

# Agenda Item 5

## **Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 5 December 2017**

### **Chairman's Announcements**

#### **Local Government Association – Community Wellbeing Board**

For some time I have been a substitute member on the Local Government Association's (LGA) Community Wellbeing Board and following the elections this year, I can now report to the Board that I have been appointed to sit on the LGA Community Wellbeing Board as a full member. This is a national forum set up by the LGA to oversee and support local government activities in the health and social arena including the wellbeing of vulnerable adults, public health and integration.

As part of my ongoing work with the LGA I have also been involved in a number of visits and training events as part of their Sector Led Improvement Programme. In particular, I have been involved in a number of Peer Challenges, the most recent being in Hertfordshire, where I also attended a Health and Wellbeing Board meeting. In addition, I have also been delivering Prevention Matters Training to a number of areas across the country. This work is hugely beneficial as a way of sharing learning but also supporting improvement across the health and care sector.

#### **Rural Health and Social Care Roundtable**

On 21 November 2017 I attended a roundtable meeting arranged by NHS Confederation. The event brought together a range of senior leaders from across the system to discuss the challenges associated with commissioning and delivering health and care services in a rural setting. Some of the themes considered at the meeting included; digital health; the role of pharmacies in providing basis services in hard to reach areas; GP shortages, local service closures and the transformation agenda and its impact on rural areas.

#### **Director of Public Health**

Professor Derek Ward has been appointed as the new Director of Public Health (DPH) and will be taking up his post at the end of January 2018. Derek currently holds a joint role; three days a week as a Professor of Public Health in the Health and Social Care Research Centre at the University of Derby. The remaining two days he provides public health advice and support to Clinical Commissioning Groups in Derbyshire. He has previously held the position of DPH for Derby City and has extensive experience of national and regional work, having also been a Consultant in Public Health and a Senior Civil Servant in the Department of Health. Derek brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to Lincolnshire and I look forward to formally welcoming him at our next Board meeting in March 2018.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Tony McGinty, for his support and contribution over the past year whilst acting as interim DPH

#### **Chairman of the United Lincolnshire Hospital NHS Trust (ULHT) Board**

At the last meeting, the Board was informed that Dean Fathers had announced he would be stepping down as Chairman of the United Lincolnshire Hospital NHS Trust Board at the end of October 2017. As part of the recruitment process to appoint a new chairman, I took part in the Stakeholder Event on 9 November 2017.

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