

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 13 SEPTEMBER 2013

Statement from: Councillor Mrs P A Bradwell, Deputy Leader and Executive Councillor for Adult Care, Health Services and Children's Services

ADULT CARE

Budget Update

In the current financial year the Adult Care budget is expected to be in balance. However, we do have on-going pressures, particularly in the Older Persons and Learning Disabilities areas. In each of these areas demographic pressures are continuing and in the Older Person's service there are an increasing number of Residential and Nursing placements having to be made. Savings delivered this year are in excess of £10m and Adult Care is on plan to deliver fully against a demanding £11.5m savings requirement. The budget is increasingly dependent on the funding coming from the Department of Health to support integration with local health provision. The Government's Spending Review announcement on 26 June increased the focus of such funding with nationally £3.8bn (locally an estimated £52m+) available from 2015/16 including a £2bn transfer from current health service funding. In 2014/15 we expect around £15.4m to be available to Lincolnshire and for both financial years we have already begun planning with CCG colleagues how/where this funding is to be invested.

Care Quality Commission (CQC) Inspections

A total of 355 care providers representing nursing and residential homes and, home care services in Lincolnshire have been inspected by the Care Quality Commission in the last 12 months. Of these 91% were judged to be compliant with the 'Essential Standards of Quality and Safety'. Lincolnshire has the highest level of compliance in the East Midlands, where the average compliance level is 75%. This in part reflects the quality assurance work undertaken by Adult Care, our commitment to subsidised training for providers, the quality of our relationship with providers themselves and the on-going relationship with CQC to identify poor quality providers.

Adult Care Performance

Performance continues to improve in a number of areas across Adult Care.

The performance of our in-house reablement service continues to improve with almost 50% of people entering our reablement service are successfully re-abled to live independently compared to 41% for the same period last year.

We continue to make progress with personalisation, with everyone who is eligible for a personal budget now receiving one. Direct Payments continue to grow with over 2700 people now accessing support through a direct payment

Admissions to long terms care for adults with a learning disability, mental health or a physical disability remain stable, however, pressure continues in the older people admissions. We are currently predicting approx.1000 people will be admitted to long term care this financial year. This reflects an increasing intensity of need associated

with serving an increasingly older population, most notably within the over 90 age group.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding Adults Board is working towards being made mandatory by 2014. Similar to the Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children's Board there is a strategic board led by an independent chair with an operational board and four subgroups underneath it: 1) Critical and Complex Incident Review Group, 2) Policy and Procedures 3) Intelligence Performance and Risk and 4) Workforce Development

The chairs of the sub groups are split evenly between Health and Social Care managers. We have adopted and adapted the Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE) model of adult safeguarding and we are currently writing the Implementation plan for Adult Care.

Wellbeing Service

In partnership with Public Health colleagues a new Wellbeing Service is being developed to increase the number of people who are able to live independently with support and technology in their own home. Providing more proactive, integrated, high quality support delivered through multi-disciplinary working can create a reduction in attendances at A&E, emergency admissions, and length of stay in residential care. By joining up information and advice services and making equipment, minor adaptations and assistive technology available quickly on a low level preventative basis the outcome will be people maximise their independence and avoid coming into high cost statutory services. In addition to equipment, the service will offer short term generic support, long term monitoring and rapid response.

Procurement of the service will commence in September with a view to it being accessible across Lincolnshire from April 2014.

Transitional Care

The Independent Living Team (ILT) Pilot began on 17th October 2012 in the East of the county. This integrated (health and social care) approach is being rolled out across all four CCGs by December 2013.

ILT will also form part of a whole health and social care approach to an admission reduction programme this winter.

The admission reduction programme will include a range of services, which can be accessed via a single number for all health and social care professionals. Referrals will be triaged to the most appropriate service offered by an integrated team – ranging from Rapid Response and Virtual Ward to support at home with activities of daily living.

The aim of the new services is to avoid inappropriate attendance / admission to hospital by intervening at key points on the patient journey:

- *At the patient's front door* - by putting in a wide range of services to maintain independence at or closer to home.
- *At the acute trust front door* - by diverting people who do not need admission

- *At the acute trust back door* - by supporting people out of hospital in a timely way, and supporting them at home

Carers Partnership

The Council's Policy and Development Team have been working with the Lincolnshire Carers Partnership to support them to become an independent organisation with the ability and resources to both trade and act as a strategic partner with Lincolnshire County Council. We are delighted that Lincolnshire Carers and Young Carers Partnership Ltd have been successfully incorporated with an experienced board of directors in place. We look forward to working with the new company and continuing to support the carers agenda with them, and with carers across the County.

Extra Care Housing

We are pleased to announce that the new Barratt Court Extra Care Scheme in Skegness is nearing the end of its construction, and will open in October. We are also pleased to announce that Adult Care support within the scheme will be provided by HICA. The new scheme will offer 40 new units of Extra Care in East Lindsey.

Information and Advice

Adult Care continues to seek to improve its information and advice offer to the people of Lincolnshire. After the successful launch last year of the My Choice My Care website, we are now looking to update our paper based offer. We are currently beginning the procurement process that will lead to a renewed care directory that will work in conjunction with My Choice My Care. We will also be seeking to review and improve the website based on feedback and usage over the last year of operation. This review is part of our commitment to ensuring that appropriate information is available to people when they need it and in a form that helps them.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Birth to Five

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile Outcomes 2013 – A new national assessment system for the EYFS has been introduced for 2012-13. This system is significantly different in implementation to the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile which existed previously. This new system of assessments has been successfully implemented by all schools and settings across Lincolnshire.

Throughout 2012/13, consultants from the Birth to Five Service have delivered extensive training and agreement trialling sessions, completed moderation visits with all schools and undertaken a comprehensive data quality assurance process to ensure the judgements made at the end of the Early Years Foundation Stage are valid and accurate under the new system and will provide a secure starting point for children as they enter Key Stage 1.

A revised measure for the 'Good Level of Development' achieved by children at the end of the EYFS has also been introduced. An analysis of the final data submitted in July indicates that 65% of Lincolnshire children have achieved this level. Early indications suggest that this is higher than the national average outcome of the

majority of Local Authorities, which currently sits at 51%. The final data outcomes will be confirmed in the Autumn Term statistical release.

Ofsted Outcomes – During the current Ofsted inspection framework cycle, 84% of Lincolnshire early years providers on 'non-domestic premises' were judged Good or Outstanding for the Overall Effectiveness judgement. This is 3% above the national average. Over a third of early years providers on non-domestic premises have improved their Ofsted outcome under the new framework and the remaining majority have held their existing grading.

Lincolnshire's five Nursery Schools have continued to achieve very strong Ofsted outcomes with three of the five schools graded as Outstanding and the remaining two schools graded as Good.

Primary

Key Stage 1 Outcomes (provisional data) – Early analysis of 149 Local Authorities in England and Wales, indicates that Lincolnshire's Key Stage 1 results are at the highest level for three years. In 2013 Level 2+ performance in Writing and Maths are 1% above the national average for the first time in three years, Reading remains 1% below.

Level 3+ attainment has a three year trend of improvement for all subjects.

Key Stage 2 Outcomes (provisional data) – Early analysis indicates that Lincolnshire's Key Stage 2 results in 2013 reflect our focus on raising standards in the teaching of Reading and Writing. This is especially gratifying as the threshold for Levels in Reading was raised in 2013.

L4+ Reading and Writing have maintained their 2012 position above the national average this year by 1%, with Maths the same as national average. The new GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) test shows the LA at 1% below.

Level 5+ performance in Reading is 2% above the national average, Writing is 3% above and Maths is in line. The new GAPS (Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling) test shows Lincolnshire is 1% below the national average.

The LA average for Level 4+ in Reading, Writing and Maths (76%) is 16% above the Floor standard.

Phonics Screening – The first phonics screening for Y1 pupils was administered in 2012. Pupils must attain 32+ points to be working at the age appropriate phonics phase 5.

In 2012 69% of the LA pupils reached this standard. This was 11% higher than the national average. In 2013 the LA has maintained a standard higher than the national average by 6% and raised its own performance by 6%. This reflects the focus on phonics support for schools. Year 2 pupils who did not reach the standard in Year 1 were re-screened this year. 70% of these pupils are now working at the appropriate phase; this is 2% more than the national average for this group.

OfSTED Update – 97 primary schools have been inspected this academic year. 70 of those inspected were previously satisfactory, and of these, 42 moved to Good and 2

to Outstanding, with only 6 schools receiving a lower grade than previously. Since September 2012, the percentage of schools that are graded Good or better has risen from 65% to 80%. No primary schools have been placed in a category this academic year.

Secondary

OfSTED Update – The proportion of Good or better secondary schools in Lincolnshire has not increased this academic year, though this reflects the national picture and is due to the introduction of tougher inspection criteria from September 2012.

Special Schools

There are no special Schools in an OFSTED category and 99% of them (20 out of the 21) have gained or maintained a Good or Outstanding Judgement.

Apprenticeships

The figures for Lincolnshire 16-18 year olds starting an Apprenticeship this year show that the numbers continue to rise. This is against a regional and national picture of falling numbers in this age bracket: Lincolnshire increase of 3%; Regional reduction of 7.3%; nationally a reduction of 13%. This is a result of the work of the LCC funded Apprenticeship Champions working with schools and employers, and our work with employers via the Employment and Skills Board to stimulate employer demand. The success and influence of the Apprentice Champions initiative has been recognised and replicated across the East Midlands region enabling Lincolnshire to occupy a leading role in Regional initiatives, particularly World Skills/Skills UK 'Have a Go' opportunities. These created opportunities for young people to experience over 100 vocational experiences, all supported by our local Work Based Learning providers and Colleges of FE, attracting in excess of 2500 young people and the involvement of many employers from the local areas.

Provision for Learners with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities

The Lincolnshire County Strategy for Post 16 Learners with Learning Difficulties and or Disabilities (LLDD) was officially launched in September 2012 with the key priority being to develop local provision for Post 16 LLDD to meet both their diverse needs and their aspirations for adult life within their own communities.

To achieve this aim, 6 local working groups have been established across the county to take forward the strategic priorities in a way that is most relevant to that specific area. These groups have brought about increased collaboration and cooperation between special schools, colleges and other post 16 providers facilitating improved transition between organisations, skills sharing, joint training opportunities and cost effective development and sharing of resources.

Music and Arts

During July 2013, the Music Service has showcased the artistic talents of around 1000 children, young people and teachers in a range of concerts and events across the county. These have included:

Lincolnshire Schools Prom at the Embassy Theatre as part of the So Festival!

Lincolnshire Youth Symphony Orchestra Concert at Lincoln Cathedral and Italian Tour 2013
 Lincolnshire Fashion Show at Lincoln Drill Hall
 Lincolnshire Music Teacher Conference at Myle Cross

In addition, 4000 children and young people have accessed over 40,000 instrumental tuition lessons between the 13-week period April-July. This does not include the delivery of Whole Class Ensemble Teaching to almost 87% of Primary schools which have programmes such as band, world music, strings and ukulele. Standards remain high with access above both the regional and national averages.

Freiston Centre

2012/13 has once again been a hugely successful academic year for Freiston. Staff have delivered the equivalent of 5372 provision days to a range of children and young people. This includes universal residential visits, community work and targeted provision to support vulnerable children and young people. Freiston has grown significantly over the last 5 years and is a much respected provider to schools, community groups and other users. It provides an important resource for Lincolnshire with a range of onsite activities including a food technology centre, climbing tower, aerial ropes, archery, small woodland and pond.

Targeted Basic Need Capital Programme and Demographic Growth Capital Fund

Lincolnshire County Council received confirmation in August 2013 of a number of successful bids through the Education Funding Agencies 'Targeted Basic Need Programme 2013-2015'. This provides capital funding to support the increase in pupil numbers due to demographic growth in key areas. The funding is for:

The expansion of existing schools:

School	No. of new places
Witham St. Hugh's Academy	105 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAN moving from 30 – 45 • 4 permanent classrooms to be built
Cranwell Primary School (Foundation)	70 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PAN moving from 45 - 60 • 2 permanent classrooms
Total	175

The creation of a new primary school:

School	No. of new places
Gainsborough *	210 (1 form entry)

**The proposed site for the new school is the former Castle Hills site. A process to agree a preferred provider is taking place.*

In addition, through a clear LLDD Strategy and good collaborative work between local providers, Colleges supported by Lincolnshire County Council have been successful in their applications for the Education Funding Agency Demographic Growth Capital Fund (DGCF) which will further support the education of young people with complex needs.

The successful bids are Grantham College (£934,571), Lincoln College (£261,800), Lincoln Queen's Park (£255,200) and New College Stamford (£263,520).

LIFELONG LEARNING

Our Family Learning team has been working for 18 months on "Recycle and Refashion" courses in East Lindsey. Following on from their earlier success in gaining numeracy and literacy qualifications as well as completing the full Level 1 National Open College Network award in Creating Crafts for Cultural Industries, these learners achieved the Level 2 NOCN award in Developing Skills for the Creative and Cultural Industries in July 2013.

The learners are very enthusiastic about the courses offered and have been inspired to try their hand at something new. All learners who joined the courses have reported improved confidence levels as a result of the activities. This has encouraged them to develop their commercial acumen as well as making gifts for their own family and for other people. The learners are now planning to hold an exhibition in their local community to sell their products as well as running related workshops.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme

Following a national decision to ask top tier local authorities to re-provide a system of crisis loans and community care grants currently delivered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) Lincolnshire County Council set an agenda for officers to develop a proposal for the Lincolnshire scheme.

The Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAS) has the overall purpose and scope to:

1. Provide assistance to Lincolnshire residents to manage unexpected problems that will affect their health and wellbeing if they are not urgently addressed; and
2. Put Lincolnshire residents who request assistance from the Scheme into contact with on-going support organisations to improve their resilience to unexpected problems in future.

Working closely with partners, including Learning Communities, the Department of Work and Pensions, Citizens Advice Bureaus and Lincolnshire Credit Union, the scheme received a total of 5,192 applications by the end of July 2013 which included:-

- 2,735 successful claims for items, including food parcels, white goods, furniture and clothing, of which:-

- 58 people have received assistance to pay a week's rent to prevent homelessness; and
- 27 people have been assisted with travel arrangements which have included attending family funerals
- During April, 9% of applicants engaged with Citizens Advice Bureaus for resilience work, and in May this figure increased to 20%.
- 182 referrals were made to Citizens Advice Bureaus and 15 were made to Lincolnshire Credit Union during July 2013.

Expression of Interest in being a Pioneer for Health and Social Care Integration

The whole health and social care community united to produce an expression of interest to the Department of Health. Over a hundred expressions of interest were received. Disappointingly, our application has not been shortlisted, but the assessment panel was "impressed with the range of ambitious plans and initiatives already underway, and are therefore very keen for us to remain involved and to be part of a network of support". They "considered that the application had strengths, including its inclusive nature and comprehensive range of services for redesign". The proposals will, however, be taken forward as part of the Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review.