

# Agenda Item 6

		<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>15 June 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Supplementary Chairman's Announcements</b>

## 1. Membership

### Healthwatch Lincolnshire Representative

Dr Brian Wookey has advised me that he will be retiring as a trustee of Healthwatch Lincolnshire at its AGM in August. As Brian is away for the July meeting, today's meeting will be his last. Healthwatch Lincolnshire will be appointing a successor at its AGM.

## 2. Lakeside Healthcare Stamford

On 1 June 2022, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published its report on Lakeside Healthcare, Stamford, following its inspection on 2 March 2022. Lakeside has now been rated as 'requires improvement' overall, which represents an improvement from the previous rating of 'inadequate', issued by the CQC in August 2021, which at the same time placed the practice in special measures. For four of the CQC's five domains (*Effective, Caring, Responsive and Well-Led*), Lakeside has been rated as 'requires improvement', but for one domain (*Safe*) the practice continues to be rated as 'inadequate'. The CQC has confirmed that whilst improvements were found at the March 2022 inspection, there were still processes that needed strengthening; and Lakeside will remain in special measures for a further six months.

The full CQC report on Lakeside is on the CQC's website: -

[GP - 1-6017886696 Lakeside Healthcare at Stamford \(01/06/2022\) INS2-11632289311 \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications-reports/1-6017886696-lakeside-healthcare-at-stamford-01-06-2022-ins2-11632289311)

I propose that as part of the work programme item the Committee discuss how it wishes to consider this as a possible future item.

### **3. Non-Emergency Patient Transport in Lincolnshire**

As there are several references to the non-emergency patient transport service in Appendix D to item 7 (Decision Making Business Case on Four NHS Services in Lincolnshire), it is apposite to advise the Committee of the latest position on this.

During 2021, a procurement was commenced by Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group for a new patient transport contract with the aim of the new contract being in place from 1 July 2022. The outcome of the procurement was delayed following a challenge to the procurement process. This challenge has now been resolved and the current contract in place with Thames Ambulance Service will cease on 30 June 2023, with East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust taking over responsibility for the patient transport services in Lincolnshire from this date.

### **4. Specialist Mental Health Support for GP Surgeries**

On 11 June 2022, NHS England announced an initiative whereby the NHS would be funding two mental health practitioners for every group of GP practices in a local area, meaning up to 2,500 mental health experts will be providing additional support, which would complement the 500 mental health practitioners, including community psychiatric nurses, clinical psychologists and mental health occupational therapists, who are already working in GP surgeries across England.

The new service will ensure people are offered appointments with mental experts which will up to three times longer than a standard GP appointment, meaning more time for their needs to be assessed. Introduction of the new roles will see primary care and mental health trusts working together to offer one single service to patients, while family doctors time will be freed up to focus on routine care.

NHS England states that fully trained experts from local NHS trusts will offer people with severe mental health problems such as bipolar, psychosis or eating disorders, a consultation, treatment, peer support, or a referral to hospital teams without needing a GP appointment.

Demand for NHS mental health services has significantly increased following the pandemic – and the NHS is treating more children and young people than ever before, with over a fifth more children treated this year compared to before the NHS Long Term Plan. The number of adults referred to community mental health services has also increased by nearly one fifth since the start of the pandemic.