

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 18 SEPTEMBER 2015

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
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Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

As previously reported to Council, the Board recently undertook a mid-term review of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). This review focused on updating the actions under each of the priorities and on making sure we have the correct measures in place to track progress. The review was completed in May and the outcome was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board at its meeting in June 2015. A copy of the updated JHWS has been circulated to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), partners, councillors and made available on the Council's website.

The Annual Assurance Report on the JHWS, providing details on the progress being made to deliver the priorities in the JHWS, will be presented to the Board in September 2015.

Review of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The Board has also recently embarked upon a formal review of Lincolnshire's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA reports on the health and wellbeing needs of the people of Lincolnshire. It brings together detailed information on the local need, and looks ahead at emerging challenges and projected future needs. The JSNA is a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning led by Public Health and involving Children's and Adult Services, CCGs, District Councils, Healthwatch, the voluntary and community sector and other partners. Responsibility for producing the JSNA sits with the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The first stage of the review will take place between June and December 2015 and will focus on reviewing the processes, including the current format, content and structure. A programme of engagement with topic leads, partnerships and strategic boards has been put in place to engage with a wide range of partners and key stakeholders. The key findings and recommendations will be considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2016.

The Better Care Fund (BCF)

The BCF is nearly half-way through its first year of operation and colleagues will recall that the Government is expected to announce how it wishes the BCF to be progressed into 2016/17. The expected date of any announcement regarding future arrangements is sometime in September though early signals are that the Government still sees the BCF as a key driver for supporting pooled budgets and integrated services between health and social care.

In the meantime, the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board continue to monitor performance at every formal meeting, notably those areas which generate a financial risk to either health or social care services. I advised councillors in my previous

briefing of a key metric related to non-elective admission into acute care and the target of a 3.5% reduction between January and December 2015 (the calendar year). This metric has a pay for performance element attached which, in total, is valued at £3.75m. A contingency has been set-aside to cover this sum if performance is not achieved although with the health and social care system under incredible pressure, you will appreciate just how much that money is needed elsewhere. If not achieved, the funding is relocated to the Acute Trust.

In the first quarterly return to Government, performance was good with a reduction in non-elective activity of 4.1%. In consequence, the Pay for Performance sum was secured for the quarter (averaging at about £930,000). You may be interested to note that only a minority of systems in the country actually achieved their Pay for Performance target in quarter 1.

The next performance report to Government was provided by the due deadline of 28 August. This second quarter's performance was less encouraging with the Pay for Performance element not being achieved. Despite this, since the population has increased (in the last 12 months), this translates as a lower rate per 100,000 (compared to April to June 2014) which, given the demographic growth pressures in Lincolnshire which the BCF funding seeks to address, may be considered an improvement. Also, performance in Lincolnshire is still good when compared elsewhere.

Helping Communities Help Themselves

It is essential that we have strong and vibrant communities that support themselves and make maximum use of the many assets and activities that are available across the county. Our Community Engagement Team has recently developed an initiative to support communities to do this. The team has secured Public Health funding for a time limited project to support community groups to map their own assets with the guidance and support of their local Community Adviser. So far, 87 groups have accessed funding which has been used towards things such as new equipment, promotion, improving community cafes and general enhancements to improve access and usage of community buildings. In some cases, groups have been able to use local grants to lever in external grants and multiply the benefit of this scheme.

In future, Scheme data will be used to help Community Advisers identify common themes to enable partnerships between groups that enable bids for larger pots of national funding which are inaccessible to individual groups. It will also help us identify where communities can benefit from sharing information, experience and knowledge, and in identifying gaps in services. This will help commissioners as well as individuals maximise the benefits of the wealth of activities that occur on a daily basis within our communities.

Cycle Recycle

Cycle Recycle is a project aimed at giving unemployed people access to transport and giving them the maintenance skills to help them restore and repair them. It is run by our Community Engagement Team, with funding and support from Lincoln City Council, Lincolnshire Police, Addaction and Lincoln Share. Nearly 100 bikes have been donated so far. At the end of the four week long project, those involved are able to keep a bike that has been restored to full working order. The remainder are sold, with the revenue reinvested in the project.

This project is a great example of everyone working together for a positive outcome.

Investing in our Volunteers

Since the Council registered for *Investing in Volunteers (IiV) Accreditation* earlier this year, the Community Engagement Team has been working with officers from across the Authority that have responsibility for the management of volunteers. The group has produced a self-assessment document identifying the successes and areas for development in volunteer management practice, which has led to the further production of a Development Plan that includes activities to address the areas where further work is required. This will now be considered by an IiV Assessor and a final decision is expected before the end of the calendar year.

Accreditation will be of great value to the organisation and to officers with responsibility for volunteers; it will help us to ensure we are effectively managing and supporting volunteers, whilst at the same time recognising their immense contribution.

Big Society Fund 2014/15

Allocations of grants from The Big Society Fund have started well, with approximately 80 awards having been made so far. The Big Society Fund Application Form and Guidance Notes have been refreshed with revised contact details. I strongly urge my colleagues to read through the refreshed guidance ahead of meeting groups requesting funding.

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. The value of applications received totalled nearly £1.2m; almost £800k more than was available in the Fund. A total of 29 projects of various sizes were supported with grant funds of £419k, and by the time those projects are complete, this investment in our communities will lever into the county a further £2.4m.

A capital grant of £25,000 was awarded to Digby War Memorial Hall in November 2014. The funding was towards carrying out essential refurbishment of the Hall which was completed at the beginning of August 2015. The total project costs amounted to just over £50,000 and additional funding was secured through NKDC, WREN, Digby Parish Council and their own fundraising.

Support was offered to all unsuccessful applicants, including advice regarding any re-application and alternative funding sources.

The programme for 2015/16 is now well under way, when it is anticipated there will be a similarly large number of applications.

LCC Funding Portal

The Funding Portal continues to be a well-used and valuable resource for community groups wishing to carry out searches for funding opportunities. During the year

2014/15 there was an average of 100 visits per month and a total of 3,000 hits. LCC have renewed the contract for a further three years with the supplier that operates the system behind our portal in order to continue to deliver this valuable service for our communities.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

- **PE and School Sport Conference** took place on 9 June at BGU - over 100 teachers and governors attending this first Primary Conference; guest speakers included Ofsted Inspectors and sector leads.
- **Workplace Challenge Rounders** competition took place at Lincoln Christ's Hospital on Tuesday 16 June - 22 teams from local businesses took part.
- **Lincolnshire Show Sports Zone** took place over 24/25 June with 14 sporting activities available on the site, as well as visit from Steve Cram and two Macmillan activity demonstrations.
- **National Road Race Championships** on Sunday 28 June with an Expo area in the Castle promoting the Sports Library and Activity Finder. The Partnership is also in the process of collating the results from an economic impact survey for the Championships, which showed a spend of over £2.25m across the county over the Championship weekend.
- **Sainsbury's School Games** took place on Wednesday 8 July at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre with over 1,000 athletes taking part in 14 competitions across 9 sports. This event was supported by 150 young people acting as volunteers and officials.
- 28 teams took part in the **New Age Kurling Competition** on 28 June, with the competitors' average age being around 70.

Macmillan Project

We have 2 Macmillan officers working with cancer patients across the county. In the first 6 months they have worked with 70+ clients, 95% of these being referrals from a medical professional. Key areas of activity at the moment are Boston and Spalding – Upper GI and bowel cancer being the most prevalent cancer type. 153 professional briefings have been carried out and 498 interventions conducted with health professionals.

Activities

Athletics - 'Couch to 5K' is a programme to get individuals who currently do no exercise to be able to complete a 5K run after 12 weeks. We have programmes running all over the county and have 199 new runners countywide. We use this project as a starting point to help establish our Park Run programmes. Figures currently stand at 250 for Lincoln and 50 for Gainsborough. We are working with groups in Boston, Grantham and Spalding to establish other running groups across the county.

This is the 7th year we have been running the Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme (LEAP). We have 31 athletes on the programme this year, taking the total of athletes supported to over 300. Athletes who have been on this programme include Jade Etherington (GB Paralympian), Robert York (European U18 Wind Surfing Champion), Emma Bristow (SuperEnduro Women's World Championship) and Jack Harvey (Indi Car Racer). This is one of the Lincolnshire 2012 legacy programmes.

Workplace Challenge – this is a programme that engages people in activity in the workplace. IN 2014/15, we had over 2010 people in over 200 businesses sign up to take part in activity through the website. 25% of the people taking part identified themselves as non-active.

National Citizen Service (NCS) – Lincolnshire Sport is working with Lincoln City Football City Sport and Education Trust (LCFCSET) and EBP to deliver the NCS programme in Lincolnshire. This programme is open to all 16 & 17 year olds in England. It helps build skills for work and life whilst taking on new challenges and making new friends. NCS brings together young people from different backgrounds and helps them develop greater confidence, self-awareness and responsibility. It encourages personal and social development by working on skills like leadership, teamwork and communication.

School-Club Links / Satellite clubs – these are sports clubs established on a school site run by community clubs and volunteers. Lincolnshire Sport have supported the development of 40 new satellite clubs running with over 1,000 young people.

Sportivate – this is a 2012 legacy programme which engages 14-25 year olds in various sports projects and this year we have had 68 projects across the county involving over 4,000 young people.

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