

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 14 DECEMBER 2018

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
NHS Liaison and Community Engagement**

NHS LIAISON / LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Lincolnshire – Neurological Conditions

As I have previously reported, the University of Lincoln was commissioned by Public Health to undertake a health needs assessment for people living with neurological conditions in Lincolnshire. This work concluded over the summer and I am pleased to confirm that, as a result, a new JSNA topic on Neurological Conditions has now been published on the Lincolnshire Research Observatory, to be used by commissioners to inform future service planning and delivery.

Consultation on the contracting arrangements for Integrated Care Providers (ICP)

On 3 August 2018, NHS England (NHSE) launched a 12 week consultation on the contracting arrangements for Integrated Care Providers (ICP). The consultation document detailed how the ICP contract would underpin integration between services, how it differs from existing NHS contracts, how ICPs fit into the broader commissioning system and which organisations could hold an ICP contract. The proposals describe a new model of contract that NHSE is considering, to support the commissioning of ICPs for the NHS and potentially Social Care and Public Health services.

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) provided a formal response to the consultation which closed on 26 October 2018. Overall the Health and Wellbeing Board is broadly supportive of the proposals subject to there being local authority input as part of the process. Currently, the Health and Wellbeing Board is the only statutory forum which has the democratic mandate to discuss and agree health and care integration.

Housing, Health and Care Delivery Group Update

At the request of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group has developed a combined response to the Government's Social Housing Green Paper. This drew on comments from the Board's constituent members including District Councils, Housing Providers, and NHS organisations. This was a comprehensive response, and I would like to thank all those who took the time to provide comments for inclusion in the response which was submitted on 6 November.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – Obesity Delivery Group

I am very pleased to say that in October I chaired the inaugural meeting of the delivery group which will lead on the work to tackle obesity as set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Alongside officers from Children's Services, Public

Health, Environment and Economy, there were also representatives invited from West Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group, Boston Borough Council and the University of Lincoln. At the meeting, the group agreed to take forward the work through developing a whole system approach as this has been tested around the country (including in North Kesteven). The group also agreed the importance of focusing the work on assets in communities, understanding what good practice there is (both in Lincolnshire and beyond) and how this learning can be shared and scaled up to achieve outcomes across Lincolnshire. To this end, the delivery group will be developing a wider network of interested individuals, organisations and community groups to do some essential work in identifying examples of good practice, as well as supporting a wider understanding of needs related to obesity within our communities and actions that will be taken to tackle the issue.

Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy – District Council Engagement

Following the publication of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy in June 2018, I wrote to all the district councils offering to attend an appropriate Committee or Board meeting in order to share the new strategy and explore ways in which district councils might be able to work with the Health and Wellbeing Board to improve the health and wellbeing in Lincolnshire. I am pleased to report that I, along with Derek Ward and officers from Public Health, have attended meetings at South Kesteven, West Lindsey and East Lindsey, with the further meetings planned with the remaining districts in the new year. The strategy has been well received and I am encouraged by the level of interest being shown by our district colleagues to support its delivery. District councils provide a number of key local services and they are therefore keen to play a greater role in preventing ill health and supporting people to maintain their independence.

Better Care Fund

An updated Better Care Fund (BCF) operating guidance was published on 18 July 2018, the purpose of which set an updated accountability structure reflecting recent changes to government departments, changes to funding conditions and confirming the ability for systems to review existing plans going into the second year of the current agreement.

Lincolnshire County Council and the CCGs took the opportunity to review the Lincolnshire plan which will result in minor changes to BCF expenditure plans which were agreed by the Lincolnshire Joint Executive Team (JET), and a letter issued to regional Better Care Support Team confirming the changes.

Work is also ongoing at a national level to finalise the details of the 19/20 BCF plans. Whilst details have yet to be formally confirmed, it is likely the plans for the final year of the BCF will be similar to those agreed for the 2017-19 plan. Further clarity is also being sought over 19/20 Delayed Transfer of Care (DTC) targets with a regional view that new targets should reflect progress made in particular areas (some well performing areas now have a "zero" target applied), however, any fundamental change in targets are likely to take effect from April 2020 onwards.

A national review of the BCF will also be undertaken by government to establish the parameters of any future funding beyond 31 March 2020, the review is likely to look at:

- The purpose and role of the fund.
- How funding flows can be managed in a way that is clearer and allows more focus on improving outcomes.
- How the fund can be administered with fewer burdens to local systems.

There is still uncertainty about how local engagement will happen and plans are unlikely to be finalised until well into 2019.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Join the Dots

Following on from a previous update, the Community Engagement Team has organised and facilitated a Join the Dots event in the district of East Lindsey. Over 40 people from a range of community organisations and charities, attended the event held in Horncastle. Attendees were informed about funding opportunities available through Big Lottery and the Lincolnshire Community Foundation and also how to access the Lincolnshire Funding Portal. They also took part in a facilitated workshop to help them plan collaborative projects. A further district event will be held in North Kesteven on 29 January 2019.

The success of the Join the Dots events being held in each district area has led to supplementary events such as with Armed Forces Communities and singing groups. The Armed Forces event has been held in Coningsby with a total of 35 people attending from both our Forces and civilian communities. Very good feedback was received about how interesting and informative the presentations were and that many useful connections were made. We very much hope that this will be the first of these 'Forces' themed events, and hope to work closely with other bases within the county in the future.

Armed Forces Community Covenant

You will have seen in your emails the latest Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant newsletter and I hope you found it informative. I recently met with the Bishop of Lincoln's representative, Air Vice Marshall Paul Robinson, with a view to the Bishop signing the Armed Forces Covenant and having a presence on the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board. We are keen for all faiths to be represented on the Board and I am hopeful that Air Vice Marshall Robinson will take on the responsibility to include them.

Training for those who work with, support or supervise LCC Volunteers

As part of the funding provided to Voluntary Centre Service (VCS), a package of training has been organised for anyone who works with, supports and/or supervises Lincolnshire County Council volunteers. Training sessions are being offered on various dates up to March 2019 and the uptake so far has been very good. The sessions cover

- Working Alongside Volunteers
- Recruiting Volunteers
- Supporting and Supervising Volunteers

There could be scope for extra sessions, additional modules or other sessions dependent upon demand.

Further information will be available via the regular 'Int_Comms' email briefing and on George. Enquiries should be made to volunteers@lincolnshire.gov.uk