

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 13 DECEMBER 2013

**Statement from: Cllr Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
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Partnership working with the Voluntary and Community Sector

Discussions have been held to explore how the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) might work closer with us on future developments of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This will lead to a richer picture of the population's health and wellbeing, including community intelligence available to the VCS, such as qualitative evidence of needs, gaps and community assets. This represents a positive step forward in our continuing relationship with this important sector within Lincolnshire's economy.

Partnership Working

A presentation was given at a Police Crime Analyst training event at which we shared with them how data is collated and acted upon in Public Health.

We have been classed as a shining example to the leaders of the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC) and Public Health England for how we have led the way in pushing forward data sharing with the HSCIC and local partners in a safe and legal manner. The model we used will be shared with other authorities throughout the country

Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAS)

I am pleased to announce that the Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme, the service we have commissioned to replace the former Department of Work and Pensions' Crisis Loans and Community Grants Schemes, goes from strength to strength. The service is providing urgent support, very rapidly, to families in crisis all over the county. It has helped people avoid eviction, and ensured they are not forced to live without electricity and be unable to feed their families due to unexpected hardship.

As importantly, the service also then puts these families, who often run their finances on very tight margins, to get support to help them weather future crises. This support includes referral to services to support people into work, into affordable financial services like credit union and into welfare advice services.

The service is now bracing itself for an expected increase in demand over winter as households start to switch on their heating and spend more of their limited incomes on fuel.

Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review

The leaders of the Lincolnshire Health and Social Care Economy set up this Sustainable Services Review for a number of reasons:

1. Quality and safety of care in the county

Quality and safety are at the heart of what we want for our population. United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust is one of 14 Trusts recently visited by the Keogh review team because of the higher level of hospital mortality. There have also been a number of reports from regulators pointing out problems with the quality of care in a number of services. These are issues that can only be addressed by the whole health and social care community working together.

2. Cash

There is already a multi-million pound recurrent gap and this is projected to rise to over £100 million in a few years' time. There is no rescue fund and only radical rearrangement of the way we provide care will achieve financial sustainability.

3. Workforce

We need to recruit highly skilled healthcare professionals. This will require a huge increase in the flexibility of working approaches, especially for senior clinical staff.

4. Integration

People in Lincolnshire are always pointing out the lack of joined up approaches. Integration is national a policy too. It is essential we get services working together and especially community care, social care, mental health services, primary care and prevention and early intervention.

The Review is led by a Programme Board and involves representatives of: NHS England's Local Area Team, Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Lincolnshire West CCG, South Lincolnshire CCG, South West Lincolnshire CCG, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust, & East Midlands Ambulance Service.

Following a review of the current situation, four clinically led Clinical Design Groups have been designing a new blueprint for health and social care services in the County. The blueprint is now nearing completion and will go to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 10th December. Some of the key elements of the design are:

- Neighbourhood teams of General Practitioners, nurses, therapists, mental health staff and social care staff, each covering 20,000 to 30,000 people;
- Community Hospitals with support services and senior clinicians for the neighbourhood teams;
- A single local team providing services for children; and
- Urgent care services linking Accident & Emergency and GP out of hours services providing a graded service across the county.

Government Transformation Challenge Award

As a result of good partnership working between various representatives from Health, East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS), and Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue, the Government have accepted their bid and awarded £491,000 for the development of an innovative and complementary approach to ambulance provision in the county.

Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant

I am delighted to announce that thanks to partnership working through the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant, all seven district councils in Lincolnshire have committed to supporting forces and ex-forces personnel, who wish to find a home in the county.

Lincolnshire County Council continues to play a key role in working with partner organisations and supporting the aims of the Armed Forces Community Covenant in Lincolnshire. Since the signing of the Community Covenant last year, Lincolnshire County Council's Community Engagement Team has supported various projects that have so far successfully obtained just under £200,000 from the MoD Community Covenant Grant Scheme.

Other work has also included raising awareness of issues affecting housing and ex-forces personnel for which Paul Drury, Programme Officer, has been asked to attend a national conference to showcase the good work in Lincolnshire. This includes the newly established Housing Working Group which feeds straight into the Lincolnshire Strategic Homeless Group thus enabling any issues concerning armed forces housing problems to be raised. All seven District Councils now recognise Armed Forces Personnel (veterans up to 5 years after service) in their Housing Policies.

Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils (LALC) Annual General Meeting

At their recent Annual General Meeting, the LALC recognised the work of LCC staff and the support which has also been offered to individual Town and Parish Councils, in particular the training sessions around community engagement and funding.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

2012 Legacy Projects

- **Sportivate (Grant of £100,000 from Sport England to engage young people between the age of 14-25 in new sports)** – the Partnership is funding 144 projects between April 2013 and March 2014, with 28 different sports being offered. We have engaged 670 young people on the programme since April 2013 - 597 of these in at least 5 out of the 6 sessions on offer.
- **The Sport Makers (Volunteer)** programme has now finished, with over 700 volunteers signed up to 10 hours or more of volunteer activity within Lincolnshire, hitting over 166% of our original targets.
- **School-Club Links (Linking young people to community opportunities in sport)** – a county wide mapping programme has been carried out to give a picture of the clubs running and how schools can engage. We are going to work with 10 secondary schools in year 1 to link them to community sport.

- **LEAP** the Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme continues to support our elite athletes as they take the first steps on the performance pathway. The applications for 2014 have been received and are now being assessed.

Physical Activity

Quarter two has seen numbers increase in **Exercise Referral and Health Walks**. We are anticipating record numbers across both programmes this year. We have been working closely with Macmillan Cancer Support and pharmacies across the county, to try and increase signposting to Health Walks.

Wheelchair racing launch held at Yarborough – this was on Look North all day on 12 November and had coverage on Children in Need (National TV) on 15 November.

We ran our biggest **New Age Kurling Competition** so far with 26 teams entered.

Funding

Work has taken place with District Councils (South Kesteven, City of Lincoln and West Lindsey) on the development of **Community Sport Activation Fund** bids for submission to Sport England at the end of January, the aim of which is to maximise the resource available for community sport development and delivery. We have already secured £187,000 from this fund and hope to be able to bring up to £1m to projects in the county over the next 12 months.

Lincolnshire Sports Awards

The awards ceremony took place on 7 November when over 380 people attended and saw Aaron Brindle (England cricketer) take the prestigious Sports Personality of the Year award.