

**Additional Chairman's Announcements  
Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board  
4 February 2020**

**Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group – Appointment of Chair**

On 27 January, as part of the appointment process for a single governing body and executive team, it was announced that Sean Lyons had been appointed as the Chair of the new Lincolnshire CCG with effect from 1 April 2020. Sean Lyons has a professional background in engineering, management and leadership in the steel industry and was Chair at Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Trust from 2013 to 2016, and is currently the Chair at West Nottinghamshire College.

**Wuhan Novel Corona Virus**

You will have seen the national media coverage about the outbreak of a new form of a virus originating from the city of Wuhan in China. The virus belongs to a family of viruses called 'Corona Viruses', which are fairly common in the mix of winter viruses which cause generally mild cold like illnesses in the UK and all over the world. Occasionally a human virus will either change slightly and be able to cause more illness or a member of a virus family that usually lives in another species will adapt and be able to cause infection in humans. This new virus seems to have done the latter and has also now been proven to be able to move between humans as well as from animals to humans.

So far there have been more than 20,000 confirmed cases across the globe, primarily in China, and around 425 people have died to date. Modern and speedy travel enables new viruses like this to move quickly around the world and the global public health system has already put a range of actions in place to control the spread of the disease in this respect.

Whilst we are not entirely clear yet how this new Corona Virus is passed between people, the same precautions which will protect you from other viral illnesses hold true: wash your hands regularly and thoroughly; cover your mouth and nose if coughing and sneezing (and ask others to do the same) and dispose of tissues promptly after they are used. If you are in contact with anyone who has recently travelled from the areas of China affected, personally or professionally, help them to be vigilant about cold like systems or fevers and take the action advised in national sources to get themselves checked out.

There is no need for any other precautions at this time but do take heed of the usual sources of travel and other advice if you think you may be planning travel into areas of the world where the virus is more common.

**The Centre for Ageing Better**

Following several months in which eleven council areas competed to be chosen as a partner site with the Centre for Ageing Better programme – alongside Leeds City Council and Greater Manchester I am delighted to say that The Centre for Ageing Better has concluded its selection process and, subject to board approval, Lincolnshire has been chosen as the strategic rural localities partner. As the recommendation makes its way through the formal approval channels, work will commence to refine joint priorities and draft a Memorandum of Understanding. A formal partnership launch is expected to take place in April.

A paper is on this agenda later that provides further information, though at this stage I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the staff and Councillors, both District and County, who contributed and helped ensure our successful bid. Our ability to work collectively, to find common endeavour has once again helped Lincolnshire achieve a result. Now we will need to build on this opportunity.

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