


Agenda Item 7

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director of Resources**

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	6 December 2023
Subject:	Response to Consultation by Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board: <i>Your Health, Your Hospitals – Let’s Get Better Hospital Care</i>

Summary

On 8 November 2023, the Committee considered the consultation by the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board on proposals for services at Scunthorpe General Hospital and Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby. The Committee noted that for the purposes of the health overview and scrutiny regulations the Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the statutory consultee, but agreed that this Committee would respond as a non-statutory consultee and share its response with the Joint Committee.

The Committee is invited to consider a draft response to the consultation, which has been compiled on the basis of the comments made by the Committee on 8 November 2023. **The draft response will be circulated prior to the meeting.**

Actions Requested

The Committee is invited:

- (1) To consider the draft response (**to be circulated as Appendix A**) and subject to any further amendments approve it as the Committee’s final response to the consultation on *Your Health, Your Hospitals – Let’s Get Better Hospital Care*, being undertaken by Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.
- (2) To share its own response to the consultation with the Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, with a view to it being considered for inclusion in the Joint Committee’s response.

1. Background

Content of Consultation

On 25 September 2023, the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) 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*, was considered as part of the Committee's agenda on 8 November 2023. This and other documentation is available at the following link: [Programme documents – Better Hospitals \(betterhospitalshumber.nhs.uk\)](https://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 in the consultation that urgent and emergency care would continue to be provided at both Grimsby and Scunthorpe, including 24/7 accident and emergency departments.

Impacts on Lincolnshire Residents

On 8 November 2023, the Committee was provided with a powerpoint presentation, which included a slide on the displacement from Scunthorpe General Hospital for the Lincolnshire district areas.

Local Authority	Trauma	Emergency Surgery	Specialist Medical Inpatients	Paediatric Inpatients	Total
West Lindsey	61	171	79	73	384
East Lindsey	2	61	5	0	68
Lincoln	1	2	0	1	4
North Kesteven	0	1	0	0	1
Total	64	235	84	74	457

During 2019/20 no patients from Boston, South Holland or South Kesteven used the above services at Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust. Based on the modelling from 2019/20, each year 457 Lincolnshire-based patients would be displaced from Scunthorpe General Hospital to Diana Princess of Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby, assuming that patients did not use other hospitals.

Role of Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the statutory consultee for the purposes of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations) 2013. The Joint Committee held its first meeting on 17 October 2023. A further meeting is planned for 18 December 2023, at which its response to the consultation is due to be finalised.

2. Consultation

This item enables the Committee to make a response to the consultation on *Your Health, Your Hospitals – Let’s Get Better Hospital Care*, being undertaken by Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board. The consultation period opened on 25 September 2023 and is due to conclude on 5 January 2024.

Consultation Events

The consultation document was circulated to members of this Committee on 13 June 2023. The consultation documentation refers to three engagement events in Grimsby, Scunthorpe and Goole. Further events have been planned for Louth and Gainsborough.

3. Conclusion

The Committee is requested to consider a draft response and subject to any further amendments approve as the Committee’s final response to the consultation entitled *Your Health, Your Hospitals – Let’s Get Better Hospital Care*, being undertaken by Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached to this report:

Appendix A (To follow)	Draft Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire to the <i>Your Health, Your Hospitals – Let’s Get Better Hospital Care</i> , being undertaken by Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board
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5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972, were used in the preparation of this report.

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