

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 16 SEPTEMBER 2011**

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for Health, Housing and Community**

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

This has now had two formal meetings, one informal, and a development session. Attendance has been good, and discussions informed and useful. Work is underway to establish relationships and engagement with the wide range of statutory organisations, providers of health and social care, the community and voluntary sector and communities themselves.

**Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)**

Lincolnshire has adopted a new approach to this, involving considerable stakeholder engagement, expert commentary, easy access to the data and commentary by anyone, and an easy to read overview report with a limited number of priorities. Our approach has been the subject of considerable interest from many other places.

The Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board for Lincolnshire has supported the production of the JSNA, and the priorities identified within the JSNA will be taken forward into the production of a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire, which will be overseen by the Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board.

**Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

The development process will begin next month, and last until March 2012. There will be opportunities for a wide range of professionals and communities to become involved. A Task and Finish Group (using existing groups where possible) will look at each priority, with involvement from a HWB member and a senior member of the Public Health Directorate.

**Excellent Ageing**

The county's strategic partnership programme to improve the health and wellbeing of older people has continued to make progress over recent months. The current focus remains on rolling out the 44 projects proposed earlier this year, and includes:

- Looking at setting up a county-wide local advice network to streamline and coordinate benefit and debt advice in the county;
- Developing a community transport brokerage scheme to enable better access to and use of existing transport resources to combat isolation;
- The successful piloting of the "hot meals in schools" initiative which enables older people to interact with children and young people over lunch within schools;

- 8 transformational initiatives, funded by the £9.1m reablement funding, which will focus on integrating health and social care and providing a better link between acute and community and prevention services.

As we move into autumn, a renewed push will be made to support the delivery of projects through the existing working groups and to look at the strategic approach across the county to shifting spend from acute services to early intervention and prevention activity. Strong links will be made with the Health and Wellbeing Board as 'improving the health and wellbeing of older people' is currently one of the proposed priorities within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. A joint event is planned for 20 October which will focus on Excellent Ageing and the upcoming Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The event is being co-sponsored by the East Midlands Later Life Forum.

At a national level, Excellent Ageing has been highlighted as best practice nationally and we have been asked to participate in the national Age Action Alliance which is looking to improve the social welfare of older people.

### **Clinical Commissioning Groups**

This is the latest name for the groups of GPs (and now other people) who will commission the bulk of health services in the future. There are currently seven in Lincolnshire, although the final configuration will not be clear until March 2013 when these groups take on the commissioning work from the PCT.

### **Future Public Health arrangements**

The Government has now published its response to the consultation on the Public Health White Paper. It has confirmed the move of Public Health responsibilities to County and Unitary Councils, although the exact scope of this has still to be decided; the transfer of a ring fenced allocation to each Council from the NHS budget; and the transfer of the Director of Public Health and his team to the Council in April 2013. The Government has made some changes as a result of the consultation, the major one being that the Council, through the Director of Public Health, now has a responsibility to provide Public Health advice to the Clinical Commissioning Groups and the NHS Commissioning Board for their work in Lincolnshire. This is a substantial piece of work, but has the advantage of ensuring that all Public Health advice for the population of Lincolnshire comes from a single source.

### **Lincolnshire Supported Housing Partnership Commissioning Body**

Members of the Commissioning Body approved the proposal to move to a community support model for older persons' services from March 2012, on the basis that the development of a stand alone Resource Allocation System (RAS) for housing related support for any service users who are social care eligible.

### **Lincolnshire Supported Housing Partnership Commissioning Update**

Following decisions made at the Commissioning Body in April 2011, a number of services have been re-tendered and awarded to Framework Housing, a new provider based in Nottingham. Considerable savings have been made with the provider also bringing along much added value and expertise. The majority of contracts are due to commence from October 2011 and will include:

- Floating Support Service for Young People at Risk in Lincoln
- Drug Rehabilitation Requirement (DRR) Accommodation Project
- The Nomad Centre

### **Future Development of Domestic Abuse Services**

A review of all domestic abuse services is currently taking place within Public Health, Children's Services and Safer Communities with a view to developing a joint commissioning strategy for domestic abuse.

### **Commissioning of Substance Misuse Services in Prisons**

Department of Health funding changes in April 2011 has led to the commissioning of substance misuse services within Lincolnshire's prisons to become the responsibility of Lincolnshire County Council.

The Public Health Commissioning Team is undertaking a comprehensive needs assessment, with a view to procuring a fully integrated substance misuse service for both HMP Lincoln and HMP North Sea Camp, which should be completed by September 2012.

### **Innovative new Approach to Substance Misuse in Lincolnshire**

Lincolnshire has been chosen as one of eight areas in England to test new ways to help people with drug or alcohol problems. Focusing on 'Payment by Results', the scheme works by way of treatment providers in Lincolnshire being paid based on the individual outcomes they achieve. These outcomes will reflect the building blocks that need to be in place to support and sustain recovery:

- freedom from dependence;
- reduced re-offending or continued non-offending;
- employment;
- Improved health and wellbeing.

The new model is currently planned to go live on 1 April 2012.

### **Youth Offending Service**

Preparation work is under way in respect of a number of national changes that are expected during 2012/13, including the new Legal Aid and Sentencing Bill currently before Parliament. This Bill proposes a number of changes including a new remand order for all young people aged 12-17. In addition the Bill proposes devolving the full costs associated to the new remand order to Local Authorities to incentivise them to reduce the number of young people on remand. Work is currently being completed in conjunction with Children Services to plan and prepare for this change.

### **Volunteering Opportunities**

The Public Health Directorate facilitated two full day conferences to have a conversation with the community about how we improve the quality and availability of volunteering opportunities within Lincolnshire for individuals and organisations. Feedback from the two days will form the basis of a report to the Health and Well-Being Fund Board to decide on what outcomes will require further work and investment to support volunteering opportunities and infrastructure.

### **HealthWatch**

Lincolnshire has been selected as one of the pathfinder authorities for the development of LINKs (Local Involvement Networks) into Healthwatch. The new HealthWatch body, evolving from the LINKs, will be an independent group of volunteers representing the public. It will not only react to feedback from patients and service users to resolve issues and signpost for further assistance, but will also proactively monitor the quality of services to promote improvements for children and adults in health and social care. The new body is proposed to be in operation from October 2012.

### **LINCOLNSHIRE SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

With less than a year to go to the opening of the 2012 Olympic Games in London, the interest and activity around the games has begun to gather pace. The countdown to 2012 continues with events and activities being planned for the 300, 200 and 100 days to go. In partnership with the LOV, we will launch a Sports Photography competition on the 8 September, National Paralympic Day, and a Volunteer Conference in October making the 300 days to go.

The Lincolnshire Elite Athlete programme (LEAP) is now open for applications (2011/12). We hope to have over 50 athletes on the programme again this year, representing Lincolnshire at Regional, National and International levels.