

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 13 DECEMBER 2013

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ADULT CARE

Adult Care Performance

Performance continues to improve in a number of areas across Adult Care.

The number of people entering our reablement service and being successfully re-enabled to live independently is now 50% compared to 39% for the same period last year. Furthermore, 68% of those needing on-going support do so at a reduced level of service as a result of reablement. With improving performance there is an expectation that this will develop further and achieve a national top 25% performance status.

We continue to make progress with personalisation, with everyone (100%) eligible for a personal budget now receiving one. Direct Payments continue to grow with over 3600 people now accessing their support through a direct payment compared to 2700 at the end of June 2013.

Admissions to long terms care for adults with a learning disability, mental health or a physical disability remain relatively low and stable. However, pressure continues with respect to the number of very elderly people admitted into residential or nursing care. We are currently predicting approx.1000 people will be admitted to long term care this financial year. This reflects an increasing intensity of need associated with serving an increasingly older population in which Lincolnshire has the largest growth of this group of people in the East Midlands region.

Operational efficiency has improved with over 85% of assessments completed within 28 days, compared to 79% for the same period last year. Review performance at the highest level ever, with performance at the end of September at 48.8% compared to 40% for the same period last year. Reviews are important because it helps to ensure quality of service and that vulnerable people are getting what they need.

People are receiving services more efficiently with 94% of home support packages brokered within 7 days of referral and 80% within 48 hours where the service is to support a hospital discharge. Our ambition will be to work with providers to ensure even better performance to ensure our top 25% performance nationally on discharge delays is maintained.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections

A total of 361 out of 416 care providers representing nursing and residential homes and, home care services in Lincolnshire have been inspected by the Care Quality Commission in the last 12 months. Of these 91% were judged to be compliant with the 16 'Essential Standards of Quality and Safety'. Lincolnshire has the highest level of compliance in the East Midlands, where the average compliance level is 75%. This in part reflects the quality assurance work undertaken by Adult Care, our commitment to subsidised training for providers, the quality of our relationship with providers themselves and the on-going relationship with CQC to identify poor quality providers and support them to improve.

Integrated Health and Adult Care

Building on the success of our reablement service; the Independent Living Team (ILT) will be expanded to cover all of Lincolnshire on 2nd December 2013.

This newly combined Adult Care and Health reablement service is delivering over 2,500 hours of intensive support each week to over 350 people. The service will also form part of an integrated approach to reducing unnecessary admissions to acute care during the winter.

The wider 'Admission Reduction Programme' includes a new Rapid Response service providing rapid integrated assessments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This service will be provided by Lincolnshire Community Health Services with teams based at Louth, Lincoln, Boston and Grantham. Additional community rehabilitation beds and night cover will be available in Boston and Lincoln to further support people in their own homes.

Wellbeing Service

How the Council responds to requests for help with low-level and low cost support is a key component in the ability of Adult Care to meet statutory obligations and allocate its very limited resource on those with greatest needs. In September procurement of the Wellbeing Service, led by colleagues in Public Health commenced following a period of countywide engagement events with the public and providers.

The events generated a positive response from both people in need of support and the wider public. The new service is designed to reduce demand for higher cost, statutory services and provide much better, relevant information at the right time to individuals, their carer's and families.

Investing in helping people remain independent such as providing practical help in the home or, equipment such as hand rails results in safer, more accessible homes and independence for longer. Furthermore this will result in fewer accidents, fewer patients in hospital, helps to facilitate early discharge and fewer expensive re-admissions. An evaluation of providers is now taking place with a view to new contracts being awarded in January and commencement of the new service from April 2014.

Budget Update

The Adult Care budget is currently reporting a predicted overspend at the end of this financial year of £1.9M. This is as a result of on-going pressures, particularly in supporting more of the most vulnerable older people in Lincolnshire and younger adults with profound learning disabilities. However, I am confident that this figure will reduce further during the remainder of the financial year.

The ability of Adult Care to manage within budget is increasingly dependent on the funding coming from the Department of Health to support integration with local health partners. This pooled budget is now called the Integration Transformation Fund (ITF). It helps to underwrite in part the Adult Care budget pressure which amounts to £6.431m comprising a mixture of long term and short term costs. In 2014/15 we expect around £15.4m to be available to Lincolnshire. We are planning with CCG colleagues how this pooled fund is to be invested in a 2 year plan that will be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board in February.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Birth to Five

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) Outcomes 2013 – A new national assessment system for the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) was introduced for the academic year 2012-13. This new system of assessments has been successfully implemented by all schools and settings across Lincolnshire.

National statistical comparative information is now available for assessments undertaken in July 2013. The outcomes of the new measures introduced are not comparable to those previously in place.

A revised measure for the 'Good Level of Development' achieved by children at the end of the EYFS has been introduced. Nationally 52% of children achieved a Good Level of Development. By comparison in Lincolnshire 65% of children achieved a Good Level of Development. This outcome places Lincolnshire in the top 5 Local Authorities nationally and the highest achieving Local Authority in the East Midlands and against its Statistical Neighbours.

Similarly, a new measure for the achievement gap has been introduced. This is now known as the 'percentage inequality gap in achievement across all the Early Learning Goals' and again is not comparable to the previous target. The achievement gap nationally is 36.6% and in Lincolnshire it is narrower by 7% at 29.6%. This places Lincolnshire in the top 10 Local Authorities nationally.

Ofsted Outcomes

Lincolnshire's five Nursery Schools have continued to achieve very strong Ofsted outcomes with three of the five schools graded as 'Outstanding' and the remaining two schools graded as 'Good with outstanding features'.

For the most recent period 85% of Lincolnshire Early Years providers on 'non-domestic premises' were judged good or outstanding. This is 3% above the national average. This confirms that Lincolnshire's Private, Voluntary and Independent (PVI) Early Years providers are continuing to build on their good practice and are successfully implementing the reformed Early Years Foundation Stage. The percentage of satisfactory providers in Lincolnshire remains below the national average.

Childminders in Lincolnshire perform slightly below the national average but their outcomes show an improving trend throughout this year. In Lincolnshire only 12% of childminders wish to deliver the free entitlement and these have good Ofsted outcomes.

Sutterton and Swineshead Children's Centre was inspected with the report received in November confirming that services offered are good.

Primary

Key Stage 1 Outcomes (provisional data) – As reported in September, early analysis of 149 Local Authorities in England and Wales, indicates that Lincolnshire's Key Stage 1 results are at the highest level for three years. In 2013 Level 2+ performance in Writing and Maths are 1% above the national average for the first time

in three years, Reading remains 1% below. Level 3+ attainment has a three year trend of improvement for all subjects.

Key Stage 2 Outcomes (provisional data) – As reported in September, L4+ Reading and Writing have maintained their 2012 position above the national average this year by 1%. The figure for L4+ Maths was reported as in line with national, but in the October release, had risen to 1% above national. The new GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) test shows the LA at 1% below.

Level 5+ performance in Reading is 2% above the national average, Writing is 3% above and Maths is in line. The new GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) test shows Lincolnshire is 1% below the national average.

For the new measure of Reading, Writing and Maths (English and Maths previously reported), Lincolnshire L4+ (76%) is 1% above the national figure and for Level 5+ (22%) is also 1% above national.

Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 Progress (provisional data) – Lincolnshire is above the national average for 2-levels progress in Reading by 2%, in Writing by 2% and in Maths by 1%. It has outperformed all of its statistical neighbours.

Phonics Screening (provisional data) – The first phonics screening for Y1 pupils was administered in 2012. Pupils must attain 32+ points to be working at the age appropriate phonics phase 5. In 2012 69% of the LA pupils reached this standard. This was 11% higher than the national average.

In 2013 the LA has maintained a standard higher than the national average by 7% and raised its own performance by 7% (these figures have changed slightly from those reported in September). Year 2 pupils who did not reach the standard in Year 1 were re-screened this year. 70% of these pupils are now working at the appropriate phase; this is 2% more than the national average for this group.

OfSTED Update

In the first half term of this academic year, 12 primary schools, all of them maintained schools, were inspected. 4 schools received a higher grade than previously, 5 remained the same, and 3 received a lower grade. The proportion of good and outstanding primary schools is at 80%, as it was at the beginning of the term.

Secondary

Key Stage 4 Outcomes (provisional data) – Lincolnshire is again above the national average for the % pupils achieving 5+A*-C GCSEs including Maths and English, by 1.2%, and is 4.4% above national for the percentage of pupils achieving A*-C in all English Baccalaureate subjects.

Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 4 Progress (provisional data) – Lincolnshire is above the national figure by 1.3% for 3 levels progress in Maths and is 1.5% below national in English.

A Levels – (provisional data) - The proportion of students achieving 3 A*-A grades at A Level or applied single/double award A Level is 13.7 percent, 3.2 percent above the national figure and above all of our statistical neighbours. The Lincolnshire figure

for A-Level exam entries resulting in A* and A grades remains below the national figure, however rose by 2% this year compared to a fall nationally of 0.2%.

OfSTED Update

In the first half-term of this academic year, 2 secondary schools, both academies, were inspected. At the end of the half term, the proportion of good or outstanding schools was 69%, a 1% decrease from the beginning of the term.

Special Schools

In the period 1st September to 8th November, there were no inspections of special schools. The proportion of good or better schools remains at 99% (20 out of the 21) with none in a category.

Closing the Gap

The overall performance at all ages is good and the gap between the performance of FSM and other pupils is closing. However, the gap needs to continue to close; initially the target should ensure that LA gap data is at least in line with national data but eventually that the gap is closed.

Although the gap is closing at each Key Stage, overall it widens through Early Years, Key Stage 2, Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5. A report and action plan has recently gone to the Scrutiny Committee and Closing the Gap will be a focus in the coming months.

Ofsted framework for the Inspection of Services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers

The new Ofsted framework for the Inspection of Services for children in need of help and protection, children looked after and care leavers went live on Monday 18 November 2013.

Ofsted announced on 19 November 2013 the first four local authorities to be inspected and these inspections commenced on 20 November 2013. The four inspections will take place concurrently and will last for 4 weeks.

Ofsted will be announcing in January a further seven inspections which will take place non-concurrently starting from mid-January 2014. There will be a further 40 inspections starting from April 2014. Lincolnshire's front line safeguarding services were last inspected in May 2010 so we are due to be inspected.

We will notify staff and Councillors when the date of our inspection is confirmed

Music and Arts

In Britain's most iconic concert venue, the Royal Albert Hall, the last surviving British Dambuster, Squadron Leader George (Johnny) Johnson, was guest of honour at an inspirational world premiere of 'Lincolnshire Skies: A Tribute to the Dambusters' at the Music for Youth Schools' Prom on Tuesday 12 November.

To learn more about this outstanding event, please visit:
www.lincsmusicservice.org/aviation .

Children with Disabilities Service

Two of the homes within the Children with Disabilities Service were inspected by Ofsted during the summer. The reports have now been received and the inspection has confirmed that the homes continue to deliver very good care to children.

Haven Cottage is one of two Short Breaks homes that provide respite care for children with disabilities. For the third year running Ofsted rated the home as 'Outstanding'.

The Beacon Children's Home is a long-term residential unit for children with disabilities. The Inspector gave the home an overall rating of 'Good'.

Families Working Together

Families Working Together Lincolnshire's Troubled Families Programme is built around a sustainable, multi-agency approach to supporting families with complex needs with staff seconded from a range of partner agencies enabling an innovative range of interventions to be delivered to families with complex needs in order to improve school attendance, reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and support adults to come off benefits and secure paid employment. The structures put in place by Lincolnshire have been recognised by DCLG as a sound basis to tackle the demands of the troubled families programme. Lincolnshire is one of 20 local authorities chosen to be part of an in depth evaluation which being undertaken by Ecorys who have been commissioned by DCLG to consider the progress to date and the future potential for this approach to be used in order to transform services delivering support to families with complex needs. We are just over half way through the programme. FWT have:

- i. Identified 1166 (85%) of the 1370 troubled families Lincolnshire needs to work with. This is slightly ahead of our own internal targets (1110).
- ii. Identified 818 (60%) of those families as being 'worked with' by either FWT or a partner organisation in the county. This is well ahead of our internal target of 680 families by this stage.
- iii. Claimed results payments for a total of 112 (8%) 'turned around' families in January and July 2013. This is ahead of our target of 80 families by this stage.

FWT are also making substantial strides directly with a large number of families across a range of indicators that may stop short of allowing us to make an outcome claim. We have numerous examples of children being supported to improve their attendance at school from levels at say 50% to levels close to the 85% threshold to trigger an outcome payment or surpass that level but for whom we cannot yet claim an outcome payment due to other factors such as timescales, other criteria (e.g. ASB) etc.

LIFELONG LEARNING

Last year we supported the National Centre for Food Manufacturing, Holbeach, to increase the take up of Apprentices by working more intensively with employers in the food industry. We recognised that more could be done to encourage this sector. This small project ended in March and successfully increased the number of Apprentice starts at the Centre (in 1 year from 12 to 26). However, that is not the end. As with many interventions of this nature, the legacy can be long term, and Bakkavor, one of the businesses included in the project that appointed a dedicated Apprentice Manager has just announced 40 new Lincolnshire Apprentice Vacancies between now and June 2014.

We are also working closely with government departments like the Department for Work and Pensions and the Skills Funding Agency. They are going to receive additional grants through the new EU programmes and we are making sure that the money they receive in Lincolnshire is directed to the needs of our businesses and communities.

As well as these important programmes, where we seek to influence provision, we also deliver schemes through our adult and community learning programmes. In the past few weeks we've been pleased to receive messages from people who have been trained in these programmes, which are targeted at people with particular difficulties, saying how the training has helped them. For example, one learner has recently published a book of poetry and another has become a volunteer at their local school.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Children's Health Programme

The Public Health Antenatal Weight Management Service 'Bumps and Beyond' has been shortlisted for the Public Health award at the Royal College of Midwives Awards 2013. The service, which is run on our behalf by Lincolnshire Community Health Services Trust, has produced excellent results for the women and families who have entered the programme. These include healthier weight and Body Mass Index status as well as a reduction in complications at birth. The results for the programme are being independently evaluated by the University of Nottingham and a full report is due in March 2014.

Wellbeing Service

It is evident that the on-going constraints on public service resources require us to think differently not only about what support we can provide to local people to improve their quality of life, but also how we provide it. An excellent example of this is the work we have done with two district councils to jointly deliver the new Wellbeing Service in Lincolnshire. This will see significant efficiencies delivered for all three councils, alongside an improvement in the range and integration of the services available.

The same sort of service will be available to people across the County, albeit secured through a competitive tendering exercise that is underway at the moment.

Infection Detection Achievement

In order to reduce the amount of chlamydia infection in the community it is important to diagnose and treat as many people as possible. The public health outcome indicator for 2013/2016 is to achieve 2,300 diagnoses per 100,000 15-24 year olds. During the period January to June 2013 Public Health England data shows that Lincolnshire has achieved a diagnosis rate that exceeds the regional and national figures, which is a great achievement. A committed and targeted approach to securing screens from the relevant age group across a wide range of providers has been key to the success to date towards this outcome.