

Agenda Item 4

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
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Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
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Subject:	Chairman's Announcements

1. **Briefing Meeting on Financial Position of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust**

On 13 September 2017, I met Karen Brown, the Director of Finance, Procurement and Corporate Affairs at United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust to receive a briefing on the Trust's overall financial position and the impact of financial special measures. As a result of this meeting, the Committee will be considering an update from the Trust on 8 November from Jan Sobieraj, the Trust's Chief Executive, and his senior management colleagues. The update will cover the Trust's progress on its care and financial special measures, as well as other pertinent issues.

2. **United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust: Recruitment of Nurses**

On 14 September 2017, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust announced that 83 newly qualified nurses would be starting work in hospitals in Lincolnshire. The nurses had recently graduated with a nursing degree at the University of Lincoln.

In total, 49 of the new recruits would be based at Lincoln County Hospital, with a further 28 at Pilgrim Hospital, five at Grantham and one at Louth. The nurses would significantly boost nursing numbers in Lincolnshire's hospitals, where there were currently 240 vacancies for registered nurses.

Dr Sharon Black, Director of Nurse Education at the University of Lincoln, stated that the start of these nursing roles within one of our local NHS Trusts represented the culmination of three years' hard work in the complex, demanding and rewarding area of adult nursing.

Lincoln University worked very closely with its NHS partners to help shape the course content while the trainees are at the University or on placements in hospitals, GP surgeries, care homes or community settings. This helped the newly-registered nurses to be able to jump straight into the field when they graduate.

As part of the update from the Trust in November, the Committee can request information on the overall recruitment and retention position.

3. Care Quality Commission – The State of General Practice 2014 to 2017

On 21 September 2017, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a national report, entitled: *The State of General Practice 2014 to 2017*. The report is available at the following link: <http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/major-report/state-care-general-practice-2014-2017>

The CQC states that the report provides this gives the most detailed analysis yet of the quality and safety of general medical practice in England. At the end of its first inspection programme of general practices, the CQC had found that 4% were rated outstanding, 86% were good, 8% required improvement and 2% were inadequate overall.

The CQC has also stated that regulation is supporting people to receive better care in general practice by setting clear standards of quality and safety, ensuring providers meet these standards and sharing examples of what is working well. It also encourages extra support for the sector through the *Five Year Forward View for General Practice*.

The national report does not include information on a county-by-county basis, but this can be compiled from the CQC's website. The CQC website includes reports on current and 'archived' GP practices. 'Archived' practices include those practices with a new provider or practices which for various reasons no longer exist. The website indicates that there are three GP practices in Lincolnshire rated as outstanding; three practices are listed in the 'requires improvement' category; and two existing practices are listed as inadequate, where the provider has not changed. All the remaining GP practices have a good rating.

4. Cliff House Medical Practice, Lincoln – Procurement Exercise

Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group (LWCCG) has begun a procurement exercise to find a permanent provider to operate the Cliff House Medical Practice in Lincoln, which is currently managed by Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust on a caretaker basis, with its contract running until 31 March 2018.

As part of the procurement process LWCCG will be reviewing the current provision of services by the Cliff House Medical Practice as part of the new contract. This review also include a proposal to relocate services currently provided at the Gresham Street branch site to the main site on Burton Road with the intention of closing the branch site as part of the new contract.

The CCG has issued a letter to all patients registered at the practice together with a short questionnaire, which the CCG is asking to have returned by 13 October 2017. Two patient engagement events have taken place on 26 September and 3 October, with a further event planned for 10 October.

5. Recruitment of Chair of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

As reported at the last meeting of the Committee (Minute 23), I was due to attend a stakeholder event on 3 October 2017, to meet potential candidates for the role of Chair of the Trust. NHS Improvement has advised me that the event would not now be going ahead on this date and a further date would be arranged.

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