

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 24 March 2020

Chairman's Announcements

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

The position with regard to coronavirus (COVID 19) changes daily. I have requested that the County Council's Director of Public Health provide an update for the Board, which in order to reflect the most recent information, will be circulated at the meeting on 24 March 2020.

East Midland Clinical Senate

On 26th February, I attended the regional Senate Council's Annual Development Day supported by Katy Thomas, from the council's Public Health team. We provided a development session for senior clinicians from across the region on how Population Health Management practices can help us to move from a health and care system designed to treat and care for those with ill health, which is under unprecedented and unsustainable demand, to one which enhances health and addresses health inequalities.

We described how, alongside improvements in the effectiveness & efficiency of health and care pathways, there needs to be a focus on prevention across populations, life-spans and generations, as well as early interventions for those individuals at rising risk, to prevent their health from deteriorating and avoid adverse incident. This is how, through joint working, we will achieve improvements in health outcomes, quality and effectiveness and make best use of our collective resources. We shared how local authority public health teams are well positioned to make a substantial contribution to this, and to foster the joint working required outside of health and care systems, with district councils, parishes, communities and the voluntary sector, as well as the role that Health and Wellbeing Boards can play as democratic, accountable bodies, with joint priorities. I'm pleased to say that the session was extremely well received and there was huge interest in Lincolnshire's experiences and progress, despite being at the early stages of our own journey.

Substance Misuse Strategy for Lincolnshire

On the 4th March the first steps were taken to develop a new substance misuse strategy for Lincolnshire. An event hosted by Lincolnshire Police was attended by key partners including Probation, NHS trusts, PCC, county council and current service providers. Lincolnshire Police plan to use the information from the event to develop a partnership strategy that guides positive change across the sector including reducing the demand, restricting the supply and promoting recovery. It is anticipated the new strategy will be published before the end of 2020.

Centre for Ageing Better Rural Strategic Partnership

As briefly mentioned at our last meeting in February, I am pleased to confirm the Centre for Ageing Better has selected Lincolnshire as its strategic rural partner. The joint submission with East Lindsey District Council is evidence of a united vision and commitment to ensuring that Lincolnshire's residents are enabled to live well as they approach later life. Work is currently underway with Ageing Better colleagues to ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place and to agree the priority areas of focus for the next two years.

Primary Care Network Clinical Director Session

On 13 February 2020 I attended a PCN development session with Carolyn Nice, Assistant Director Adult Care – Adult Frailty and Long Term Conditions. The session gave an overview of the work undertaken to date and gave us an opportunity to contribute to future developments. I am grateful to the PCN leads for inviting us to the session and recognising the opportunity to strengthen partnership working.