

## HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE 17 APRIL 2019

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### SUPPLEMENTARY CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1. **Healthwatch Lincolnshire Website - [www.healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk)**

On 11 April 2019, Healthwatch Lincolnshire re-launched its website, so that it would be easier for patients, carers and service users to have their say on health and social care in Lincolnshire: [www.healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk](http://www.healthwatchlincolnshire.co.uk)

Healthwatch Lincolnshire has stated that the more people share their ideas, experiences and concerns about NHS and social care, the more services can understand what works, what does not and what people want from care in the future.

The new site also shares many resources to help people find the information they need along with helpful tips and advice to get the best from their appointments.

All local healthwatch organisations have been asked to support engagement and consultation with the public on the *NHS Long Term Plan*. Healthwatch Lincolnshire is also seeking comments on the following questions:

- What would you do to make the NHS better in Lincolnshire?
- How would you make it easier for people to take control of their own health and wellbeing?
- What would you do to make support better for people with long-term conditions?

#### 2. **United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Paediatric Admission Unit, Pilgrim Hospital**

On 20 March 2019, the Committee considered an item on Children and Young People Services at United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT). The Committee requested a progress report on the recommendations in the report of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (Minute 91, page 7).

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) had been invited during 2018 to review the children and young people's services at the Pilgrim and Lincoln County Hospitals. The RCPCH's report was published on 30 November 2018 and contained 25 recommendations, which the RCPCH's report had stated "combine short term enabling actions with a longer-term vision of the future of the service, to retain obstetric and paediatric services across both Lincolnshire sites".

The Board of ULHT considered a report on 2 April, which included progress with the RCPCH's recommendations. The full report was emailed to members of the Committee on 16 April and is available on the Trust's website.

The report to Board includes the following finding:

"RCPCH recommendations have been addressed, and the actions are either in progress or have been completed with future proofing work to continue."

The Committee is due to consider Children and Young People Services at ULHT on 12 June 2019.

### **3. New Initiative to Support Mental Health Family Members and Carers**

On 10 April 2019, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) announced a new initiative, whereby carer leads at LPFT would wear bright orange lanyards to make them easily identifiable to visiting family members or carers who may need to speak to them about their family member.

This is because carers visiting their relatives in hospital are often anxious and do not always feel able to approach busy staff to ask questions, for example about their relative's care and treatment. This idea was developed on the basis of a similar scheme in another trust.

Patients are expected to benefit as the family member or carer is often the main source of support and care when people are back at home. The initiative is currently being rolled out across the Trust with increasing numbers of staff wearing them.

### **4. United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust - Recruitment of Chief Executive**

My announcements circulated with the agenda referred to the process for the recruitment of the Chief Executive at United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust. On 10 April I was advised that following the advertisement and a national search, none of the applicants passed through the shortlisting phase.

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust is now reviewing the selection process and working with NHS improvement, to consider its next steps, both in terms of appointing a permanent Chief Executive and any interim arrangements which will be required.