

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 9 DECEMBER 2011

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

Pathways Centre (New Facility for the Homeless)

December will see the official opening of new accommodation being made available to homeless people in Lincolnshire. The Pathways Centre on Beaumont Fee in Lincoln will offer both emergency and longer term supported housing for people who find themselves without a roof over their heads.

I am sure members will agree this is the perfect season for this new service to be launched; born out of a unique partnership between Framework Housing, the Nomad Trust and local and national public services working together. I wish the staff and residents the best of seasonal luck for the new venture.

Commissioning of Substance Misuse Services in Prisons

As I reported in September, the 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.

These changes will enable us to provide an outcome focussed service that is value for money, giving those in custody the best possible opportunity to address their substance misuse, and leave prison to make a positive contribution to society.

Innovative new Approach to Substance Misuse in Lincolnshire

As a Payment by Results pilot site, Lincolnshire substance misuse service has taken huge strides with providers in agreeing the financial and contractual arrangements to enable the new service to go live in April 2012. These changes will ensure that the recovery services commissioned in Lincolnshire are fit for purpose by promoting abstinence, reducing offending and improving the health and wellbeing of service users and their families.

In line with the Public Health White Paper *Healthy Lives, Healthy People: Our Strategy for Public Health in England*, the Drug and Alcohol Team (DAAT) Core Officer Group and NHS Lincolnshire are entering into a legal agreement to delegate the finance and contract function to Lincolnshire County Council from early 2012.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Work has commenced on the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire. The development is being led by the Lincolnshire Shadow Health and Wellbeing Board and is undertaking extensive consultation and engagement on the priorities which should be included. The strategy will have five themes which are based on the five priorities identified within the Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment as follows:

1. Promoting healthy lifestyles
2. Improving health and wellbeing for older people
3. Delivering high quality systematic care for major causes of ill health and disability
4. Improving health and reducing health inequalities for children
5. Reduce worklessness

Military Covenant

The Community Engagement team is currently working with Group Captain Waddington at RAF Cranwell to develop a partnership to support bids to the Military Community Covenant Fund. This will enable the partnership to bid for funds to support ex Ministry of Defence communities across Lincolnshire. The partnership should be in place for February/March 2012.

HealthWatch Pathfinder

I reported to you last time that Lincolnshire was one of the Pathfinder authorities. We are now working with our regional authorities to develop a commissioning approach for the new service for implementation in October 2012.

Councillor Big Society Fund

This fund has been launched and has been keenly taken up by Members, with some innovative schemes being supported across Lincolnshire. There are still some colleagues who have not submitted bids yet and we look forward to seeing more schemes submitted across Lincolnshire.

Public Health Directorate Co-location

As from the middle of this month, all of the staff of both the Council's and NHS Lincolnshire's Public Health Directorates will be co-located on the Newland campus. I welcome this development and know my colleagues will do their best to extend our hospitality to the new arrivals.

Excellent Ageing

It was agreed in September, that Excellent Ageing would be the Task and Finish group for the theme to improve the health and wellbeing for older people in Lincolnshire, as part of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

A successful and exciting joint event was held on 20 October that focussed on Excellent Ageing and the upcoming Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The event had 147 attendees, representing 53 organisations. The results were taken to the Steering Group and the proposals shared with the 3 sponsors of the theme from the Health and Wellbeing Board: Cllr Graham Marsh, Cllr Mrs Marion Brighton OBE and Dr James Howarth. The proposals will be taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 6 December for first review.

Youth Offending Service

HM Inspectorate of Probation has confirmed Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service will have its Core Case Inspection during the week commencing the 26 March 2012. A team of Inspectors will assess the quality of work undertaken in relation to safeguarding, reducing re-offending and managing the risk of harm to others. Work is under way to prepare for the implementation of the Legal Aid and Sentencing Bill, which is currently at the Committee stage and is expected to be legislation by November 2012. The Bill would see the creation of a new remand order for all those under 18 and the full costs would be devolved to the Local Authority.

The Youth Justice Board was not abolished as anticipated and it is expected to announce details of the Youth Justice grant for 2012/13 in the next few weeks. The Youth Justice grant represents approximately 50% of the total funding for Lincolnshire Youth Offending Service. A portion of the grant will be allocated to the Police Crime Commissioner when in post in late 2012. Locally, Lincolnshire YOS are working with the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Board, Lincolnshire Police and Children's Services to address a number of concerns regarding children from outside of Lincolnshire being placed in a number of privately owned care homes in the south of the County.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

The Sports Partnership continues to work with and support a wide range of organisations in the county as it develops and delivers projects and programmes linked to the 2012 Olympic Games.

The promotion of our county athletes, both Olympic and non-Olympic, took place at their Annual Awards dinner on the 17 November. Over 370 people attended this Sporting Showcase to see Callum Johnson, the Commonwealth Boxing Gold medallist from Delhi, take the Lincolnshire Sports Personality of the Year award. Other winners included Aaron Brindle, England Women's Cricketer; Seated Discus Thrower, Kieran Tscherniawsky, who won a Gold medal at the Junior World Championships in Dubai in April, and many other county stars.

There will be a number of Legacy programmes in 2012 including

- The Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme (LEAP)
- Silver Spirit
- Quest for Gold
- Sportivate
- Behind the fence –opening up facilities to be used for sporting activities in local communities
- Sports Library

Further details of these programmes can be seen on the LSP website www.lincolnshiresports.com