


# Agenda Item 4

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|  |                                | <b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY<br/>COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b> |                               |
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| Report to | <b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b> |
| Date:     | <b>4 October 2023</b>                             |
| Subject:  | <b>Chairman's Announcements</b>                   |

## 1. **Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Children and Young People Mental Health Services**

On 13 September 2023 (Minute 29), the Committee requested additional information on:

- (a) Call Volumes for the 24/7 Here4You Helpline
- (b) The Ratio of Named Professionals Liaison Staff to Children and Young People

Information will be circulated to the Committee, when it is available.

## 2. **Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete in NHS Buildings**

On 1 September 2023, Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) issued a statement on Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) in NHS buildings. The DHSC stated that the NHS had been surveying sites and undertaking RAAC mitigation work since 2019 and was continuing to conduct a wide range of surveys. Further, the NHS had a mitigation plan in place for hospital buildings with confirmed RAAC. Some of these plans include the construction of new hospitals as part of the *New Hospitals Programme*. Locally, this programme includes Queen Elizabeth's Hospital in King's Lynn, *please see below*, and Hinchingsbrooke Hospital in Huntingdon, which is operated by North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust.

The DHSC has stated that privately owned primary care premises are not part of the national programme, and NHS England has issued RAAC guidance to private landlords who are responsible for surveying and maintaining their own property.

As of 1 September 2023, DHSC stated that both it and NHS England had been engaging with Community Health Partnerships and NHS Property Services to understand the RAAC risk in GPs and other primary care services.

### 3. **Queen Elizabeth’s Hospital, King’s Lynn - Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete**

As has been previously reported to this Committee, on 26 May 2023, the Government announced that Queen Elizabeth’s Hospital (QEH), King’s Lynn, would be added to the government’s *New Hospitals Programme*. QEH has also begun enabling works for the new hospital including the demolition of one building with Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC). The new hospital is expected to be open in 2029.

Further to the recent media reports, QEH has issued a statement reassuring patients that that QEH has an installation programme of steel and timber supports to maximise safety for patients, visitors, and staff. QEH also states that it has a team of structural engineers carrying out daily checks. QEH states that it appreciates it can be disconcerting for patients and visitors when they see and hear building work taking place during their visit.

### 4. **Humber Acute Services Programme – Launch of Consultation**

On 25 September 2023, the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board launched a consultation on acute hospital services at Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby and Scunthorpe General Hospital. The consultation document, *Your Health Your Care – Let’s Getter Better Hospital Care*, has been emailed to members of the Committee and is available, together with other documentation at the following link: [Programme documents – Better Hospitals \(betterhospitalshumber.nhs.uk\)](https://www.betterhospitalshumber.nhs.uk).

The consultation proposes consolidating the following hospital services at Grimsby:

- **trauma** – for people with injuries requiring specialist care and who might need observation by a trauma team;
- **overnight emergency surgery** – for people who need an emergency operation in the middle of the night or who need to stay in hospital overnight and be looked after by teams with surgical expertise;
- **some inpatient medical specialities** – for people who need a longer stay in hospital (more than 72 hours) and need to be looked after by a specialist team for their heart, lung or stomach condition; and
- **overnight paediatric inpatient care** – for children and young people who need to stay in hospital for more than 24 hours.

It is proposed that urgent and emergency care would continue to be provided at both Grimsby and Scunthorpe, including 24/7 accident and emergency departments.

This Committee is due consider the consultation document on 8 November 2023, with a view to making arrangements for preparing its response, which would be approved on 6 December 2023. The Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be meeting on 17 October 2023 in Scunthorpe, as the statutory consultee. Lincolnshire County Council and the other four local authorities comprising the joint committee each have three representatives.

**5. NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board: People and Communities Involvement Report 2022-23**

NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) is required each year as part of NHS England's oversight framework to demonstrate how it meets its patient engagement duties, which include information on:

- (a) the planning of commissioned services;
- (b) the development of proposals for changes in service delivery; and
- (c) decisions which would have an impact on services.

To showcase how it has achieved the above, the ICB has prepared *People and Communities Involvement Report 2022-23*, which is available on the ICB's website: [People and Communities Involvement report 2022-23 \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/people-and-communities-involvement-report-2022-23). The report includes the following:

- the ICB's commitment to involving people and communities;
- how the ICB works with partner organisations;
- how insight and data have been used by the ICB to inform its work;
- how the ICB listens and involves people and communities, including case studies;
- involving people and communities to tackle health inequalities; and
- planned future involvement activities and continuous community development.

In future years, it is planned that this will be considered as a substantive item on the Committee's agenda.

**6. North Somercotes Dental Practice - Closure**

North Somercotes Dental Practice's contract to provide NHS dental services has been terminated, with effect from 31 August 2023, following NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) being made aware of its closure during August.

The ICB has stated that it will follow the normal process for NHS dental contract terminations, by undertaking a review, including if there may be local capacity on an interim basis. Re-commissioning plans are being developed and at present urgent dental care services have been commissioned in Louth and are in place to support patients requiring care in the East Lindsey area.

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