

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 SEPTEMBER 2018

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

NHS LIAISON / LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

I am extremely pleased to announce that the second Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire was formally signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting in June 2018. The strategy is the culmination of 18 months of work and engagement with key stakeholders, partners and the public to identify the key health and wellbeing priorities for the county using the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as the primary evidence base. The strategy represents a clear direction for all organisations that contribute to, or have an interest in, the health and wellbeing of people who live and work in the county. I would, therefore, like to encourage all parts of the council, our key stakeholders and partners to use the strategy to inform how we collectively work together to improve health and wellbeing in Lincolnshire.

The priority areas to be taken forward in the strategy are:

- Mental Health – both Adults and Children & Young People
- Housing
- Carers
- Physical Activity
- Obesity
- Dementia

The Health and Wellbeing Board has identified a number of relevant boards and groups who will lead each of the priority areas detailed above. These groups will ensure the objectives of the strategy are delivered and improve health and wellbeing outcomes identified through their delivery planning.

The strategy document, along with copies of each of the delivery plans, is available to view on the [Council's website](#).

Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group Update

I am delighted that Lincolnshire's Health and Wellbeing Board is one of the first to recognise the importance of housing and its fundamental role in supporting people to live independent and healthy lives. The Board has included housing in its Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and as a priority in its Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Cllr Wendy Bowkett Chairs the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group, bringing together a range of partners to ensure that the actions agreed in the Strategy Delivery Plan are achieved. The Group has met regularly since September 2017 with good attendance from District Councils, housing providers, the NHS and LCC. The Group is developing a Memorandum of Understanding, mirroring the national model, to consolidate the good relationships which have been established.

Achievements to date include working together to secure funds to research the housing needs of older people, and agreeing a four-way protocol to support care leavers. The Group receives regular reports on progress in delivering the Lincolnshire Homelessness Strategy and the delivery of ACTion Lincs, the county's first social impact bond programme (and one of only seven programmes nationally) supporting 120 entrenched rough sleepers. This programme is already identifying gaps in service which need resolving.

Whilst the District Councils carry statutory duties in relation to many housing issues, there is much that we are already doing, and can continue to do together, to support Lincolnshire's residents. Reviewing our different roles in providing Disabled Facilities Grants, for example, we can collaborate to improve outcomes for residents and make best use of our different skills and resources. The Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group is a valuable vehicle for stimulating debate about possible solutions to shared concerns, and is an excellent example of partnership working in Lincolnshire.

Sustainability and Transformation Partnership Engagement Events

I attended two of the nine Sustainability and Transformation Partnership engagement events (Boston and Grantham) that were held around the county during July. The sessions provided an opportunity for residents and stakeholders to share their views on future plans for health and care services in Lincolnshire (including hospitals) with senior health and care leaders. In particular people were asked to provide comment on what mattered the most to them to feed into plans to transform and improve services to meet need now and in the future.

Better Care Fund

Discussions are currently ongoing with CCG partners to review and agree the Better Care Fund (BCF) in Lincolnshire for 2018/19. The total Better Care Fund pooled budget is estimated to grow to £230m and will remain one of the largest pooled budgets in the country. The expansion of funding reflects:

- Inflationary increases in CCG funding and, as a result, in the CCG funding for the protection of adult care services.
- Improved BCF (iBCF) funding coming directly to the County Council in 2018/19 of £22m, rising to an additional £30m in 2019/20; and
- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding of £5.698m in 2018/19. This funding will, as required within the regulations, be transferred to the District Councils.
- Increased investment by partners in learning disability and mental health services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board continue to provide support and challenge in the delivery of the key performance indicators identified in the BCF Narrative Plan including Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC), Non-Elective Admissions, Reablement and Residential Admissions.

Work is also ongoing with health partners to review monitoring and reporting arrangements and to ensure that CCG governing bodies and lay members have a greater understanding of the outcome of the BCF schemes.

The current BCF Narrative Plan and related Planning Templates which underpins Lincolnshire BCF reflect agreements over a two year period up to 31 March 2019. As such BCF plans for the final year of the BCF 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 will soon require development in line with new guidance that is due to be issued by NHSE in the coming weeks. As before, all relevant agreements will need to be agreed by Lincolnshire County Council and the four Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups.

This single year plan is likely to act as a transition programme ahead of the implementation of recommendations which will come from the consultation on the Government's Green Paper. This will review the current functioning and structure of the Better Care Fund along with the results of the upcoming comprehensive spending review.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Join the Dots

During 2016-2017, five community events, entitled 'Join the Dots', were held across the county in Boston, Lincoln, Sleaford, Mablethorpe and Stamford. These events brought groups and organisations together to inform, inspire and network, with a particular focus on funding. Organisations included community groups, local authorities and charities.

Following on from the success of these events and as part of the Community Collaboration project the Join the Dots events were re-designed and rolled out once again but with the aim of holding seven events, one in each district, and then a final legacy event to celebrate the achievements at the end of the deliverance.

The format was changed from a more informal drop in session, with presentations from funders such as Big Lottery, collaborative project development sessions and funding training. Four events have been held in Lincoln, Boston, West Lindsey and South Kesteven. The remaining three are scheduled to take place over the next eight months.

The events have been extremely well received by communities who have commented on the positive impact the events have made to groups. Over 160 delegates have attended an event so far.

Three collaborative projects have also been developed as a result of the events, bringing together local community groups to deliver community beneficial projects, such as a rural isolation project in Boston and a community green spaces project in West Lindsey.

Lincolnshire Funding Advice & Support/Funding Portal

The Community Engagement Officer (Funding) role provides signposting information and advice to not for profit organisations to enable them to search for funding sources appropriate to their projects ideas; this includes the Lincolnshire Funding Portal.

During the period 1 April – 30 June 2018 the following statistical information was gathered with regard to support and advice on funding provided to not for profit organisations at Officer level.

Officer Funding Advice & Support – Quarter 1, 2018-19

	Q1
Number of enquiries received & organisations supported	39
Number of Armed Forces Covenant fund enquiries	18

Monthly data relating to usage of the Funding Portal is provided by IDOX software and published on the Lincolnshire County Council website as a download. The report includes additional information including most popular searches, Wards from which users have accessed the site and categories of groups accessing the Portal.

During the period 1 April – 30 June 2018 the following statistical information has been gathered with regard to usage of the Funding Portal:

	April	May	June	TOTAL
Total number of visits this period:	1,273	1,184	1,344	3,801

Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant Annual Conference 2018

The Lincolnshire Annual Armed Forces Covenant Conference was held this year at the International Bomber Command Centre in Lincoln. The Centre held its official opening earlier in the year and the Conference was a fantastic opportunity for delegates to see this impressive centre in person.

Nearly 80 delegates attended on a very warm day and enjoyed the valuable opportunity to network with organisations from all sectors, including the Armed Forces, Veterans, Reservists and the Voluntary Sector. Speakers included John Shivas from the Covenant Fund Team in London, Catherine Foster from the Jon Egging Trust and LCC's Paul Drury who is himself a veteran.

Highlights of the day included a quiz giving a light hearted look at facts and figures around the Armed Forces and an extremely powerful presentation by City of Lincoln Councillor Jackie Kirk, giving us first hand detail of her own experiences as a Reservist.