

# Agenda Item 4

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|  |                                | <b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE<br/>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 |

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| Report to | <b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b> |
| Date:     | <b>21 February 2018</b>                           |
| Subject:  | <b>Chairman's Announcements</b>                   |

**1. Grantham and District Hospital – Overnight Closure of Accident and Emergency Department**

As set out in Minute 58, on 17 January 2018 the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire decided to make a report to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care in relation to the continued overnight closure of Grantham and District Hospital Accident and Emergency Department. I can confirm that the referral documentation was sent to the Secretary of State on 31 January 2018 and I will report his response to the Committee when I receive it.

**2. Lincolnshire's Community Maternity Hubs**

At the meeting of the Committee on 13 December 2017, there was a reference to a 'children's hub' in Birchwood Lincoln, and a request was made for clarification on the location of other hubs in Lincolnshire. These hubs are in fact community maternity hubs and are one of the initiatives in the *Better Births Lincolnshire* Programme.

As part of the *Better Births Lincolnshire* Programme, four community maternity hubs are being piloted across Lincolnshire in Skegness, Lincoln (Birchwood), Grantham and Boston. These four sites were chosen because public health data shows that they serve communities where women and new born children are more likely to experience poor outcomes. The aim of each pilot would be to engage with adults pre-conception so that families have seamless support services with the long term aim of ensuring that children are ready for school; they are healthy and living in a working household.

*Better Births: Improving Outcomes of Maternity Services in England – A Five Year Forward View for Maternity Care*, published by NHS England, sets out a national vision for the planning, design and safe delivery of maternity services; how women, babies and families will be able to get the type of care they want; and how staff will be supported to deliver such care. The *Better Births Lincolnshire* programme sets out how Lincolnshire health will meet the national vision and more information can be found on *Better Births Lincolnshire* website:

<https://betterbirthslincolnshire.co.uk/>

### **3. Director of Public Health – Derek Ward**

Derek Ward is the new County Council's Director of Public Health. Derek began working for the County Council on 29 January 2018. Previously Derek held a joint role: three days per week as a Professor in Public Health in the Health and Social Care Research Centre at the University of Derby; and two days per week providing advice to the clinical commissioning groups in Derbyshire. He has previously worked as the Director of Public Health for Derby City Council, and has extensive experience of national and regional work, having previously been a Consultant in Public Health and a senior civil servant in the Department of Health. I look forward to Derek Ward presenting to the Health Scrutiny Committee in the future.

**Councillor Carl Macey**  
**Chairman, Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire**