

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 17 MAY 2019**

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

### **NHS LIAISON**

#### **Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy - Healthy Weight Partnership**

At the first formal meeting of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy Obesity Priority Group in February it was agreed that their focus would be on healthy weight rather than obesity. To reflect this the terms of reference have been updated and the group is now known as the 'Lincolnshire Whole Systems Healthy Weight Partnership'. The partnership consists of County and District Councillors, senior managers and senior clinicians within Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and 0-19 services, education and schools (including two primary school head teachers) and the University of Lincoln.

The Healthy Weight Partnership had bid to the Local Government Association's 'Childhood Obesity Trailblazer Programme.' Unfortunately the bid was unsuccessful, but 16 organisations got on board with Lincolnshire's expression of interest which demonstrates a high level of enthusiasm for collaborative working in the future.

A Whole Systems Healthy Weight Workshop, arranged by the Health and Wellbeing Board, will be held on 5 June in Woodhall Spa, to which all councillors have recently received an invitation. The workshop will bring together a broad range of interested parties to map the local system and to gain a shared understanding of the local causes and consequences of obesity. This will lead to some key priority actions for the partnership to focus on over the coming months and years as well as developing a wider network of interested stakeholders to support the work.

#### **Single Accountable Officer for the four Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)**

As you may be aware, at the end of March the four Lincolnshire CCGs confirmed the appointment of John Turner as the Single Accountable Officer, with effect from 1 April 2019.

The new Single Accountable Officer role will work across the four Lincolnshire CCGs – South, South West and East and West – to ensure a joined up approach across the CCGs to commissioning healthcare services for the population of Lincolnshire, and to support the closer integration of health and social care.

John brings a wealth of NHS management and leadership experience to the role and for the last few years he has been the Accountable Officer for South and South West Lincolnshire CCGs, and the Senior Responsible Officer for the Lincolnshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate John and I look forward to continuing to work with him in his new role.

## **Healthy Conversation 2019**

The Lincolnshire NHS public engagement exercise 'Healthy Conversation 2019' began in March and is expected to run into the autumn. There will be a wide range of engagement events and discussions across the county with the public, their representatives, our partners and staff. This will be an open engagement exercise which will shape how we take health and the health service forward in Lincolnshire in the years ahead. Further information and details of the engagement events taking place can be found at <https://www.lincolnshire.nhs.uk/healthy-conversation>.

I would encourage colleagues, partners and residents of Lincolnshire to get involved and help shape the future health services in the county.

## **North and North East Lincolnshire**

Derek Ward and I recently met with the Leaders of North and North East Lincolnshire Councils to discuss areas of common interest and explore potential areas for closer working. In particular, we discussed:

- benefits of developing stronger links with the University of Lincoln and specifically the Medical School;
- broader issues around rurality, in particular the mixture of rural and coastal communities and how we can deliver services better and in a more innovative way;
- a number of Public Health specific issues, for example:
  - how we can share resources to produce the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
  - standardising our approach to some of the NHS work around commissioning pathways.
  - individual funding requests.

## **Better Care Fund (BCF)**

An updated BCF Policy Framework was published on 10 April 2019, the purpose of which sets out the funding conditions for access to BCF funds for 2019/20. As expected, the BCF in 2019/20 will retain the same National Conditions as in 2017-19. Areas will be required to set out how the National Conditions will be met in jointly agreed BCF plans to be signed off by local Health & Wellbeing Boards.

An area of significant difference to the BCF in 2017-19 will be the inclusion of Winter Pressures funding within the BCF for the first time. As expected the Government will continue to attach conditions for the use of this funding, specifically requiring councils to use this fund to alleviate pressures on the NHS over winter.

A national review of the BCF is currently being undertaken by Government to establish the parameters of any future funding beyond 31 March 2020, the review is likely to look at:

- The purpose and role of the fund.
- How funding flows can be managed in a way that is clearer and allows more focus on improving outcomes.
- How the fund can be administered with fewer burdens to local systems.

There is still uncertainty about how local engagement will happen and plans are unlikely to be finalised for a number of months. The result of the review is expected to feed into the Spending Review which itself is due in the Autumn.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **LCC Awarded Bronze Level Award for the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme**

LCC has been awarded the Bronze level award of the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme (ERS). The scheme encourages employers to support defence and inspire others to do the same. The scheme encompasses bronze, silver and gold awards for employer organisations that pledge, demonstrate or advocate support to defence and the armed forces community and align their values with the Armed Forces Covenant.

As a Bronze award holder, LCC has pledged to support the armed forces, including existing or prospective employees who are members of the community. We have signed the Armed Forces Covenant and promote being armed forces-friendly and are open to employing reservists, armed forces veterans (including the wounded, injured and sick) and military spouses/partners. The award comes with an electronic certificate and logos to display.

### **Join the Dots – Inspired Communities**

The Community Engagement Team has organised the final Join the Dots legacy event – Inspired Communities – to bring together community groups and organisations that have attended all of the individual events held in each of the seven district council areas over the last two years. Ensuring that there is a legacy to the Community Collaboration project (due to end in March 2020) is going to be important, especially as many positive outcomes have been achieved through grass root groups working together, for the first time in many cases. This event will provide an opportunity for those groups and organisations that have collaborated so well in the creation of locally developed projects, to share and hear about inspirational activities; to network; and to discuss how they will continue to develop after the project ends. Councillors interested in attending the event should contact the Community Engagement Team for more information.

### **Financial Inclusion and Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champions**

Lincolnshire Co-op supports local charities and community groups through the Community Champions scheme. A donation is made every time a member shops in Lincolnshire Co-op stores using their dividend card and further money is raised through fundraising events and proceeds from the carrier bag levy.

The theme for the winter quarter (1 December 2018 to 2 March 2019) was 'Financial Wellbeing' and Lincolnshire Co-op has been fundraising for groups that offer financial inclusion advice and support. Through the Financial Inclusion Partnership, Lincolnshire County Council has been working with the Co-op to help them to navigate the sector, identify beneficiaries and co-ordinate their publicity and awareness campaign.

Last week Lincolnshire Co-op announced that the total amount raised was an amazing £147,643. Alongside fundraising, the Co-op has raised awareness of financial wellbeing and advice and support including through videos, online blogs and their internal magazine 'Linc'.

The funding raised will be distributed to beneficiaries in areas where Lincolnshire Co-op has outlets including in Nottinghamshire, Hull, North East Lincolnshire and Yorkshire. Lincolnshire charities are among those to benefit from the money raised including Lincolnshire Credit Union, local Citizens Advice Services and Lincs2Advice.

### **Training for those who work with, Support or Supervise LCC Volunteers**

A successful training programme has been delivered for LCC officers who support and/or supervise volunteers. From November 2018 to March 2019, seven interactive face-to-face workshops were developed and delivered by Voluntary Centre Services (VCS) as follows:

- Working Alongside Volunteers x 2
- Recruiting Volunteers x 2
- Supporting and Supervising Volunteers x 3

All workshops were fully booked, with reserve lists in operation. Feedback from participants was very positive, with high satisfaction ratings and a high proportion of officers reporting an increase in confidence and knowledge.

The strong interest has also identified a need for development of additional modules, such as, 'Involving volunteers with extra support needs' and 'Volunteers and the Law'.