

Agenda Item 7

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board – 9 June 2020

Chairman's Announcements

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is due to be renewed and published by Lincolnshire's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) by April 2021. The PNA is a statutory responsibility which records the need for pharmaceutical services within a specific area. Due to current pressures in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care has announced that the requirement to publish a renewed PNA is suspended until April 2022.

The HWB will continue to issue supplementary statements in response to local changes and pharmaceutical needs until the renewed PNA is published in April 2022. Producing the PNA requires significant input from public health and colleagues in the health sector; I therefore welcome this announcement which reduces the burden on some of our critical services during these current times.

Coronavirus Exit Strategy and the Implications for Rural Communities

At the end of April the Rural Services Network (RSN) invited local authorities to comment on the implications of covid-19 on rural communities as we exit from the lockdown. The feedback was to inform a discussion with government officials in the Department of Health and Social Care. In particular RSN were keen to understand any particular issues associated with rurality and sparsity, as well as the practical steps that would need to be taken as part of an exit strategy. Lincolnshire's response, signed by myself and Derek Ward, is attached for information in Appendix A.

Centre for Ageing Better Rural Strategic Partnership

As briefly mentioned at our last meeting in February, I am pleased to confirm the Centre for Ageing Better has selected Lincolnshire as its strategic rural partner. The joint submission with East Lindsey District Council is evidence of a united vision and commitment to ensuring that Lincolnshire's residents are enabled to live well as they approach later life. Work is currently underway with Ageing Better colleagues to ensure appropriate governance arrangements are in place and to agree the priority areas of focus for the next two years.

Active Lincolnshire welcomes new Chair and Chief Executive Officer

I would like to congratulate Mark Locking, currently the Managing Director of Lincoln College Group, and Emma Tatlow who have been appointed by Active Lincolnshire as Chair of the Board and CEO. Active Lincolnshire is a key partner supporting the plan to improve physical activity in Lincolnshire as part of delivering the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire.

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