


# Agenda Item 7

		<b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
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Open Report by John Brewin, the Chief Executive, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Report to	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>16 September 2015</b>
Subject:	<b>Long Leys Court, Lincoln</b>

## Summary:

Long Leys Court in Lincoln provides an assessment and treatment unit for adults with learning disabilities, who also have related healthcare needs, including mental health issues and challenging behaviours that may have an impact on their mental wellbeing.

It was reported to the Committee on 11 June 2015 that a number of serious incidents had occurred and the Unit had closed to new admissions. This report provides an update on the current position at Long Leys Court.

## Actions Required:

To consider the update information presented on the Long Leys Court, Lincoln, and comment as necessary.

## 1. BACKGROUND

Long Leys Court in Lincoln provides an assessment and treatment unit for adults with learning disabilities, who also have related healthcare needs including mental health issues, complex epilepsy, and challenging behaviours that may have an impact on their mental wellbeing.

On 6 April 2015, two serious incidents involving patients at Long Leys Court were reported to the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) Executive Team. Three further incidents occurred from this time until 2 June 2015.

The Police are investigating the incidents, including whether the correct multi-agency safeguarding and incident procedures were followed, and until such times as they give us the 'go ahead', we are unable to commence our internal conduct procedures. LPFT is also not yet in a position to share specific details of the incidents.

At this point in time the Trust and Commissioners jointly decided that all new admissions to the unit should cease with immediate effect and that once all the existing patients had been discharged or transferred to alternative services, either in the community or in alternative residential settings, the unit should be temporarily closed. The decision to do this was based solely in relation to providing safe and effective patient care.

The temporary closure enabled the trust to ensure the safety of the remaining patients by improving staffing levels, providing further training and developing a service model to significantly increase the proportion of support provided in community settings.

#### Progress Monitoring

NHS England, Monitor, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) have been significantly involved with the Trust to oversee and monitor the development of a comprehensive improvement plan. To date the following has happened:

- A Risk Summit with NHS England and interested stakeholders – development of a plan. A follow-up meeting has overseen the progress with this and now handed over to the CCG.
- Monthly monitoring via CCG and the Trust.
- Monitoring via the Strategic Command Group which is chaired by the Lincolnshire Police has been set up. This Group reports into the Lincolnshire Adult Safeguarding Board (LSAB).
- Internal project managed improvement team met initially on a weekly basis but now fortnightly. This includes all issues related to Long Leys Court, but specifically the internal and external communications.
- Monthly reporting to Trust Board of Directors.
- The Chairman of the Trust has commissioned an external review on assurance (for the Trust as a whole) which has been completed.
- Good progress has been made and the improvement plan relating solely to Long Leys Court has been achieved and signed off by CCGs who now agree that the service is moving from improvement into transformation.

#### Current Situation

At present we have two remaining patients at Long Leys Court. Both are in progress for moving but due to complex issues and legal restraints the time related to

provision of appropriate services is difficult to ascertain. However all efforts to do this both efficiently but also in line with the needs of the patient, are being made.

The Trust is also working closely with relatives and carers to keep them updated on progress, during what has been a difficult time for all concerned.

We are working closely with our commissioners to design future service delivery. This is moving rapidly and we expect to be offering new services by the new financial year.

## **2. CONCLUSION**

The Committee is asked to consider the update information on Long Leys Court in Lincoln.

## **3. CONSULTATION**

This is not a direct consultation item.

## **4. Background Papers** - No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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