

# Agenda Item 4

 <b>Lincolnshire</b> COUNTY COUNCIL <i>Working for a better future</i>		<b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	
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

Report to	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>21 March 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b>

## 1. **Accident and Emergency Provision – Paediatric Services, Pilgrim Hospital, Boston**

On 27 February 2018, United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) issued a statement, in which it indicated that it had temporarily stopped all planned (non-urgent) paediatric surgery at Pilgrim Hospital. ULHT has stated that the reason for this is that it does not always have enough paediatric nurses both to support A&E and to provide emergency and non-urgent care on the children's ward 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is a national shortage of appropriately trained paediatric staff, including both nurses and doctors, in addition to shortages of A&E staff and ULHT is seriously affected by this.

ULHT has stated that in the short term it has reduced the number of inpatient paediatric beds at Pilgrim, so nurses can be released from the children's ward to support A&E staff to care for ill children who attend A&E. Children whose routine operations have been cancelled will be given appointments at Lincoln.

ULHT has also referred to the increased pressures on its A&E: it has seen and treated more people in its A&E departments than in any other previous December. January was among the busiest on record. Attendances were 5% higher than the previous winter.

## 2. **Temporary Change of Use of Rochford Unit, Pilgrim Hospital, Boston**

It was reported to the Committee on 21 February 2018 that a temporary change of use of the Rochford Unit at Pilgrim Hospital to support winter pressures in Lincolnshire had been planned. (The Rochford Unit is a 17-bedded mixed sex specialist assessment and treatment unit for older people experiencing complex mental health needs, based at the Pilgrim Hospital site, and managed by Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust).

However, on 21 February 2018 it was announced that there was a lack of capacity in the wider health system to provide additional staffing support to Rochford Unit, in particular there was a lack of resources to provide home treatment services to support older adult mental health patients at home and prevent inpatient admissions. As a result, it was decided not to proceed with the temporary change and the Rochford Unit remains as an older adult mental health ward.

### **3. Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

On 27 March 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board is due to be invited to approve the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), following a consultation period between 11 December 2017 and 11 February 2018. This Committee previously established a working group which considered the draft PNA on 19 December 2017 and the Committee approved its response to the PNA on 17 January 2018.

Overall, there were 18 responses to the draft PNA, and it is understood that as a result of the consultation there will be no significant changes to the final PNA.

The final version of the Lincolnshire PNA, pending approval of the Board, will be made available on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory website from 29 March 2017.

### **4. Humber Acute Services Review**

In February 2018, the Humber, Coast and Vale Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, which includes North and North East Lincolnshire posted information on its website on the Humber Acute Services Review (ASR). The Humber ASR includes within its scope Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby, and Scunthorpe General Hospital, so this review has the potential to affect Lincolnshire residents. The services will be considered in the following waves:

Wave 1 will include three priority individual specialties that have been identified as 'fragile': Clinical Haematology, Ear Nose and Throat, and Urology. These are the service areas that were identified as being under immediate patient safety concerns.

Wave 2 will include the following services:

- Urgent and Emergency Care services (including Accident and Emergency, Acute Medicine, Elderly Medicine, Respiratory Medicine, the acute model for specialist medical and surgical services and Critical Care) - Urgent and emergency care services are the most significant in terms of the levels of resource required for service delivery, the volumes of inpatient activity and the potential impact of service changes on the future shape of hospital service provision in the Humber area.
- Maternity
- Cardiac Services
- Neurology

- Clinical Immunology
- Dermatology

Wave 3 will include the following services:

- Planned and Specialist Services (including Gastroenterology, Gastro-intestinal Surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Ophthalmology and Orthopaedics)
- Radiology

Wave 4 will include the following services:

- Any further services identified as needing review on the basis of ongoing quality or service issues.

Detailed review activity on the first wave began in January 2018, with the work on the remaining three waves not due until the spring of 2018. Where any proposals for change are identified, there is a commitment to public consultation.

More details are available on the Humber, Coast and Vale Sustainability and Transformation Partnership website :

<http://humbercoastandvale.org.uk/humberacutereview/>

There are regular contact meetings between the Lincolnshire STP and the Humber, Coast and Vale STP, so that any areas of cross-over can be picked up. Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee will be given regular progress reports on the Humber ASR.

## **5. NHS Staff Survey 2017**

On 7 March 2018, the results of the 2017 NHS staff survey, which was carried out between September and December 2017 across 309 NHS organisations in England, were published. The results of the staff survey can be viewed in detail at the following site:

<http://www.nhsstaffsurveys.com/Page/1056/Home/NHS-Staff-Survey-2017/>

Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (LCHS) and Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) have highlighted the positive outcomes from the survey:

- Nearly 60 per cent of staff responded to the survey at both LPFT and LCHS.
- Both LPFT and LCHS scored above the national average for staff engagement when compared with organisations of a similar type, each scoring 3.85 out of 5. This indicates how staff feel they are able to contribute towards improvements at work, motivation is good and in many cases they would recommend their organisation as a place to work or receive treatment.
- LPFT performed above the national average for mental health trusts in 18 of the 32 key findings in the report, in particular making improvements in

communication between staff and senior managers and staff feeling confident in reporting unsafe clinical practice. LPFT in line with the national average for a further 13 of the national indicators.

- LCHS also recorded improvements compared to 2016 in staff satisfaction. This included the levels of responsibility and involvement staff have, effective use of patient/service user feedback and the recognition and support they receive from their managers and the organisation.
- LCHS performed above average for community trusts in seven of the national indicators, with 23 others in line with the national average and two areas slightly below.

## **6. Dr Mark Howard, GP at Welton Family Health Centre**

Doctor Mark Howard, who worked as senior partner at the Welton Family Health Centre, passed away unexpectedly at home on 22 February 2018 at the age of 45. Dr Howard had been a GP at Welton Family Health Centre for seventeen years. He was dedicated to the practice and patients, and was instrumental in the development of the practice and the local federation, striving for the best possible care for patients.

Lincolnshire West CCG is supporting the practice through this difficult time.