


# Agenda Item 4

		<b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	
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

Report to	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>20 March 2024</b>
Subject:	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b>

## 1. Items on Today's Agenda

There are three items which the Committee might have expected on this agenda, but which for the reasons stated are not included today.

### United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – General Update

An update on a variety of matters from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT), including elective care and waiting lists, has been deferred to the Committee's next meeting on 17 April 2024. This is because all the senior management at ULHT are involved in the recruitment arrangements for a new Group Chief Executive on 20 March 2024.

As an update from ULHT would have represented a major item of business for the Committee, an item from Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation (LPFT) is now on the agenda instead. This item will consider the issues raised at the Committee's last meeting, as well as other recent developments. I am grateful for LPFT participating in the meeting at short notice.

### Decision on Humber Acute Services Review

Between September 2023 and January 2024, the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) consulted on proposals to transfer services from Scunthorpe General Hospital to Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby. The services all related to urgent and emergency (rather than elective) care and were: (i) trauma – for people with injuries requiring specialist care / trauma team; (ii) overnight emergency surgery – for emergency operations overnight or an urgent hospital stay overnight; (iii) some inpatient medical specialities – for heart, lung or stomach conditions; and (iv) overnight paediatric inpatient care – for children and young people who need to stay in hospital for more than 24 hours.

The Humber and North Yorkshire ICB had previously stated that the decision on the future of these hospital services would be made on 13 March 2024. However, the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB has now indicated that a decision will be made at a special meeting of its Board in late May or early June, or even 'at a later date'. This is because of the volume of consultation responses received and the extension of the consultation until 5 January 2024. As a result, this item has been provisionally listed for 12 June 2024.

#### Protocol Between the Committee and NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board

On 21 February 2024, the Committee considered the new regulations and guidance which apply to health overview and scrutiny committees and integrated care boards, including the guidance on Ministerial Intervention Powers on NHS service reconfigurations. The Committee agreed to the development of a protocol between the Committee and NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board, with a view to the submission of a draft at this meeting. Given the importance of this document, and the need for wider input, this has been deferred to the meeting on 15 May 2024.

## **2. Information Requested at Previous Meetings**

There are two sets of follow-up information, which were requested by the Committee on 24 January 2024.

#### East Midlands Ambulance Service

On 24 January 2024, the Committee requested additional information on:

- Response Rates for Staff Survey
- Future National Trajectories for percentages of patients treated via 'Hear and Treat' and 'See and Treat'.

#### Use of Former RAF Scampton Site for Asylum Seeker Accommodation: Impact on Local NHS

On 24 January 2024, the Committee requested additional information following an item presented by a representative from the Home Office on the impact on the local NHS of the proposed use of the former RAF Scampton site as accommodation for asylum seekers.

Information on each of the above will be circulated when it is available.

## **3. Pilgrim Hospital, Boston – Emergency Department**

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) has announced that construction of the new Emergency Department at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, has begun following the demolition of a building next to the existing Emergency Department. This has made way for the new facility. The foundations have been poured and the concrete infrastructure is being installed for the new department, which is due to open in 2026.

#### 4. **New Payments for NHS Dentists**

As part of the Government's plan to create an additional 2.5 million NHS dental appointments, from 1 March 2024 NHS dentists have been able to receive extra funding for each new NHS patient treated. These payments range from £15 to £50 for treating each new patient, who has not received NHS dental care for two years. The level of payment will depend on the complexity of the treatment provided. The Committee is due to receive an update on NHS dental services in Lincolnshire at its next meeting on 17 April 2024.

#### 5. **Care Quality Commission 2023 Maternity Survey**

On 9 February 2024, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published its annual survey of all hospital trusts with maternity units in England. This survey invited women who gave birth during February 2023 to answer questions on their care and treatment at maternity units. Based on responses, the CQC gave each NHS trust a score out of ten for each question of the 24 topic areas, with the higher the score the better. In order to compare each trust with other trusts, the response to each question also received one of the following ratings:

- Much Better
- Better
- Somewhat Better
- About the Same
- Somewhat Worse
- Worse
- Much Worse

Information on four local NHS trusts has been extracted from the CQC's findings, and is set out in Appendix A. Most the findings are categorised as "About the Same", so ratings other than this are highlighted in colour.

At a national level the CQC reported that the results compared to 2022 showed improvement in many areas but represent a downward trend since 2028. The CQC highlighted areas for improvement in the availability of staff; and communications and interactions with staff.

The CQC also found that frequency of contact with the same midwife led to a positive experience throughout antenatal care. Frequency of contact during antenatal and postnatal care also led to a better than average experience.

Full details on the survey, in which 25,515 participated in England, representing a response rate of 41%, can be found at:

[Maternity Survey 2023 - Care Quality Commission \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/maternity-survey-2023).

## CARE QUALITY COMMISSION MATERNITY RESULTS FOR LOCAL NHS TRUSTS

	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust		North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust		Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust		Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	
Number of Respondents	163		244		116		362	
Question Topic	Score Out of Ten	Compared with Other Trusts	Score Out of Ten	Compared with Other Trusts	Score Out of Ten	Compared with Other Trusts	Score Out of Ten	Compared with Other Trusts
Advice on Benefits of Induction	7.5	About the Same	7.5	About the Same	8.0	About the Same	9.0	Better
Advice on Risks of Induction	6.8	About the Same	7.4	About the Same	7.8	About the Same	8.2	Better
Involvement in Decision to be Induced	9.2	About the Same	7.7	Somewhat Worse	8.9	About the Same	9.2	About the Same
Advice at the Start of Labour	8.9	About the Same	8.8	About the Same	9.0	About the Same	8.8	About the Same
Pain Management: Labour and Birth	8.0	About the Same	7.0	About the Same	8.1	About the Same	7.3	About the Same
Partner Involvement: Labour and Birth	9.2	About the Same	9.7	About the Same	8.9	About the Same	9.6	About the Same
Staff Introductions	9.1	About the Same	8.9	About the Same	9.3	About the Same	9.1	About the Same
Not Being Left Alone	8.0	About the Same	7.4	About the Same	8.0	About the Same	8.1	About the Same
Raising Concerns	8.9	Somewhat Better	8.2	About the Same	8.2	About the Same	8.3	About the Same
Attention During Labour	8.7	About the Same	8.4	About the Same	9.1	About the Same	8.6	About the Same
Clear Communication	9.6	About the Same	9.0	About the Same	9.3	About the Same	9.3	About the Same
Involvement in Decisions	8.8	About the Same	8.3	About the Same	8.6	About the Same	8.8	About the Same
Respect and Dignity	9.5	About the Same	9.1	About the Same	9.0	About the Same	9.3	About the Same
Confidence and Trust	9.0	About the Same	8.4	About the Same	8.8	About the Same	8.5	About the Same
Opportunity to Ask Questions	7.0	Somewhat Better	6.3	About the Same	7.4	Better	6.5	About the Same
Medical History	7.5	About the Same	7.3	About the Same	8.6	Better	7.3	About the Same
Kindness and Compassion	9.4	About the Same	8.9	About the Same	9.0	About the Same	9.0	About the Same
Delay in Discharge	6.4	About the Same	5.1	Worse	6.1	About the Same	5.7	About the Same
Attention After Birth	7.9	About the Same	7.8	About the Same	8.2	Somewhat Better	6.9	About the Same
Information and Explanations	8.1	About the Same	7.8	About the Same	8.5	Better	7.1	About the Same
Kind and Understanding Care	8.9	About the Same	8.9	Somewhat Better	8.6	About the Same	8.3	About the Same
Partner Length of Stay	3.5	About the Same	9.2	Better	3.8	About the Same	8.7	Somewhat Better
Pain Management After Birth	8.0	About the Same	7.8	About the Same	7.9	About the Same	7.3	About the Same
Cleanliness of Room or Ward	9.1	About the Same	8.9	About the Same	9.0	About the Same	8.5	About the Same