

Agenda Item 4

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
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

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	14 November 2018
Subject:	Chairman's Announcements

1. NHS Long Term Plan

On 18 June 2018, the Prime Minister announced a long-term funding settlement for the NHS: an average annual real terms growth rate of 3.4% over five years. In return, the Government has asked NHS England and NHS Improvement to set out by the end of November 2018 a long term plan for the NHS which:

- a. delivers on the NHS's existing Five Year Forward View commitments;
- b. sets out a five year plan to deliver clear improvements and financial stability for the NHS; and
- c. articulates ten year high level ambitions for further improvements to patient outcomes.

The Government also specified five financial criteria to put the NHS on a sustainable footing:

- a. improving productivity and efficiency;
- b. eliminating deficits;
- c. reducing unwarranted variation so people get consistently high standards of care wherever they live;
- d. managing demand effectively; and
- e. effective use of capital investment.

NHS England and NHS Improvement have stated that from November 2018 until March 2019 they will work with the NHS locally and regionally, including Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships, to map out implications of the national priorities for local services and people.

In view of the importance of the long term plan for the NHS, the Committee is invited to consider including an item on its December agenda.

2. North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust – Care Quality Commission Inspection Report

On 24 October 2018, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published its inspection report on North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, which manages Peterborough City Hospital and Stamford and Rutland Hospital, as well as Hinchingsbrooke Hospital in Huntingdon. The CQC report was based on inspections, which took place between 5 June and 12 July 2018.

This was the first inspection report since the creation of the newly merged trust in April 2017. Overall the trust was rated as 'requires improvement'. However, both Peterborough City Hospital retains its 'good' rating. Stamford and Rutland Hospital also retains its 'good' rating, but was not inspected in June or July.

3. United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Senior Management Retirements

Chief Executive

On 25 October 2018, the Chair of United Lincolnshire Hospitals Trust (ULHT) Board, Elaine Baylis, reported that Jan Sobieraj, the Chief Executive of ULHT, had announced his intention to retire in 2019. Jan Sobieraj, who became Chief Executive of ULHT in December 2015, has spent the last three years of his forty year managerial career at ULHT, and he feels that as the Trust will be entering its next phase of transformation next year now is the right time for him to retire.

Elaine Baylis also stated that Jan Sobieraj had brought a fantastic degree of energy and ambition into ULHT and, as a result, in 2019 ULHT expected to be well placed to exit quality and financial special measures.

Elaine Baylis thanked Jan Sobieraj for the drive, determination and the unrelenting personal commitment he had made in leading ULHT during a period of unprecedented demand. As Jan Sobieraj wished to ensure a smooth transition for his successor, an exact date had not been set for his departure, but it is expected to be in Spring 2019.

Director of Finance

Karen Brown, ULHT's Director of Finance, announced her retirement at the beginning of September. Jan Sobieraj, the Chief Executive, stated that Karen Brown had worked tirelessly for the NHS for 29 years, with over 15 years at a senior level in finance, including six years in Lincolnshire. Jan Sobieraj thanked her for her significant contribution to the local finance agenda, and for her support to the Board at ULHT over the last few years.

4. Non-Emergency Patient Transport – Thames Ambulance Service - Monthly Performance

The latest available performance by Thames Ambulance Service Ltd, the provider of non-emergency patient transport services in Lincolnshire, is not available for circulation with this agenda, but will be made available at the meeting.