

Agenda Item 4

		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:	24 January 2024
Subject:	Chairman's Supplementary Announcements

1. Membership – West Lindsey District Council

Councillor Mrs Diana Rodgers has stood down as the representative of West Lindsey District Council on the Committee. On 22 January 2024, West Lindsey District Council appointed Councillor Jeanette McGhee to serve on the Committee for the remainder of the District Council Term, May 2027. Councillor McGhee's named replacement member is Councillor Moira Westley.

2. Information Requested at the Last Meeting – National Prostate Screening Trial

At the last meeting it was reported that on 20 November 2023, the government had allocated £42 million to a charity, Prostate Cancer UK, for a screening trial with a view to improving the detection of prostate cancer. On 6 December, the Committee asked how much of the £42 million of government funding would be allocated to Lincolnshire. Rather than a series of local schemes, this work is being conducted as a national trial. Prostate Cancer UK states that it is currently finalising contracts with research centres and the successful contractors will be announced by Prostate Cancer UK when they are finalised.

Prostate Cancer UK states that there will be public launch during the spring of 2024, and hundreds of thousands of men between 50 and 75 years old who have not been diagnosed with prostate cancer will be invited to join the trial later in 2024. Further information will be reported when it becomes available.

3. Funding Available for Autism Community Groups

On 16 January 2024, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) invited community groups to come forward for grant funding as part of plans to create a county-wide network to support autistic adults, children, young people, their families and carers.

LPFT has received funding from the NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) to launch a Virtual Autism Hub. The Hub is intended to be an innovative source of all-age autism support to empower autistic people, their families and carers. The Hub will offer non-clinical advice and information, as well as some practical support with aspects such as filling out forms or accompanying people to meetings.

In total, over £100,000 is available for groups across Lincolnshire, and an individual group can run up to two separate projects, applying for up to £10,000 each. Groups are asked to register their interest in applying for grant funding by 5pm on 31 January 2024, by visiting the LPFT website: www.lpft.nhs.uk/virtual-autism-hub. Groups that are successful with their registration will be supported with their full applications. Funding will be awarded from March 2024 and there will be additional funding available for autism community groups until at least 2026.

4. Women's Health Priorities for 2024

On 17 January 2024, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care announced five women's health priorities for 2024. These priorities are: -

- better care for menstrual and gynaecological conditions, including new guidance for healthcare professionals;
- expanding women's health hubs, with the aim of establishing a women's health hub in every area in the coming year;
- improved maternity care (before, during and after), by continuing with the three-year delivery plan for maternity and neonatal services;
- quality support for vulnerable women, including victims of sexual abuse and violence, and improving the health of women in the justice system; and
- more research, aimed at levelling up women's health.

The Secretary of State has stated that these priorities 2024 were developed following a call for evidence by the Government, to which over 100,000 responses were received. Further information may be found at:

[Health Secretary announces new women's health priorities for 2024 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/health-secretary-announces-new-women-s-health-priorities-for-2024)