


Agenda Item 9

		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

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	21 October 2015
Subject:	Annual General / Public Meetings and Annual Reports

Summary:

Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS Trusts, and NHS Foundation Trusts are required to prepare an annual report and accounts each year, and to hold an annual meeting in public. Since the last meeting of the Committee, five further meetings have taken place. Links are available to all the annual reports, which have also been published.

The Committee is asked to consider the information presented, and determine whether any issues should be considered for inclusion in the Committee's future work programme.

Actions Required:

To determine whether any issues raised at the Annual General / Public Meetings of local NHS organisations, or in their Annual Reports, merit consideration by the Committee, as part of its forthcoming work programme.

1. BACKGROUND

Clinical Commissioning Groups have a duty to prepare an annual report for each financial year, setting out how it has discharged its functions in the previous financial year. The annual report must be published and presented by way of a meeting to members of the public. These meetings are often referred to as "Annual Public Meetings".

NHS Foundation Trusts are required to hold an annual meeting of the Trust's membership, which has to be open to the public. This annual meeting has a role in considering the annual report and accounts, and may be combined with a general meeting of a foundation trust's governors, which also has to

consider the annual report and accounts. These meetings can be referred to as "Annual Public Meetings", "Annual Members Meetings" or "Annual Public Meetings".

NHS Trusts are required each year to hold a public meeting, at which the Annual Report and Annual Accounts are presented. This is sometimes called the "Annual General Meeting" or the "Annual Public Meeting".

The format and content of annual reports is also prescribed by legislation and guidance.

Since the last meeting of the Committee, there have been five such meetings, and the Committee has been represented at four of these. In these instances, reports have been compiled and are enclosed.

2. LINCOLNSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES NHS TRUST

The Annual Public Meeting and Celebrating Success Awards of Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (LCHS) were held on 21 September 2015 at the Show Room, Lincoln. Councillor Steve Palmer attended the event on behalf of the Committee. Here is Councillor Palmer's report:

"The event, which took place on a very wet day, was very well attended with stands from all the services represented within LCHS and others, including MacMillan, Dementia, home care support, PALS, Healthwatch and many others.

"One stand that caught my eye was tuberculosis. I thought tuberculosis was a thing of the past in this country but it seems that it is in sharp rise both on referrals and actual cases. NICE [the National Institute of Health and Care Excellence] Guidelines say that sufferers of tuberculosis who are homeless must be housed until treatment is complete, which can be 6 to 18 months. There were 53 actual cases in Lincolnshire last year and it looks as if that will be higher this year. The other concern is complete resistance strains of tuberculosis. Tracking diagnosed tuberculosis sufferers can be a problem as some are transient and/or homeless.

"The presentation highlighted the following points:

- *2,000 people employed by the Trust.*
- *£110 million funding with a surplus of £1.6 million expected for 2015/16.*
- *The Trust was awarded Top 100 Trust best places to work.*
- *Eight more trust nurses given Queen's Nurse Status.*
- *Three health visitors joined the institute of health visitors fellowship.*

"The risks to the Trust include recruitment and retention of staff; the potential for not delivering the planned surplus; failure to implement community based service model; the time clinicians have to give to patients; any impacts on patients due to unavoidable pressures on the Trust.

"It was opened to the floor to ask questions, but no questions were asked.

"The guest Key Note Speaker was Roy Lilley, who had previously been a Chief Executive of a health Trust. He gave a humorous talk based around the word "RITE".

- *R = Reality - Why can you order a book next day, but how long does it take to get a prescription?*
- *I = International - A pilot in Denmark has seen nurses trained across the whole spectrum in all aspects of nursing and care.*
- *T = Tenderness to each other: £22 billion required to rescue the NHS, but £8 billion promised from the Government. Change will have to come, but it can be bruising, so tenderness required to help those adversely affected through it.*
- *E = Exciting - Data collection is a key. The NHS has the largest amount of data in the world, but it is not always used. Exciting times ahead and the use of patients' data could be a key.*

Celebrating Success Awards

Melvyn Prior of BBC Radio Lincolnshire presented the Celebrating Success Awards: -

- *Patient Involvement Award - Won by the 0-19 Steering Group*
- *Outstanding Innovation Award - Won by the Boston Out of Hours Team*
- *Time 2 Care Award - Won by Sarah Lockwood, Project Manager*
- *Beside the Scenes Award - Won by Kelly Waldie, Social Marketing Project Officer*
- *Charitable Hearts Award - Won by the Johnson Community Hospital Ball Committee*
- *Leadership Award - Won by Jenny Harper, Family Nurse Partnership Supervisor*
- *Team of the year Award - Won by the South West Cardiac Rehabilitation Team*
- *Unsung Hero Award - Won by Rebecca Brookes, Specialist Occupational Therapist, and Ryan Newton, Physiotherapist*
- *Special Recognition Award - Won by Karen Barton, Case Manager*

The Emily Jane Glen Memorial for Outstanding Volunteers was presented by the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Christine Talbot, which is in memory of Emily Jane Glen."

The Trust's annual report is available at the following link: -

<http://www.lincolnshirecommunityhealthservices.nhs.uk/content/annual-reports>

3. SOUTH WEST LINCOLNSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The annual public meeting of the South West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group was held on 22 September 2015. The CCG's annual report is available at the following link:

http://southwestlincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/key-documents/cat_view/14-key-documents/49-annual-report/131-annual-report-2014-2015

4. LINCOLNSHIRE WEST CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The Annual Public Meeting of Lincolnshire West Clinical Commissioning Group was held on 23 September 2015 at the Bentley Hotel, Lincoln. Councillor Jackie Kirk attended on behalf of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. Councillor Kirk has reported:

"The event was attended by approximately 30 people and lasted for one hour. The annual report and accounts were presented to the meeting. The key issues arising from the presentation and discussion were:

- *the budgetary challenges in the future;*
- *the shortage of GPs;*
- *the importance of the promoting the health and wellbeing to individuals;*
- *the continuing development of partnership working."*

5. LINCOLNSHIRE EAST CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

The Annual Public Meeting of Lincolnshire East Clinical Commissioning Group was held on 24 September 2015 at the Franklin Hall, Spilsby. Councillor Gordon Gregory attended on behalf of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. Councillor Gregory has reported as follows:

"The meeting explained the purpose of a CCG, in particular how CCGs represented the local view, with data being taken into account which had previously been absorbed into the whole county's data. As an example, reference was made to ambulance response times: these were longer in the East but this had not been apparent in the previous Lincolnshire wide data. Since the creation of the CCG, ambulance response times had improved. A particular improvement was the Joint Ambulance Conveyancing Project, which had won first prize in the Health Services Journal awards.

"Neighbourhood teams are being set up to help keep people out of hospitals, forming local multi-disciplinary teams with a particular focus on the elderly.

"A presentation on dementia highlighted the projects, which connect the various charities and organisations who are providing services for dementia, which have started in Boston and will be rolled out to Skegness and East Lindsey in the near future.

"Quality and patient experience is being assessed and improved through quality assurance visits, a patient participation council, a virtual (web based) patient council, and patient stories.

"On finance it was stated that the CCG had delivered a 1.1% budget surplus for 2014-15.

"The following topics were highlighted for the future:

- *Lincolnshire Health and Care Consultation in the Autumn;*
- *Primary care commissioning:
neighbourhood teams
commissioning of general practice;*
- *Public Health - responsibility for own health - smoking, obesity, modifiable cancer risks;*
- *New housing developments, which have to invest in services via 'section 106' only contribute to infrastructure and not to the running of service.*

"A number of members of the public referred to the development of proposals for Pilgrim Hospital to which CCG representatives gave reassurances on its future to those present."

The CCG's annual report is available at the following link: -

http://lincolnshireeastccg.nhs.uk/key-documents/cat_view/14-key-documents/44-annual-report/109-2014-15

6. UNITED LINCOLNSHIRE HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

The annual general meeting of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) was held on 29 September in Grantham. Councillor Chris Brewis attended on behalf of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire. Councillor Brewis has reported as follows:

"The meeting was well organised and there was a clear acknowledgement of subjects which still needed to be addressed by the Trust and that genuine good news should be celebrated.

"The following points were highlighted:

- *Karen Swan had been awarded the title of National Midwife of the Year;*
- *The Clinical Leadership award to the Orthopaedic Team at Pilgrim Hospital;*
- *The Macular Team at Lincoln County had been named Clinical Service of the Year by the Macular Society following praise from patients;*
- *The Lincoln Heart Centre had won care awards.*

"The Trust was pleased to have emerged from special measures, but acknowledged this was the first step on a journey of improvement, however

there was an awareness that some of the issues affecting ULHT were system-wide and could not be addressed by the Trust alone.

"A non-recurring grant of £10 million had been received to defray the £25 million shortfall in budget in 2014-15. The latest information was shared on recruitment and retention.

"The Trust was now aiming to be 'beyond good', with seven key objectives: -

- (1) recruitment and retention of nurses and medical staff;*
- (2) delivery of the financial plan;*
- (3) seeing that patients had a safe and positive experience;*
- (4) development of the staff;*
- (5) making a big step towards a clinically-led organisation;*
- (6) improvements in general performance; and*
- (7) setting clear plans for the future.*

"The meeting also included three particular topics: -

- Hepatitis C, which had 250,000 sufferers in the UK. Hepatitis was a cause of cirrhosis and believed to be the source of liver cancer for at least 2% of those suffering from the condition;*
- Colorectal Cancer and new approaches to after-care;*
- Cancer Care – an event had been held with an emphasis on wellbeing and personal management. The event had been positively received by patients."*

The Trust's Annual report and Accounts for 2014-15 are available at the following link: -

http://www.ulh.nhs.uk/about_us/our_performance/annual_reports.asp

7. CONCLUSION

The Committee is asked to determine whether any issues raised at the Annual General / Public Meetings of local NHS organisations, or in their Annual Reports, merit consideration by the Committee, as part of its forthcoming work programme.

8. CONSULTATION

This is not a direct consultation item.

9. 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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