

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
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Subject:	Chairman's Announcements

1. Skellingthorpe Branch Surgery Closure Decision

On 18 September 2019, Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group's Primary Care Commissioning Committee approved a proposal from the GP partners of the Glebe Practice in Saxilby to close their branch surgery in Skellingthorpe. No date has been agreed for its closure and patients are advised to continue to access appointments as normal.

The report to the Primary Care Commissioning Committee included details on the consultation exercise and Lincolnshire West CCG stated that the consultation feedback had been helpful and the CCG was grateful to those people who had taken part. The CCG has also acknowledged that transport from Skellingthorpe to Saxilby will be difficult for a number of patients and the CCG will support the residents and Skellingthorpe Parish Council to find a solution to this. Frail housebound patients would continue to receive home visits as per the current protocol.

During the consultation, residents had queried whether relocating the surgery to alternative premises in the village was an option. In response, it was stated that the issue of finding alternative premises could be addressed, but it would not solve the challenge of being able to provide adequate staffing at the site.

The Committee will receive updates on developments on any transport arrangements from Skellingthorpe to Saxilby.

2. Lincoln Medical School – Turf Cutting Ceremony

As reported to this Committee last month, 80 students were taking up their places at Lincoln Medical School in September as part of their five-year Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery degrees, with a further 19 students undertaking foundation year study in advance of the five-year degree.

On 26 September 2019, a 'turf cutting' ceremony took place involving the donors and charitable organisations supporting the new purpose-built Medical School building. The new building will comprise lecture theatres, laboratories, clinical and anatomy suites equipped with diagnostic tools and a dedicated science library. The building work is scheduled for completion in spring 2021 and once at full capacity it will provide training to around 400 medical students at any one time. Students are being taught in existing buildings at the University.

3. Urgent Treatment Centres – Louth and Skegness

On 15 May 2019, this Committee considered the emerging options for urgent and emergency care in Lincolnshire as part of the *Healthy Conversation 2019*. The paper included plans for the current urgent care centres in Louth and Skegness to become urgent treatment centres.

The NHS is introducing urgent treatment centres throughout the country, so that patients can access urgent treatment or advice. NHS England has developed a national standard for the services provided in urgent treatment centres, to ensure a consistent service to the public. Urgent treatment centres are for patients needing urgent medical attention, where it is not life-threatening. As reported to the Committee in May, urgent treatment centres will support and protect accident and emergency services, so that these accident and emergency services can focus on patients requiring specialist emergency care, for example in life-threatening situations.

The Louth Urgent Centre Care will operate as an urgent treatment centre from 14 October and Skegness Urgent Centre Care will operate as an urgent treatment centre from 15 October, with services at these centres provided by Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust.

These sites will offer bookable appointments via NHS 111; treat minor illness and injury in adults and children of all ages; and have access to diagnostic facilities that will usually include an x-ray machine. The public will be encouraged to call NHS 111 first to book an appoint, if required. Patients will still be able to walk in to these two centres. However, people with pre-booked appointments will be seen first, unless there is a clinical priority.

Two events are being held for the public to talk about urgent treatment centres:

- **Louth** - Tuesday, 29 October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Thoresby Suite at County Hospital, High Holme Road, Louth, LN11 0EU
- **Skegness** - Wednesday, 30 October from 2.30pm to 4.30pm at the Storehouse, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1BY.

Members of the public are asked to email lhsecomms@lincs-chs.nhs.uk or call 01522 309751 to book a place at either events.

As the two changes from an urgent care centre to an urgent treatment centre do not constitute a substantial development or variation in health care provision, there is no need for full public consultation on these changes.

Other Urgent Treatment Centres in Lincolnshire

I would like to remind the Committee briefly of the other urgent treatment centre plans, as reported to the Committee in May 2019 as part of the *Healthy Conversation 2019* engagement exercise:

- Lincoln County Hospital, and Pilgrim Hospital Boston - There is a national expectation that urgent treatment centres will be co-located with type 1 accident and emergency departments, so existing urgent care streaming facilities will be absorbed into urgent treatment centres at these two sites.
- Gainsborough, Spalding and Stamford are also being considered as locations for urgent treatment centres.
- Grantham - This forms part of the acute services review, so will be subject to full public consultation. The emerging option in *Healthy Conversation 2019* is to have an urgent treatment centre at Grantham Hospital.

4. Funding for Primary and Community Mental Care

On 29 September 2019, it was announced that the Lincolnshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) had been successful in a bid for funding and would share £70 million with eleven other early implementers across England to test new models of primary and community mental health care for young, working age and older adults over the next two years.

Lincolnshire's share of the £70 million is expected to be just over £6 million over the two years and it has been stated that it would allow Lincolnshire to be 'seriously ambitious' in its approach to community mental health during the two-year testing phase. Lincolnshire would also use the funding to maintain and develop new services for people who have specific or additional needs, including complex mental health difficulties associated with a diagnosis of 'personality disorder' and mental health rehabilitation.

The additional funding supports one of the initiatives set out in the NHS Long Term Plan, published in January 2019, which made a commitment to transforming mental health services so that people with severe mental illnesses are able to access better care, closer to home. More specifically, the NHS Mental Health Implementation Plan 2019/20-2023/24 sets out how NHS England and NHS Improvement will work with local systems to develop new integrated models of primary and community mental health care.

The Lincolnshire STP has stated that the successful bid will enable Lincolnshire to achieve a significant shift in how people with severe mental illnesses across the county can access the care they need closer to home. The bid was developed across the NHS in Lincolnshire and also involved the County Council.

5. General Dental Services and Orthodontic Services Procurement

On 18 September 2019, NHS England and NHS Improvement Midlands Regional Office issued a briefing on the procurement of general dental services, with new services due to commence from 1 March 2020. This briefing is set out in the annex to this report.

In the light of the information received on general dental and the information relating to orthodontic procurement shared at the last meeting, I plan to include an item on these two topics at the November meeting.

6. NHS England and NHS Improvement

Since 1 April 2019, NHS England and NHS Improvement have been working as a single organisation.

NHS England was referred to as the 'NHS Commissioning Board' in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and was established on 1 April 2013. NHS England currently has responsibilities for specialised commissioning; some primary care commissioning; and oversight of clinical commissioning groups. Responsibility for the commissioning of GP practices is undertaken by the primary care commissioning committees of the clinical commissioning groups.

NHS Improvement was established on 1 April 2016, bringing together Monitor (which regulated NHS foundation trusts), the NHS Trust Development Authority (which supported and regulated NHS trusts) and three other national organisations.

NHS England and NHS Improvement now operate with seven regional offices:

- East of England
- London
- Midlands
- North East and Yorkshire
- North West
- South East
- South West

Lincolnshire is located in the Midlands region. As this region extends from Shropshire in the west to Lincolnshire in the east and also includes Birmingham, there is some activity at a 'sub-regional' level, for example the East Midlands Cancer Alliance, and the East Midlands clinical networks.

Bringing together NHS England and NHS Improvement has been viewed as a means supporting system-wide approaches, whereas previously each organisation had tended to focus only on clinical commissioning groups or on provider trusts respectively. The joint regional configuration is also considered an improvement, as for example, Lincolnshire was previously in an NHS England 'Midlands and East – Central' region, which extended from Lincolnshire to Buckinghamshire.

7. Annual Reports of Lincolnshire NHS Organisations

The 2018-19 annual reports of the four Lincolnshire clinical commissioning groups and the main local NHS trusts or NHS foundation trusts have all now been published and considered at their annual public meetings and are listed below. The list also includes the links to the main providers of NHS-funded services to Lincolnshire residents, based outside Lincolnshire.

Organisation	Annual Report Reference
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	https://www.emas.nhs.uk/about-us/trust-documents/
Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust	https://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/about-us/our-publications/annual-reports
Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group	https://lincolnshireeastccg.nhs.uk/about-us/key-documents/annual-report-1
Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	https://www.lpft.nhs.uk/about-us/accessing-our-information/annual-reports-and-accounts
Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group	https://www.lincolnshirewestccg.nhs.uk/library/annual-report-and-accounts/
Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust	https://www.nlg.nhs.uk/about/trust/annual-reports/
North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust	https://www.nwangliaft.nhs.uk/about-us/
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust	http://www.qehkl.nhs.uk/annual-report.asp?s=Trust&ss=the.trust&p=reports
South Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group	https://southlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/annual-reports
South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group	https://southwestlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/about-us/annual-reports
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	https://www.ulh.nhs.uk/about/trust/annual-reports/#annual-reports

Dental Procurement Briefing NHS England and Improvement – Midlands Region

Background

NHS England and NHS Improvement is responsible for commissioning NHS dental services. The Midlands regional office has developed commissioning intentions from the Oral Health Needs Assessment and Commissioning Strategy (March 2018, Public Health England) recommendations to improve access to NHS dental services.

A procurement process was undertaken in 2018 and unfortunately preferred bidders were not identified for the Louth and Skegness-Spilsby contracts, owing to low interest and quality. Also, two preferred bidders were unable to mobilise the new contracts in Spalding and Boston due to recruitment issues. In November 2018 and February 2019, one provider served notice to terminate its general dental services contract based in Mablethorpe due to recruitment issues.

The Midlands regional office agreed to procure new services to provide general dental services to improve access in line with the Oral Health Needs Assessment and to recommission services in Spalding and Mablethorpe. Seven of the new general dental services being commissioned will provide extended access over and above core hours Monday to Friday 9am-5pm along with a new 8 to 8 service model based in Spalding. The new services are due to commence on 1 March 2020 and preferred bidders will have a six-month mobilisation period to established new services. The contract consists of a 'Personal Dental Services Plus' agreement with a contracting term of seven years with the option to extend for a further three years (subject to Commercial Executive Group approval).

To address recruitment issues being experienced in Lincolnshire, the Local Dental Network Chair is leading a Lincolnshire project to review and develop plans to address dentists' workforce and recruitment issues.

Dental Procurement Overview

A Prior Information Notice (PIN) was issued to potential providers on 18 February 2019 and closed on 22 March 2019. A joint market event was held on 2 April to inform the market of our commissioning intentions, the process and provide an opportunity to discuss with both commissioners and the market on how to successfully mobilise and deliver new services. The joint market event received a good level of interest from potential providers.

Targeted patient engagement process was undertaken to seek views from patients who had regularly attended the closed practice in Mablethorpe. Wider general public engagement process has been undertaken and results were fed into the development of the service specifications.

8 to 8 Service Model

An 8 to 8 practice will provide services between 8am to 8pm, 7 days a week, 365 days per year. The 8 to 8 service model of care is designed to offer routine as well as urgent care for patients not linked to a dental practice. The services are expected to encourage patients into routine care, either at the site/s or with other local dental practices. The 8 to 8 services will be commissioned in the following area:

- Spalding – location B

Extended Access

Extended access services will provide routine and urgent care between Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm with additional extended access sessions, for example, a minimum of two 1.5 hour sessions per week either early morning or evening and a Saturday morning 3.5 hours per session per week. The extended access services will be commissioned in the following areas:

- Boston
- Spalding – location A
- Louth
- Skegness / Spilsby

Please note the exception to the minimum extended access requirements are Mablethorpe as confined to offering extended access within the opening hours of the practice premises e.g. Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm. Spalding A will be operating the same opening hours as the previous contractor to maintain access.

Progress

The dental procurement Invitation To Tender was published on 20 May 2019 to 21 June 2019. The procurement process has concluded and identified preferred bidders for three out of the six lots in Lincolnshire. Set out below is a summary of the outcome of the procurement process: -

Lot Details	No of Units of Dental Activity per annum	Preferred Bidder
Lot 3 Mablethorpe	18,800	No preferred bidder identified
Lot 4 Boston	15,000	Burton Dental Lodge
Lot 5 Spalding A	21,000	No preferred bidder identified
Lot 6 Spalding B	25,000	JDSP Dental Limited
Lot 7 Louth	10,000	Smile Centre (Boston) Limited
Lot 8 Skegness/Spilsby	5,000	No preferred bidder identified

The Midlands regional office will work with the preferred bidders over the next six months to ensure the mobilisation of the new practices are on track to enable services to commence delivery on 1 March 2020.

As the procurement process did not identify preferred bidders for three lots, the regional office will consider how to manage commissioning of General Dental Services to improve access in these areas in the interim and longer term solutions.

In addition, the dental workforce project is exploring options to support dental recruitment into the Lincolnshire area.

Further stakeholder briefings will be issued to update on future commissioning intentions to secure additional services and to update on the mobilisation of new contracts awarded.