

# Agenda Item 10

		<b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	
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

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>14 June 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire - Work Programme and Quality Account Arrangements</b>

## Summary:

This item enables the Committee to consider and comment on the content of its work programme to ensure that scrutiny activity is focused where it can be of greatest benefit. Members are encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee to ensure that its contents are still relevant and will add value to the work of the Council and its partners in the NHS.

## Actions Required:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to:

- (1) review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A to this report;
- (2) highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme; and
- (3) confirm the arrangements for the consideration of the remaining three Quality Accounts from local NHS providers.

## 1. Background

The overview and scrutiny of the health service and other areas within the remit of this Committee should be positive, constructive, independent, fair and open. The scrutiny process should be challenging, as its aim is to identify areas for improvement. Scrutiny activity should be targeted, focused and timely and include issues of corporate and local importance, where scrutiny activity can influence and add value.

Health overview and scrutiny committees should not involve themselves in relatively minor matters or individual cases, particularly where there are other processes (for example NHS complaints processes), which can handle these issues more effectively.

All members of overview and scrutiny committees are encouraged to bring forward important items of community interest to the committee whilst recognising that not all items will be taken up depending on available resource.

### Purpose of Scrutiny Activity

Set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, which relate to the Health Scrutiny Committee's work programme:

Policy Development - The Committee is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Policy Review - The Committee is reviewing the implementation of policy, to consider the success, impact, outcomes and performance.

Performance Scrutiny – This describes circumstances where the Health Scrutiny Committee is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports, for example from the Care Quality Commission.

Consultation - The Health Scrutiny Committee is responding to (or making arrangements to) respond to a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement. This includes consultations on any proposals for a substantial variation or development in local health provision.

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee is scrutinising the previous year's budget, or the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Requests for specific items for information should be dealt with by other means, for instance briefing papers to members.

### Identifying Topics

Selecting the right topics where scrutiny can add value is essential in order for scrutiny to be a positive influence on the work of the local NHS. The Committee

may wish to consider the following questions when highlighting potential topics for inclusion in the Committee's work programme: -

- Will scrutiny input add value?  
*Is there a clear objective for scrutinising the topic, what are the identifiable benefits and what is the likelihood of achieving a desired outcome?*
- Is the topic a concern to local residents?  
*Does the topic have a potential impact for one or more section(s) of the local population?*
- Is the topic a priority area?  
*Does the topic relate to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy or other strategy documents, such as the Sustainability and Transformation Plan?*
- Are there relevant external factors relating to the issue?  
*Is the topic a Department of Health or NHS England priority area or is it a result of new government guidance or legislation?*

### Scrutiny Review Activity

Where a topic requires more in-depth consideration, the Committee may commission a scrutiny panel to undertake a scrutiny review, subject to the availability of resources and approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The Committee may also establish a maximum of two working groups at any one time, comprising a group of members from the committee.

Work Programme items on scrutiny review activity can include discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; consideration and approval of the final report; the response to the report; and monitoring outcomes of previous reviews.

## **2. Quality Account Activity**

Each year providers of NHS-funded services are required to prepare a *Quality Account*, which has to include at least three priorities for improvement for the coming year, as well as progress on priorities for the previous year. The focus of the *Quality Account* is the quality of service provision. It should be noted that a *Quality Account* is not required to cover financial accounts. Information on the finances of NHS providers is found in their annual reports, as well as being included in reports to each provider's Board of Directors meeting on a regular basis.

Each provider is required to share their draft *Quality Account* with three sets of local stakeholders: health overview and scrutiny committees; healthwatch organisations; and the lead clinical commissioning group. Each of these stakeholders may submit a statement on the draft, which has to be included verbatim in the final version. Final versions of the *Quality Account* are published on the NHS Choices website from 30 June each year.

On 15 March 2017 the Health Scrutiny Committee made arrangements for the 2017 Quality Account process. This involved consideration of the draft Quality Account statements through a working group. As of 5 June 2017, statements had been prepared on the Quality Accounts of the following providers: -

- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust;
- Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (joint statement with Healthwatch Lincolnshire);
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust; and
- Peterborough and Stamford Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.

There are three Quality Accounts requiring statements, and these are: -

- Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (joint statement with Healthwatch Lincolnshire);
- St Barnabas Hospice; and
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (joint statement with Healthwatch Lincolnshire).

A joint working group meeting is due to be arranged with Healthwatch Lincolnshire, and the Committee is invited to confirm the membership of the Working Group.

On 15 March 2017, the Committee agreed not to provide statements on the draft Quality Accounts of the following providers:

- Boston West Hospital; and
- Marie Curie Cancer Care.

All quality account statements will be reported to the Committee, together with provider priorities on 19 July.

### **3. Conclusion**

The Committee's work programme for the coming year is attached at Appendix A to this report.

The Committee is invited to review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

The Committee is also requested to confirm arrangements for the remaining Quality Accounts in 2017.

#### **4. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire – Work Programme

#### **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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**HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE****Work Programme: June 2017 – April 2018**

<b><i>14 June 2017 – 10 am</i></b>
The Role of the Health Scrutiny Committee – An Introduction
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust - An Introduction

<b><i>19 July 2017 – 10 am</i></b>
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Outcomes of Care Quality Commission Inspection
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Outcomes of Care Quality Commission Inspection
Grantham Hospital Accident and Emergency Department Temporary Overnight Closure – Outcome of Referral to the Secretary of State for Health
Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018-2023 – Report of Working Group

<b><i>13 September 2017 – 10 am</i></b>
East Midlands Ambulance Service – Outcomes of Care Quality Commission Inspection
Commissioning of Emergency Ambulances Services
Commissioning of Continuing Health Care

<b><i>11 October 2017 – 10 am</i></b>
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust – Update Report

<b><i>8 November – 10 am</i></b>

<b><i>13 December – 10 am</i></b>

<b>17 January 2018 – 10 am</b>
Outcomes of NHS England Consultation on Congenital Heart Disease

<b>21 February 2018 – 10 am</b>

<b>21 March 2018 – 10 am</b>
Annual Report of the Director of Public Health
Arrangements for the Quality Accounts 2018-19

<b>18 April 2018 – 10 am</b>

**Items to be Programmed**

- Lincolnshire Sustainability and Transformation Plan Consultation Elements: -
  - Women's and Children's Services
  - Emergency and Urgent Care
  - Learning Disability In-Patient Services
  - Consultation on Learning Disability Services (Long Leys Court)

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