

Agenda Item 5

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 27 March 2018

Additional Chairman's Announcements

New Medical School

The universities of Nottingham and Lincoln announced plans on 20 March 2018 to establish a new first class medical school in Lincoln. The collaboration comes following a successful bid for funding to the Higher Education Funding Council for England and Health Education England. When it is at full capacity in a few years' time, the new school will deliver medical training to around 400 undergraduate students in Lincoln. The Medical School will work in collaboration with the United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust and the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to offer students clinical placements at hospitals, GP surgeries and other healthcare units in Lincolnshire.

This expansion of undergraduate medical training is part of a national plan to increase the number of UK-trained doctors to ease staffing shortages in the NHS. The funding secured by the universities of Lincoln and Nottingham will enable 80 undergraduate places in September 2019 with a further 80 per intake in subsequent years.

Lincolnshire has traditionally struggled to recruit and retain doctors and other healthcare professionals. The shortage of doctors in the past year at the county's hospitals and GP surgeries has been described as critical by health bosses, especially during winter months. It is hoped the new Medical School in Lincoln will address further projected shortages of doctors by offering first class training that will encourage graduates to complete their junior doctor training locally and apply for jobs within Lincolnshire.

Driving Improvement: case studies from seven mental health trusts

On 15 March 2018, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) published a report that explores how seven NHS mental health trusts have been able to make significant improvements in the quality of care and improve their CQC rating. The report called, *'Driving Improvement: case studies from seven mental health trusts'* explores what trusts that were rated as requiring improvements have done to become good or outstanding. There were common themes that drove improvement across the featured trusts. Good leadership and good governance go hand in hand, and the report found that most of the trusts had made changes to their systems and processes to drive improvement.

I am pleased to inform you that the Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust features in the report as one of the seven trusts that have made significant improvement on re-inspection.

A copy of the report can be accessed at

<http://www.cqc.org.uk/publications/evaluation/driving-improvement-case-studies-seven-mental-health-nhs-trusts>

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