

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Cllr Mrs W Bowkett, Chairman of the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	5th December 2017
Subject:	Housing Health and Care Delivery Group Update

Summary:

This report provides an update on the Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) and the wider Housing for Independence (Hfl) work.

The vision for Hfl is evolving with the principle aim of integrating housing, health and care whilst supporting a vision for joined up services that are focused on the individual. The aim of Hfl is to help residents remain at home for longer, and therefore, reduce the need for hospital and care admission to avoid unnecessary costs. Work streams include the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) Housing & Health Topic and the modernisation of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs).

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Receive this report and note the collaborative partnership working.

1. Background

One of the statutory functions of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) 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 Delivery Group as sub group of the Board to oversee this important area of work.

The purpose of the HHCDG is to provide strategic direction and governance to the wider Housing for Independence (Hfl) agenda for Lincolnshire, in an integrated and collaborative manner. The establishment of the Delivery Group has been supported by the District Housing Network (DHN). The DHN helped to shape and develop the Terms of Reference and governance arrangements for the HHCDG.

The HHCDG held its first meeting on the 5 September 2017. Reports presented at the first meeting included:

- DFG Performance and Data;
- Housing and Health JSNA review.

Although the HHCDG is not a democratic board as such, formal processes have been created to ensure it will reflect the same principles. For example, structured methods for requesting agenda items and submitting reports. The first meeting did not have any representation from our health colleagues. However, it is anticipated that the next meeting in November will see active appropriate participation from all partners.

Agenda Items for the next HHCDG 21st November 2017 include:

	Discussion Items	Decision/Authorisation Items	Information Items
1.	ACTion Lincs Entrenched Rough Sleepers	LGA Housing Advisers Programme – Analytical Capacity / Older Persons Housing Needs across Greater Lincolnshire	Local Housing Allowance Consultation
2.	Lincolnshire Homelessness Strategy & Charter		Extra Care Housing-Delivery Strategy
3.	Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy- Housing Priorities		
4.	Housing Options for Looked After Children and Those Leaving Care		
5.	Tackling excess winter deaths and illness and the health risks associated with cold homes		

The topics and items below fall within the scope of the HHCDG:

Housing and Health JSNA

The HHCDG agreed to be responsible for the continual review and development of the Housing and Health JSNA topic. A workshop has been organised and key stakeholders will be invited. A date is set for January 2018.

Better Care Fund (BCF)

The funding forms part of enhanced investment in a Hfl programme. As required nationally, Lincolnshire's Better Care Fund (BCF) plan was submitted on behalf of the County's health and social care system leaders in September 2017; Hfl seeks to utilise the objectives of the BCF to support Lincolnshire's wider Hfl outcomes.

This can be demonstrated by the newly reviewed and agreed adaptations policy for North Kesteven District Council and South Kesteven District Council to support the BCF objectives.

Both the above polices include:

- Safe and Secure Grants;
- Hospital Discharge Grants;
- Fast Track adaptations.

DFG - Funding

The entire DFG funding of £5,291,137 allocated to Lincolnshire by DCLG for 2017/18 was passported to the seven District Councils in June 2017.

DFG- Performance, activity and expenditure

Following the first HHCDG when a report was tabled called "DFG Performance and Data", the HHCDG were asked to:

- Review the appraisal of options and agree the most suitable one in order to collect activity performance and expenditure
- Confirm that all stakeholders will provide assistance and support in the development and submission of data in order to develop the best option.
- Agree to provide quarterly reports to the HWB.

The HHCDG agreed a progress to capture the required information via the Mosaic system. A detailed project plan is currently under development, this will detail roles and responsibilities, and meet the milestones of this objective in a timely manner.

The Moving Forward with DFG group will work collaboratively with the Hfl Manager to develop and create a local data collection system with a vision to go live in Mosaic in April 2018.

DFG - Procurement & Legal

- Active work and participation from 6 out of 7 District Councils;
- District Position Statement completed for 6 out of 7 District Councils;
- Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis completed for different procurement approaches;
- Procurement options appraisal paper for DFGs with rationale;
- Legal support sought in order to finalise the individual Council Contract Procedure Rules.

We have a greater understanding of what we can do on a countywide basis to support a smoother, sleeker DFG process. A formal report with recommendations will be completed before the end of November.

Hospital Housing Link Worker

- A 12 month pilot has been agreed. The worker will be the link between the hospital, patient and housing provider to ensure a joined up approach enabling a smooth, safe discharge and continuation of care to avoid re-admittance to hospital;
- A job description and advert were co-produced. Interviews were conducted in partnership with Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) and District Councils;
- The appointed person was due to start in October; However, this has been delayed until November 2017.

Hospital Discharge and Delayed Transfer of Care (DToC)

- Proactive work underway to see how the DFG budget can support DToC cases;
- Draft policy for Hospital Discharge Grants has been agreed in one District and waiting for confirmation in another, with a positive appetite from other districts to demonstrate how the DFG grant can support DToC;
- The first complex DToC case, which can be supported using the DFG budget, is hosting a multi-agency meeting in September 2017 to start the process and capture results;
- A topic for concern is the volume of hoarding cases, and the lack of any understanding to the scale of the problem and any long term solutions.

Extra Care

Collaborative work is under way between LCC and Lincoln City Council (CoLC) to understand the opportunities for a joint venture in extra care housing, using funding already secured. The vision is that a collaborative deal would secure the best outcomes for the residents of Lincolnshire. A presentation to the Senior Leadership group has taken place.

Lincolnshire Homeless Strategy 2017-2021

There will be a formal launch of the Strategy in early January 2018. Local Housing Authorities have a statutory duty to have one in place. For many years, the seven Lincolnshire Housing Authorities have collaborated to achieve this, with a lot of success and additional investment in Lincolnshire as a result. In order to demonstrate collaboration and integrated working the Homelessness Strategy Group is looking for LCC to become a signatory to the Lincolnshire Homelessness Strategy. The strategy is being launched with a "Delivery Plan". It is hoped that the HHCDG will be used as the governance and oversight board to report progress.

ACTion Lincs – Social Impact Bond to Tackle Entrenched Rough Sleeping

The ACTion Lincs project launched in September 2017 and will support 120 of the most entrenched and vulnerable homeless individuals intensively for a three and a half year period.

The model adopts a housing first approach, and will be delivered through genuine collaboration and partnership. This will be delivered by a team of specialists including a seconded drug and alcohol recovery worker (Addaction) and a seconded mental health practitioner (LPFT).

Crucially, once someone is accepted onto the programme, unlike traditional service models they will remain part of the programme and support will be provided in any setting whether it be the street, hospital, prison or home.

2. Conclusion

Housing is complicated and hard to navigate; housing is very broad topic from bricks and mortar to planning and environment. These all impact on the residents and vulnerable groups we provide services for. The importance of housing has never been so critical both locally and nationally. It is a high profile subject in central government which is leading to opportunities to look at solutions for current housing concerns.

The establishment of the HHCDG has been very timely, and early indication is that it has been a welcomed strategic group who have the opportunity to provide guidance and collective support to Lincolnshire's integration agenda.

As relationships continue to develop the opportunities for true partnership working will support modernisation of services whilst exploring joint funding of services all to benefit for the residents of Lincolnshire.

3. Consultation

Not applicable

4. Appendices

Not applicable

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were use in the preparation of this report.

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