

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 16 DECEMBER 2016

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LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

A fundamental review of Lincolnshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) began in April 2016. 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. It is used by the Health and Wellbeing Board to inform the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS), and is the basis for the strategic planning and commissioning of services.

Since April 2016, 33 Expert Panels, made up of representatives of the County Council, Clinical Commissioning Groups, District Councils, NHS Providers and the voluntary and community sector, have been held to review the JSNA topic areas. Approximately 400 people have been engaged in the process either through Expert Panels or as part of a peer review process that assures the quality and usefulness of the JSNA .

36 topic areas have been identified and new topics include Dementia, Domestic Abuse, Financial Inclusion and Autism. The review programme is on plan to conclude in the New Year and the new JSNA for Lincolnshire is due to be published on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory in Spring 2017.

Development of the next Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Alongside publishing the JSNA, the Health and Wellbeing Board is also required to produce a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) which sets out the shared priorities for improving health and wellbeing in Lincolnshire. The current JHWS is due to be replaced in April 2018 and at September's meeting the Board agreed the principles for developing the next JHWS, which included a prioritisation framework.

The formal process to develop the next JHWS will begin in early Summer 2017 following the publication of the JSNA.

Better Care Fund (BCF)

The Lincolnshire 2016/17 BCF pooled budget now stands at £196.5m and remains one of the highest pooled budgets in the country. The expansion follows Lincolnshire Community Health Service (LCHS) and Adult Care working together to block purchase 85 care home beds to support Lincolnshire residents. This expansion has an annual value of £2.72m and the block contract has been awarded for 3 years, with the ability to extend it for up to a further 2 years. The beds will be used as 'step up' hospital avoidance and 'step down' hospital discharge capacity, and should support better utilisation of the beds in the local hospitals, acute and non-acute.

As with previous BCF submissions the timescale for completion will be very tight indeed. One change that is welcome is the next BCF will be for 2 years and have a reduced set of conditions. We expect to soon receive detailed information about the requirements for BCF Plans for 2017/18 and 2018/19. Indications are that:

- A new Adult Care grant will be introduced which nationally will make an additional £105m available in 2017/18 and £825m in 2017/18. Lincolnshire's share of this funding is estimated to be £2.1m in 2017/18 and £14.2m in 2018/19. The sum is also expected to expand to £25.1m in 2019/20, demonstrating the importance to Lincolnshire of good BCF Plans. This element of funding is expected to be paid directly to upper-tier councils though remain part of the BCF 'pool'.
- A £459k per annum increase in Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding to be made available to District Councils, so potentially making available £5.34m across Lincolnshire in 2017/18 and £5.8m in 2018/19.
- The regulations will clearly set out the minimum amount the 4 Lincolnshire CCG's must make available to support Adult Care services, and this sum is estimated to be £15.9m for 2017/18.

The Department of Health (DH) are planning to introduce a new term, '*graduation*' to the current discussions on health and social care integration. It is believed that DH now wishes areas to '*graduate*' from the BCF to full integration and Lincolnshire is considering whether it wishes to be one of very few areas asked to pilot this initiative.

It is anticipated that within the BCF there will be an ongoing emphasis on non-elective admissions and delayed transfers of care, reflecting the increasing national concern about how acute care is operating. My colleague Cllr Bradwell refers to this in more detail in her statement. The Health and Wellbeing Board receives an update concerning the BCF at each of its formal meetings which includes performance against agreed targets.

Integration Self-Assessment

During October 2016, the Health and Wellbeing Board asked key partners and stakeholders to take part in a Health and Social Care Integration Self-assessment Exercise. Using a self-assessment tool developed by the Local Government Association, NHS Confederation, NHS Clinical Commissioners and ADASS, the Board wanted to understand the ambition, capabilities and capacities to integrate services to improve the health and wellbeing of local citizens and communities. We received 11 corporate responses and the feedback from this exercise was discussed at a well-attended workshop on 8 November 2016.

A detailed report on the self-assessment exercise was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 6 December.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

On 20 October 2016 the Government published its final report on community pharmacy - '*Community Pharmacy in 2016/17 and Beyond*' - which details an overall funding reduction for community pharmacies of £113 million or 4% in the current financial year followed by a further reduction of 3.4% in 2017/18. The full impact of these cuts on Lincolnshire is unknown at this point. The PNA Steering Group met on

18 November to consider the potential impact and to investigate whether Lincolnshire's PNA needs to be reviewed to reflect any changes.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Armed Forces Community Covenant Conference

Unfortunately the Armed Forces Community Covenant Conference scheduled for October had to be postponed. The event will now be taking place at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham on Thursday 9 March 2017. The theme will be *Community Cohesion with the Armed Forces* and it is hoped that the Police & Crime Commissioner, Cllr Marc Jones, and his Deputy, Cllr Stuart Tweedale, will be able to attend as keynote speakers. Content and arrangements are currently being finalised, after which a 'save the date' email will be sent to all invitees, enabling them to get the event in their diaries early.

At the Conference we will be celebrating success stories where military and civilian communities across Lincolnshire have come together to develop and deliver robust and locally led projects. There will also be time set aside on the day for networking with military & civilian community officers and Covenant Champions.

Library Community Hubs

The Library Community Hubs have all been offered tremendous support by the four Community Advisors in their quest to support the Hub's sustainability and resilience. The team managed to be successful in obtaining some extra funding in 2015 and have developed the 'Healthy Hubs' Grant Scheme as a consequence. The scheme has allowed Community Hubs to bid for funds up to £3,500 in order to implement or develop activities within their Hubs that benefit the health and wellbeing of their local communities. The majority of the Hubs have been extremely positive about this opportunity and we have supported groups in a number of ways, including setting up heritage classes, arts and craft sessions for adults and children, healthy walks, educational sessions and other exercise classes as well as helping Hubs to purchase items such as fold away tables and chairs (to enable them to open up floor space for extra activities), board games and laptops (giving more space and encouraging younger people to access the Hubs). We are very proud of the Hubs and the huge variety of activities that they have been able to put on as a consequence of our support and look forward to continuing to support them until the Community Advisors' project ends at the end of March 2017. A report will be published before the end of the project and will discuss the findings in more detail.

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