for funding to develop and deliver. LCC via Public Health will also be supporting these project teams. They will be working together to try and attract additional funding to support the work already being done to improve both physical health and mental health.

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