



County Council

**Open Report on behalf of Dr Tony Hill, Executive Director Public Health and Chair of the Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review Programme Board**

Report to:	<b>County Council</b>
Date:	<b>13 December 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review</b>

**Summary:**

The Health and Social Care system in Lincolnshire faces significant challenges. The recent Keogh review identified some key areas of concern over quality and safety of some services, and some services have significant patient outcome challenges. In Lincolnshire, like the rest of the NHS and Social Care nationally, there is evidence from patients and service users of services being fragmented. In the light of the current issues for Lincolnshire it has been agreed by all partners to set up a sustainable services review covering the whole of Lincolnshire

A high level blueprint has been developed over several months. It considers radical change and best practice, and focusses on the challenges raised across Lincolnshire.

**Recommendation:**

The Council is asked to note the presentation and receive further reports during phase 2 of the Blueprint.

## **1. Background**

In the light of the current issues for Lincolnshire, it has been agreed by all partners to set up a sustainable services review covering the whole of Lincolnshire. The aims of the Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review (LSSR) are to develop a model of care that will help the health and care community provide quality services that are safe, accessible and suitable for the future.

## **2. Conclusion**

Phase 1 of the LSSR is nearing an end. Huge progress has been made since the review commenced in August 2013 and this has now culminated in this high level blueprint document.

There is broad agreement across the Lincolnshire community on the direction of travel within the Blueprint, which is a radical approach in developing and delivering sustainable services for the future.

### **3. Legal Comments:**

The Report invites the Council to note the presentation of a proposed blueprint for the delivery of health and social care services in Lincolnshire.

No legal issues arise given the high level nature of the proposals.

However, the proposals, depending on the detailed planning to be carried out in the next phase of the LSSR programme, have the potential to raise significant legal issues, including the ability to transfer or delegate functions, decision-making within integrated arrangements, establishment of new delivery models and procurement law.

As recognised within the Blueprint document, this may entail changes to services that require consultation prior to further decisions being taken.

These matters will need to be kept under review and addressed prior to specific proposals being decided.

### **4. Resource Comments:**

The Blueprint proposes radical change and best practice. Change will, however, not occur until the second, more detailed, phase of work is completed. The proposals in the Blueprint do not, therefore, lead to immediate cost implications. Funding is available for the second phase of work on the Blueprint.

### **5. Consultation**

#### **a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?**

N/A

#### **b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?**

Yes

#### **c) Scrutiny Comments**

None

#### **d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

N/A

## 6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	None

## 7. Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
LSSR – A Blueprint for Future Health and Care Services in Lincoln.	By contacting Rachel Wilson, Democratic Services Officer, on 01522 552107 or by e-mail <a href="mailto:rachel.wilson@lincolnshire.gov.uk">rachel.wilson@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a>

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