

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 11 MAY 2018

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
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NHS LIAISON / LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

Work is ongoing to regularly review the 35 topics in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to ensure it remains a live online evidence base to support service planning and commissioning. I am pleased to report that a new JSNA topic area on Transport is being developed by Public Health and Transport Services in conjunction with key stakeholders and partners. The new topic area is due to go live on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory in the summer.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Following on from the JSNA engagement opportunities during 2017, which gathered the views of key stakeholders, partners and the public on what the health and wellbeing priorities are in Lincolnshire, the Board agreed to progress further work on the following priorities:

- Mental Health – both Adults and Children & Young People
- Housing
- Carers
- Physical Activity
- Obesity
- Dementia

I am pleased to report that work to finalise the Strategy and delivery plans is nearing completion. As part of this a short online engagement survey was undertaken over April 2018 with key stakeholders and partners, to ask for views on how the priorities and objectives in the draft strategy can be delivered. The feedback has been shared with the priority leads to help shape the delivery plans to ensure the Strategy:

- has a strong focus on prevention and early intervention
- identifies collective action across a range of organisations
- tackles inequalities and equity in service provision
- delivers transformational change in order to improve health and wellbeing in Lincolnshire.

The Board will approve the final strategy and delivery plans on 5 June 2018.

Work with the Local Government Association

As part of my ongoing work with the Local Government Association (LGA) I have 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 Health and Wellbeing Board Peer Reviews as well as delivering Prevention Matters Training to a number of areas across the country. I have been able to witness at first hand the benefits of work in supporting local health and wellbeing systems to identify their ambition and capacity to work towards greater integration.

I am therefore pleased to report that the LGA has been invited to work with the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board. A target workshop, planned for September and facilitated by the LGA, will look specifically at what steps the Board needs to take to escalate the scale and pace of integration to support the delivery of the new JHWS.

Wider Determinants

There have been some positive steps towards improving health and wellbeing across East Lindsey in the past twelve months. Our Public Health team played a large part in producing a local health and wellbeing strategy for the area. This includes actions such as working with businesses in Skegness to become dementia friendly – in a bid towards it becoming the first dementia-friendly seaside resort in the country.

There has also been a successful outcome to a Health and Wellbeing Fund project to support the residents of Winthorpe, near Skegness, to increase its community resilience. The Community Partnership that was established there in 2013 has gone from strength to strength to become a registered charity and a C2 National Network of Connected Communities regional learning hub and demonstrator site covering the East Midlands. We shall now seek to roll this out in other areas of Lincolnshire.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

As previously reported to Council, the completion of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory duty for the Health and Wellbeing Board to undertake every three years. The PNA reports on the present and future needs for pharmaceutical services in Lincolnshire. It is used to identify any gaps in current services or improvements that could be made in future pharmaceutical provision. Following the statutory sixty day consultation period, held between December 2017 and February 2018, I am pleased to say that the Board approved the final PNA at their meeting on 27 March 2018. The PNA, along with details about the process and consultation findings, can be viewed on the [Lincolnshire Research Observatory](#).

Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG)

The HHCDG has continued to meet in its role as a strategic link for housing, health and care. The recently updated Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) identified housing as a priority and work has been undertaken to agree key objectives and outcomes.

Hospital Housing Link Worker

In 2017, the number of Delayed Transfers of Care (DTOC) attributed to 'housing' appeared to increase. LCC has funded a Hospital Housing Link Worker, employed by East Lindsey District Council (ELDC), to understand the housing issues affecting residents of East Lindsey and Boston who are patients at Boston Pilgrim, Skegness and Louth Hospitals.

Hoarding

It is recognised the number of cases of hoarding are increasing, and in certain circumstances can lead to a Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC). A hoarding seminar was held in December 2017. A range of key partners were in attendance including Fire and Rescue, Safeguarding, Adult Social Care, Public Health, District Councils, Environmental Health Officers, and Anti-Social Behaviour Team. The seminar identified a strong appetite for a common protocol and guidance through a collaborative approach. This is being progressed through the Housing for Independence programme within LCC.

Better Care Fund (BCF)

The Lincolnshire 2018/19 BCF pooled budget is £230m 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 2018/19 of £22m, rising to an additional £30m in 2019/20; and
- Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) funding of £5.7m in 2018/19. This funding will, as required within the regulations, be transferred to the District Councils.

The key performance areas continue to be Delayed Transfer of Care (DTOC), Non-Elective Admissions, Reablement and Residential Admissions, though there is an ever increasing focus on reducing the rate of DTOC.

The BCF Narrative Plan and related Planning Template were submitted to NHS England, with formal approval, without any conditions or changes required to the original plan, given on 31 October 2017 by NHSE, with all relevant agreements signed by Lincolnshire County Council and the four Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups ahead of the deadline set for 30 November 2017.

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.

Lincolnshire's status within the national context of the BCF continues with its involvement with the NHS England Strategy Team along with other areas that are advanced in the practice of integrating health and care services. Part of this currently involves a project that looks to produce applicable products which can be used by areas across the country, as part of a wider national development towards integrated systems of care.

This project aims to improve services and support for individuals by accelerating development of whole-system integration within local systems, by:

- Capturing and spreading applicable approaches from successful areas across the country;
- Developing the strategic relationship between NHS England and key sector bodies working in this area;
- Consolidating existing work across NHS England to create a single organisational perspective, and identify any central activity that can be taken to further enable integration;
- Submitting findings into the forthcoming Social Care Green Paper.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lincolnshire Funding Portal

The Lincolnshire Funding Portal provides a free of charge search facility to not-for-profit groups. The Portal allows groups to register on the site and receive funding news updates. In addition, groups can input information relating specifically to their own project activity and research possible funders.

The Portal is provided and maintained by an external organisation (IDOX Software) and has, in the past, been wholly funded by Lincolnshire County Council. However, over the past six months we have been in discussion with District Councils seeking a contribution and three of the seven have committed to contribute. Therefore, the contract with IDOX will now be renewed from April 2018 to March 2022. The Portal can be found at: www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fundingportal.

Bourne Town Hall

Bourne's disused Georgian Town Hall will now be leased by a new Trust which aims to restore it to its former glory, developing the building into a local arts centre. A special handover ceremony took part on Friday 2 March, with Cllr Martin Hill passing the keys to the chair of the new Board of Trustees. A lot of collaborative and consultative work has taken place behind the scenes. LCC teams, including Community Engagement, Legal, Democratic Services and Property Services worked together with the local community, interested groups, local Councillors and Bourne Town Council to ensure the successful transfer of a unique historical asset to local people.

Join the Dots

In order to encourage and support the development of community delivered projects across Lincolnshire, seven funding and networking events will be held this year across the seven districts. These events bring external funders and local inspirational projects together with representatives from local communities and organisations to network and share experience and knowledge, along with providing funding training and project building exercises. So far, three events have been held in Lincoln, Boston and West Lindsey, with between 30 and 50 attendees at each. To date, comments received by those who have attended have been extremely positive. As a direct consequence of the events, we have multiple community groups working together on new and exciting local collaborative projects.