

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

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

NHS LIAISON / LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)

Following a year-long review, the refreshed JSNA went live on the [Lincolnshire Research Observatory](#) on 9 June 2017. The JSNA is a shared online evidence base made up of a series of commentaries and data sources which reports on the key areas of health and wellbeing needs in Lincolnshire. Each of the 35 topic areas assesses the current picture in Lincolnshire and looks ahead at the potential future level of need to help support effective service commissioning.

A series of one page infographic summaries on each topic has also been produced to accompany the topic commentaries. These have proved to be a useful tool, helping to promote and communicate the key messages from the JSNA. The feedback we have received from stakeholders and wider partners has been very positive and ongoing maintenance of the JSNA will continue to explore new ways of making the JSNA more accessible and user friendly.

Development of the next Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2018 - 2023

During 2017, the Health and Wellbeing Board is reviewing Lincolnshire's Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) using the refreshed JSNA as the primary evidence base to identify the priorities. The JHWS is a document that aims to inform and influence decisions about the commissioning and delivery of health and care services in Lincolnshire so that they are focused on the needs of the people who use them and tackle the factors that affect everyone's health and wellbeing.

A series of engagement events have taken place to gather the views and insights of key stakeholders, partners and the public. Six prioritisation workshops with representatives from the Health and Wellbeing Board reviewed the evidence for all thirty five topics in the JSNA using the prioritisation framework agreed by the Board in September 2016. This exercise resulted in a ranked list. Seven public engagement events have also been held across the county to gather views from a wider range of interested parties and a public online survey also provided partners and the public with an opportunity to feed into the process. More than 220 people from more than 60 local partners, organisations and groups attended the engagement events and 180 people completed the online survey. The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire has also provided feedback as part of the engagement process.

The findings will be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in late September to enable the Board to agree the priority areas for inclusion in the next JHWS. The Board will also agree the thematic structure of the Strategy and identify the member organisations best placed to lead on developing the respective themed chapters. The Board will formally agree the new JHWS in March 2018.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Lincolnshire

The Health and Wellbeing Board is reviewing pharmacy services in Lincolnshire to make sure they meet the needs of residents as part of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) process. There is a statutory requirement to publish a PNA every three years and Lincolnshire's last PNA was produced by the Board in March 2015. The PNA looks at where pharmacies are needed in the county and what services they should provide now and in the future. The PNA is used by NHS England to inform the commissioning of local pharmacy services in Lincolnshire.

An initial engagement phase took place during August to gather views from pharmacists, dispensing GPs and members of the public. This information, along with evidence from the JSNA and other sources, will inform the drafting of the PNA. The draft PNA will be presented to the Board in early December 2017, ahead of a formal statutory 60 day consultation period which will run from early December 2017 to mid-February 2018. The final PNA will be approved and published by the Board at the end of March 2018.

Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group

One of the statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to promote closer joint working and encourage integrated commissioning. To this end, in March 2017 the Board identified the need for an integrated, strategic approach to housing, health and care and agreed to establish a dedicated forum to progress this important topic. The aim of the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) is to provide strategic direction and governance to the wider Housing for Independence (HfI) agenda for Lincolnshire in an integrated, collaborative manner.

At the meeting in June 2017, the Board received proposals on the governance arrangements for the HHCDG. These had been drawn up with the support of the District Housing Network. At this meeting, the Board also appointed Cllr Wendy Bowkett, portfolio holder with responsibility for housing at East Lindsey District Council and a county councillor representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board, as Chairman of the HHCDG.

Appropriate representation has been sought from all the District Councils and health organisations along with senior representation from the Council. The first meeting of the HHCDG is this month and the group will report quarterly to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Better Care Fund (BCF)

The Lincolnshire 2017/18 BCF pooled budget is £226m and remains one of the largest pooled budgets in the country. The expansion of funding reflects:

- Improved BCF (iBCF) funding coming directly to the County Council in 2017/18 of £17.3m, rising to an additional £30m in 2019/20.
- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding of £5.3m in 2017/18, increasing to £5.7m next year. This funding has, as required within the regulations been transferred to the District Councils

The national guidance from NHS England (NHSE) setting out the requirements for our BCF Narrative Plan were finally issued in July, and we were required to submit both our Narrative Plan and the related Planning Templates by 11 September. We have met these requirements, and submitted a plan that is supported by the County Council, by the four Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), and has been consulted on with health providers and with the seven District Councils.

The plan is for the two years 2017-2019 and we have ensured that the four national conditions for the funding have been met. The key features include:

- The financial sum to Protect Adult Care Services has been agreed with the CCGs and complies with national guidelines.
- We have agreed to pool the iBCF funding, also as required by national guidelines.
- We have ensured that a specific proportion of the area's allocation is invested in NHS-commissioned out-of-hospital services.
- We have put in place measures to support system-wide improvements in transfers of care.

The key performance areas continue to be Delayed Transfer of Care (DTC), Non-Elective Admissions, Reablement and Residential Admissions, though there is an ever increasing focus on reducing the rate of DTC. For the first time the required improvements to DTC performance have been allocated out (by NHSE) with a specific County Council performance and separate targets for each of the four CCGs.

My colleague, Councillor Bradwell, refers to this in more detail in her statement. The Health and Wellbeing Board receives an update concerning the BCF at each of its formal meetings which includes performance against agreed targets.

Sustainability and Transformation Plan (STP)

The Council continues to work with local NHS leaders, though progress in securing a solution that the Council would support is difficult given the substantial financial 'gap' that exists to pay for health services in Lincolnshire. The Lincolnshire STP is subject to national NHS oversight and, as part of that, we understand the capital 'bid' made for Lincolnshire is to be reviewed by November. It is critical that both the backlog of capital works and the need for investment in outdated buildings and facilities is secured if Lincolnshire residents are to receive the best possible healthcare.

Members will be aware that the availability of clinical grades in Lincolnshire – not just nurses – means that both NHS and Social Care services are more difficult to secure.

Lincoln Walk-in Centre

Colleagues will be aware that proposals to close the Lincoln walk-in centre have been met with resistance. The facility has seen nearly 40,000 appointments in the last year and there is concern that GP capacity will not be able to cope at the present time. Members will recall that at the last Full Council meeting a decision was made that following a submission by Health Scrutiny Committee that I would write to the CCG commissioner (West) voicing our concerns, which I have done.

Grantham A&E

By the time Full Council meets on 15 September I expect local NHS Leaders will have announced their plans for the future of Grantham hospital. These have also been presented to my colleagues in Health Scrutiny Committee earlier this week. We expect Grantham to continue to provide an Accident and Emergency service to local people.

Lincolnshire Self-Care Conference

Lincolnshire County Council hosted the first Lincolnshire Self-Care Conference early in July. The Conference participants enjoyed a variety of skilled presenters including the Director of Public Health, representatives from the Lincolnshire voluntary sector and national NHS leads. Over 80 attendees heard that the self-care initiatives in Lincolnshire are transforming from a strategy document into implementation. Presentations included showcasing the social prescribing pilot in Lincolnshire, a project that has a non-clinical focus and aims to support the wider determinants of wellbeing such as poverty, debt, social isolation and access to information. This is a first for Lincolnshire. Workshops supported participants to understand the wide spectrum of self-care and to offer support to develop the self-care initiative in Lincolnshire.

The event was a culmination of partnership working across all sectors to address the difficult problem of how to integrate services. At the heart of this is integrated neighbourhood working. Information is key to this and the Library of Information & Services project will soon go out to tender.

Health Literacy is another key element - we know that over 40% of the national population are not health literate and this rises to 60% for numeracy. Working closely with Making Every Contact Count (MECC) we have developed and begun to implement an innovative training package for professionals which will help them to support the residents of Lincolnshire. The regional Public Health team have cited that this is a flagship for the region.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant – Re-signing

The Armed Forces Covenant is a voluntary statement of mutual support between a civilian community and its local Armed Forces Community. It encompasses the moral obligation between the Nation, the Government and the Armed Forces, at a local level. The Covenant is based upon two key principles:

- The Armed Forces community should not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public and commercial services.
- Special consideration is appropriate in some cases, especially for those who have given most such as the injured and the bereaved.

The Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant was originally signed by a variety of partners from the public sector, voluntary, community & charitable sectors and private sector five years ago. Lincolnshire's Partnership Board recognised that this

was a good time to re-sign a revised Covenant with new outcomes and supporting Action Plan.

As a re-commitment to the values and principles of the new Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant, a re-signing ceremony, hosted by Air Commodore Squires and attended by various partner representatives, will be held on Wednesday 20 September at 2.30pm at RAF Cranwell.

Community Collaboration Project

The Community Engagement Team is supporting the delivery of a three year, county wide, Community Collaboration Project (ending 31 March 2020). Two team members (one covering the north of the county and one the south), will be working with partners and communities to develop and deliver collaborative activities; these may include supporting communities with emergency planning, facilitating the delivery of local community training or activity that will enable communities to sustain themselves. Building and maintaining strong relationships with and between organisations across the county (such as public sector bodies, town & parish councils, charities and voluntary & community groups) will be critical to the success of the project.

For further information (such as the name of the officer working in your area) please email engagement@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Petitions Scheme Review

Cllr Brockway and I are working with the Community Engagement Team and Democratic Services to review the petitions process. Recognising that this is essential to a democratic process in which citizens may choose to engage with us in a variety of ways, the review will make sure our processes are both fit for purpose and relevant.

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