

Agenda Item 6

		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

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	14 June 2023
Subject:	Chairman's Supplementary Announcements

1. **Training for New Members of the Committee – 8 June 2023**

As stated in my announcements circulated with the agenda, there are six new district councillor members of the Committee. Five of these members, together with two named replacement members, attended a training session on 8 June 2023. The training included the following topics:

- the arrangements at the Committee's meetings;
- the role and powers of the Committee, including its consultation role;
- the Committee's focus on NHS-funded services; and
- the key issues on its work programme.

The training materials have also been circulated to those who were unable to attend last week.

2. **United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Application for University Teaching Hospital Status**

In February 2020, this Committee recorded its support for United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) to become a university teaching hospital. At the initial stage of ULHT's formal application in July 2021, I as Chairman recorded my strong support to ULHT's application, on the basis that this would help to develop and sustain the NHS in Lincolnshire; and would in the medium to long term lead to benefits to all patients in Lincolnshire, and begin to reduce some of the health inequalities in the county.

I have received a letter from Andrew Morgan, the Chief Executive of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust, asking that as Chairman of the Committee I record my continued support in the Trust's application for university teaching hospital status, as it reaches its next stage. As previously stated, teaching hospital status would bring significant benefits to patients, and the overall health service community in Lincolnshire, as it would make working for the Trust more attractive, and also help to retain staff throughout the county. I propose to record my continued support for this application.

Does the Committee wish to record its continued support for United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust's application for university teaching hospital status?

3. Stamford and Rutland Hospital - Minor Injuries Unit

The Committee has previously requested an update on the Stamford and Rutland Hospital Minor Injuries Unit, which is open between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Minor injuries unit are no longer an accepted designation in the NHS in England. I understand that discussions are continuing between NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board, who is the commissioner of the service, and North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, who is the provider. As soon as there is anything of substance to report, the Committee will be advised, and I reiterate that the Committee has previously put on record that it would wish to be consulted on any service change.

4. Care Quality Commission Inspection Report – Peterborough City Hospital Maternity Services

On 8 June 2023, the Care Quality Commission (CQC), the regulator of health and social care services, published a report following its inspection on 5 April 2023 of maternity services at Peterborough City Hospital, which is operated by North West Anglia NHS Foundation Trust.

Maternity services at Peterborough City Hospital, which is the nearest acute hospital and the hospital of choice for a large number of residents in the south of the county, comprise a maternity day-care unit; antenatal clinic; a maternity ward; a transitional care ward; a triage unit; a delivery suite; a midwifery-led unit; a home birth service; and a community midwifery service. From March 2022 to February 2023, there were 4,111 deliveries at the Trust, which also includes deliveries at Hinchingsbrooke Hospital in Huntingdon.

The CQC found that the maternity service had improved and gave an overall rating of 'good' because:

- There had been significant improvement to the maternity service since the last inspection and the Trust had addressed the CQC's concern around risk assessments, storage of medicines and oxygen, documentation and storage of patient records and infection prevention and control. There had been improvement in the management of equipment, governance, development of a maternity strategy, appointing a maternity non-executive director, addressing long term plan to resolve long term risks and leaders' oversight on issues in the service.
- Staff had training in key skills, and worked well together for the benefit of women and birthing people, understood how to protect women and birthing people from abuse, and managed safety well. The service controlled infection risk well. Staff assessed risks to women and birthing people, acted on them and kept good care records. They managed medicines well. The service managed safety incidents well and learned lessons from them.
- Leaders ran services well using reliable information systems and supported staff to develop their skills. Staff understood the service's vision and values, and how to apply them in their work. Managers monitored the effectiveness of the service and made sure staff were competent. Staff felt respected, supported, and valued. They were focused on the needs of women and birthing people receiving care. Staff were clear about their roles and accountabilities. The service engaged well with women and birthing people and the community to plan and manage services. People could access the service when they needed it and did not have to wait too long for treatment and all staff were committed to improving services continually.

However, the CQC also stated that:

- Not all women received one to one care during active labour.
- Not all women were seen in a timely way on arrival in triage.
- There was inconsistency in the documentation of women's arrival and admission time in the triage paper and electronic records.
- Although staff were up to date with their safeguarding training, not all staff had attended their formal safeguarding supervision.
- Training updates did not always meet trust targets such as for foetal monitoring competency.

The full report is available at: [RGN80 Peterborough City Hospital \(cqc.org.uk\)](https://www.cqc.org.uk/publications-reports/inspections-reports/2023/rgn80-peterborough-city-hospital). The Trust's overall CQC rating remains as 'requires improvement'.

As the Trust is scrutinised by equivalent committees in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire, it is usual for the Trust to present to this Committee once per year, and the most recent presentation was in January 2023.

5. **Manthorpe Ward in Grantham and District Hospital**

At the Committee's last meeting on 17 May, the extended closure of Manthorpe Ward (a dementia in-patient ward) at Grantham and District Hospital was considered. As stated in Minute 69, the Committee endorsed the proposed continuous engagement approach for the pilot, and agreed to receive the report of the East Midlands Clinical Senate at a later date on its evaluation.

As stated in the report to the Committee on 17 May 2023, which is available at [08 HSCfL Work Programme.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#), following an evaluation of the new ways of working during the temporary closure of the ward, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) would be extending the closure of Manthorpe Ward in Grantham for a further twelve months to further test the new 'hospital at home' approach.

As part of its continuous engagement approach, LPFT has announced two events in the coming month:

- Thursday 6 July, 2.00 – 3.30pm, Microsoft Teams
- Monday 17 July, 2.00 – 4.00 pm Jubilee Church Life Centre, London Road, Grantham

Anyone interested in attending either event is asked to email lpft.involvement@nhs.net or call 07773 206341 or 07972 452425. As an alternative, people can share their views via email to lpft.involvement@nhs.net, or via LPFT's online or paper survey, which is due to be published shortly.

LPFT has also confirmed that throughout the coming year it will continue to engage our patients, their carers and families, staff and organisations that support people with dementia to develop next steps. Any future options developed will be subject to full consultation.

6. **Open Day at Peter Hodgkinson Centre at Lincoln County Hospital – Friday 16 June 2023**

Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) is holding an open day at its two new inpatient wards at the Peter Hodgkinson Centre at Lincoln County Hospital on Friday 16 June, between 2pm and 7pm. Each ward has 19 beds and provides ensuite facilities for patients. Patients will also have ground floor access to a courtyard area as a quiet space, and LPFT has stated that this outdoor environment offers major benefits to support the recovery of patients. The two wards have been named Castle and Ellis, which were chosen by service users.

All visitors at the open day are asked to book a ticket for a timeslot at the following link: [Public Open Day - Lincoln's new mental health wards Tickets, Fri 16 Jun 2023 at 14:00 | Eventbrite](#)

The design of the new wards has been shaped using feedback from patients, carers and staff as part of LPFT's 'Building Together' programme. LPFT has received a national award - the *Best Service User Engagement Award* - for its involvement of service users, staff and experts by experience in planning and building the two new wards.

7. Quality Accounts Working Group

Each year most providers of NHS-funded services are required to prepare a document entitled the *quality account*, which is an account of the quality of care provided (and not an account of finances, which would be found in each provider's annual report). The quality account must include at least three priorities for improvement in the coming year, as well as details on progress with the previous year's priorities. Providers are also required to send their draft *quality account* to their local health overview and scrutiny committees, whose statement (up to 1,000 words) on the draft document must be included in the final version, which has to be published no later than 30 June of each year.

On 15 March 2023, the Committee decided to prepare statements on the draft *quality accounts* of the following four providers of NHS-funded services:

- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust
- Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust
- United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

The Committee also established a working group to consider each document, and to draft and finalise a statement. The working group met on two occasions (23 May and 1 June 2023) and its activity is now complete as the statements on the final two providers were sent on 9 June 2023.

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