

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 15 MAY 2015**

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for  
NHS Liaison, Community Engagement**

### **CCG Co-Commissioning**

NHS England has approved the first set of CCGs that will take responsibility for commissioning the majority of GP services from April 2015. 64 CCGs have been approved to take on greater delegated commissioning responsibility for GP services with the possibility that others may follow. The four Lincolnshire CCGs have been given full approval on their applications for delegation.

### **Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board was one of the first nationally to adopt its joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) and joint health and wellbeing strategy (JHWS). Good progress has been made in the first two and a half years of the five year strategy, across all five of its themes. However, the environment in which the Board is operating has changed significantly since the strategy was first developed and the next few months will see a mid-term review of the strategy being considered by the Board. This review will not look to propose new priorities, rather to update the actions that will fall out of these priorities over the remaining life of the strategy, and make sure that we have the correct measures in place to know that we are making progress. I look forward to bringing the refreshed strategy forward and working with the Health and Wellbeing Board to ensure it delivers.

At its meeting in March, the Board agreed £1,166,234.00 of funding from the Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund. Nine projects received funding to deliver a range of initiatives to support the delivery of the JHWS. Projects include: support for young people and vulnerable adults to improve their skills and find employment; development of a Carer's Charter; mentoring project working with care leavers; support resources for people with diabetes, and an initiative to encourage inactive children and young people to become more active.

### **The Better Care Fund (BCF)**

In my previous statement I referred to the successful submission of the Lincolnshire BCF which secures £53.2m of current health and social care funding in Lincolnshire. On 31 March, officers completed the work to compile the necessary legal documentation that incorporates £197m of existing health and social care funding in the County as a total 'pooled' resource building on the £53.2m national allocation from the previous government. This means that health and social care services in Lincolnshire have now a total of six legal agreements called Section 75 documents covering a range of services. The agreements cover services for Learning Disabilities, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, Integrated Community Equipment Services, Proactive Care (which includes investment in Neighbourhood Teams) and a Corporate Section 75 which includes support for the LHAC programme and a required contingency to manage financial risks – notably those related to the 'pay for performance' element. This refers to the target to reduce non-elective admissions to hospital by 3.5% in this calendar year.

In addition, there is a further Section 75 Agreement between the County Council and Lincolnshire Partnership Foundation Trust (LPFT) for adult mental health services, and an 'aligned' budget between the four Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and LPFT for health related mental health services. Furthermore, there is a 'Framework Agreement' that encompasses everything that I have mentioned and details the governance arrangements that the five statutory partners will work within to help ensure this level of 'pooling' delivers improved outcomes and more effective use of scarce resources for the people of Lincolnshire.

All these combined create the largest 'pooling' of resources ever achieved within Lincolnshire. We should also remember that the four CCGs and the County Council are formal partners in this work and, that the Health and Wellbeing Board, which I Chair, is also required to agree the work.

Members should note that the effort expended to meet the requirements of the Better Care Fund will only endure for 2015/16. We can expect this new Government to determine how and in what way the Better Care Fund is to evolve in the coming months. What we can expect is that further work will be required later this year if the BCF is to continue and, potentially, grow.

### **Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme**

Lincolnshire County Council has funding to deliver the Lincolnshire Community Assistance scheme (LCAS) for another year from April 2015.

The LCAS helps Lincolnshire residents to manage urgent and unexpected problems that will affect their health and wellbeing. It addresses the short term emergency but also puts the people who request assistance from the scheme into contact with support organisations who can help them to build their resilience and avoid crisis in the future.

The scheme can meet a range of urgent needs that will cause almost immediate detriment to the health and wellbeing of the applicants, if not addressed. The needs to be addressed are defined, broadly, as those relating to:

- Food and drinking water
- Clothes and shoes
- Personal hygiene products
- Essential household items such as beds, chairs and cooking equipment
- Support for household heating or lighting payments
- One-off payment of rent or lodging costs if the local housing department cannot help
- Essential travel

From 1 April 2015 the administration and the provision of the brokerage of the goods are now both delivered by Learning Communities.

### **Community Grants**

The Community Grants programme continued to be oversubscribed during 2014/15 with applications received from 87 not for profit organisations across the county.

Applications received totalled £1,187,747. The County Council was able to fund 29 of these projects with the allocated budget of £419,000. Support was offered to all unsuccessful applicants including advice regarding any reapplication and alternative funding sources.

### **Funding Events**

Seven Funding and Information events were held across the county in all district areas. The events continue to be well attended by both local community groups and funders from across the region. It is hoped that this programme of activity will continue into the 2015/16 year ahead.

### **Lincolnshire County Council Funding Portal**

The Funding Portal continues to be a well-used and valuable resource for community groups wishing to carry out searches for possible funding opportunities. During the year 2014/15, there was an average of 100 visits per month (3000 hits). The County Council has renewed the contract for a further three years to continue to deliver this valuable service for our communities.

### **Community Hubs – Asset Mapping Project**

There have been a growing number of discussions and work around 'asset mapping' but we were aware that, with Lincolnshire being such a large geographical area, it would take a long time for our four Community Advisors to map a significant proportion of the county. Funding became available that groups could bid for to improve their local facility and provide information on assets within their community. During February and March 2015, the four Community Advisors worked with 56 Community Hubs and groups across Lincolnshire to map their assets (buildings and play spaces), the activities and events that go on in these venues, and the businesses in their localities. This funding has gone a long way to improve the sustainability of many Community Hubs.

This intelligence will go a long way to increasing the standard of community development, engagement, health and wellbeing promotion and local commissioning at local levels through Community Advisors and the Community Engagement Team.

### **Investing in Volunteering**

Lincolnshire County Council has registered for the Investors in Volunteers (iV) accreditation, the UK quality standard for good practice in volunteer management. The process of accreditation involves completing a self-assessment which will help to identify successes and areas for development in our volunteer management practice. Service areas with direct responsibility for volunteers will be asked to complete their own self-assessment and these will be collated into one corporate document to be presented to the Investing in Volunteers Assessors.

It is anticipated that iV assessors will visit the authority in September/October to talk to Officers, Councillors and volunteers with a final decision on our accreditation success expected before the end of the calendar year.

## Lincolnshire Sports

### **Funding support – Sport and Physical Activity network**

During 2014/15, Lincolnshire Sport supported successful Inspired Facility bids to the value of £501K out of a county total of £800K – with partner funding, over £1.4M has been spent to improve local facilities through this scheme. Successful bids included £100K for resurfacing of Peter Paine Astro pitch in Boston, £50K to Woodhall Spa Tennis Club, £50K to Witham Hill Gymnastics Club, £25K to Branston Parish Council for a skatepark, and £50K to Stamford Indoor Bowls Club. Since Inspired Facilities started in 2012, Lincolnshire has received £2,156,374 to support a total of 38 projects across the county.

Since 2009, Lincolnshire has received £16,589,508 through Sport England lottery funding. During 2014/15 Sport England funding has been received by:

Boston	East Lindsey	Lincoln	North Kesteven	South Holland	South Kesteven	West Lindsey	<b>COUNTY TOTAL</b>
£ 204,999	£ 403,273	£ 846,236	£ 65,000	£ 127,209	£ 172,181	£ 225,030	<b>£ 2,043,928</b>

### **The School Games 2015 Winter Festival**

Sponsored by Sainsbury, this event took place on 4 March at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre. Over 600 children participated from 74 primary and secondary school teams (43 schools) across the county. Ranging from Year 3 to Year 13, they took part in six different sports including badminton, hockey, netball, new age kurling, swimming and volleyball. The festival also saw 54 SEND students and 18 young SEND volunteers involved on the day.

In addition, 120 young volunteers provided support as part of the workforce – they were selected by school teachers, School Games Organisers, and Bishop Grossteste University students acting as mentors.

Sporting Champion and GB Triple Olympic swimmer, Ross Davenport, was in attendance and helped to inspire the young people.

### **Lincolnshire Sport Activity Finder**

This was launched mid-January and, to date, 811 activities have been promoted across 401 venues, with 18,293 page views.

### **Events and Media**

During the last 12 months, Lincolnshire Sport has had over 11,265 participants taking part in the 32 events organised, 91,186 visitors to the website, 68 radio interviews and 8 TV appearances.

### **Health Walks**

During the last 12 months, 51,604 people have taken part in a Health Walk in Lincolnshire. Of this total, 3,460 were 'unique' walkers countywide, and 1,304 of these were new walkers.