

Agenda Item 4

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	17 February 2021
Subject:	Chairman's Announcements

1. Covid-19 Vaccination Programme in Lincolnshire

Recording Thanks for Those Involved in Vaccines

Set out below are a series of figures, which demonstrate the progress of the vaccination programme in Lincolnshire. There has been much positive feedback on the way vaccination programme has been managed.

In addition to the clinical staff directly administering the vaccinations and other staff booking patients for vaccinations, there are numerous volunteers providing support, for example managing car parking, reception and waiting areas. **I would like to ask the Committee to formally record its thanks to all those involved, both staff and volunteers, in delivering the vaccination programme for Lincolnshire.**

Vaccination Data Published by NHS England / NHS Improvement

On 21 January 2021, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) began publishing weekly reports on vaccination data by Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) / Integrated Care System (ICS) area. These weekly reports are in addition to the daily figures reported for all England.

As the Lincolnshire STP area largely aligns with the administrative county of Lincolnshire, these figures are relevant. On 4 February 2021, NHSE/I published data for the period 8 December 2020 to 31 January 2021. The first table shows the number of first doses of vaccine administered in Lincolnshire. The second table covers the numbers of second doses. A further report will be published on 11 February 2020, and the latest information will be circulated to the Committee.

First Doses					
(8 Dec 20 – 31 Jan 21)					
	80+	75-79	70-74	Under 70	Total
Lincolnshire Number	43,035	28,307	12,919	40,437	124,698
Lincolnshire Percentage	92.5	81.1	25.7	-	-
England Percentage	88.1	82.6	35.2	-	-

For comparison, the highest percentage of first doses for those 80+ was reported for Gloucestershire at 94.9%, with the lowest in East London (69.6%). For those aged 75-79, the highest recorded percentage was in Somerset at 94.0%, with Shropshire, Telford and the Wrekin recording the lowest at 18.8%. For those aged 70-74, the highest and lowest figures were recorded in South East London (68.9%) and in Devon (16.0%).

Second Doses					
(8 Dec 20 – 31 Jan 21)					
	80+	75-79	70-74	Under 70	Total
Lincolnshire Number	1,587	9	14	1,298	2,908
Lincolnshire Percentage	3.4	0.0	0.0	-	-
England Percentage	11.8	0.4	0.1	-	-

The percentage figures, which have been reported for are based on ONS mid-year 2019 estimates of the population of England, mapped to ICS / STP level, which gives the Lincolnshire STP area a population estimate of 46,502 people aged 80+; and an estimate of 583,424 people aged 16-79. The percentage figures for those in the under 70 population have not been reported by NHSE/I. These figures will differ from the number of people registered at Lincolnshire GP practices (see below).

Registered Patients at Lincolnshire GP Practices

Whilst the resident population of Lincolnshire is 755,000, the Lincolnshire registered GP population is 785,000. This is because many GP practices have registered patients who live in other counties. This is a particular feature in both Stamford and the Deepings, but is a wider feature across most of the 'border' practices. The vaccine will be offered to all over 18s, which for the Lincolnshire GP registered population represents over 600,000 people.

Number of Elderly Population and Care Homes in Lincolnshire

Lincolnshire has a significantly high number of care homes, compared to the average. For example, Northamptonshire has half the number of care homes compared to Lincolnshire. Lincolnshire also has a higher proportion of elderly than most areas. Within Lincolnshire there are more care homes and elderly in the East.

Take Up of Vaccinations

A report to the Lincolnshire CCG Board on 27 January 2021 states that the experience to date of the Primary Care Network sites is that patients who are called for their vaccination are very keen to receive it, and the vast majority are able to use their own transport, or get assistance from family, friends, or community members to get to their local site. For those patients for whom transport is a real difficulty, a range of transport solutions are available, supported by Lincolnshire County Council, through Call Connect and volunteer drivers. For patients who are genuinely housebound/bed-ridden there will be a 'roving service' available to ensure that they are able to receive their vaccinations.

Large Covid-19 Vaccination Centre - Lincolnshire Showground

On 2 February 2021, Lincolnshire's second large vaccination centre opened at the Lincolnshire Showground. This means that Lincolnshire now has two large centres, the first having opened on 18 January 2021 at the Princess Royal Sports Arena (PRSA) in Boston. Both large centres are operated by Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust.

Both large vaccination sites will continue to target vaccinating people in the key priority groups, who live within a 45-minute drive of the sites. Patients will receive a letter inviting them to book their vaccination appointment using the NHS national online booking system. If patients prefer, they can choose their vaccination at one of the thirteen local vaccination sites available across Lincolnshire run by local GP networks. Patients will be contacted by their local surgery to make an appointment.

Vaccination Sites in Lincolnshire

In addition to the two large sites, there are also two hospital hubs at Lincoln County Hospital and Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, and 13 local vaccination centres, operated by Primary Care Networks, at the following sites:

- Franklin Hall, Spilsby
- John Coupland Hospital, Gainsborough
- Lincolnshire Showground, Lincoln
- Louth Community Hospital
- Marisco Medical Practice, Mablethorpe
- Meres Leisure Centre, Grantham
- Portland Medical Practice, Lincoln
- Rustons Sports and Social Club, Lincoln
- Sidings Medical Practice, Boston
- Springfields, Spalding
- St Mary's Medical Practice, Stamford
- The Storehouse, Skegness
- Waddington Branch Surgery, South Lincoln

2. Healthwatch Lincolnshire Vaccination Information Webinar

On 21 January 2021, Healthwatch Lincolnshire held a Covid-19 Vaccination Information Webinar, during which members the Lincolnshire Vaccination Team responded to questions put forward by the public. The webinar is available on demand at either www.facebook.com/hwlincs or <https://youtu.be/4PkKB7IE-w>

3. Application to Close Woolsthorpe Branch Surgery

On 10 February 2021, Lincolnshire CCG's Primary Care Commissioning Committee (PCCC) is due to consider an application from Stackyard Surgery in Croxton Kerrial to close the Woolsthorpe Branch Surgery. As reported to the PCCC, there are currently a total of 3,800 patients registered with Stackyard Surgery, of these 1,650 patients consider the branch surgery as their practice. From the 1,650 registered patients, 1,263 live outside Woolsthorpe and 387 patients reside in the village. On 14 October 2020, the Health Scrutiny Committee recorded its opposition to the proposed closure, and submitted comments to the Chair of the CCG's PCCC. The recommendation to the PCCC is to approve the proposal to permanently close the Woolsthorpe Branch of Stackyard Surgery, if the following are carried out:

- patient choice will be promoted for those that choose to change surgery; and
- medication delivery (due to commence 17 February 2021) to Woolsthorpe will be piloted and evaluated by the CCG.

The PCCC is also being asked to note the latest position on the proposed transfer of Stackyard Surgery from Lincolnshire CCG to the East Leicestershire and Rutland CCG, which is subject to a decision by the latter.

The papers for the PCCC meeting are available on the CCG's website, and include the equality impact assessment:

<https://lincolnshireccg.nhs.uk/library/primary-care-commissioning-1/2021/february-2021-primary-care-commissioning-committee-meeting-papers/>

The decision of the PCCC will be reported to the Health Scrutiny Committee.

4. Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – Appointment of Chair

On 25 January 2021, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) announced that Kevin Lockyer would be taking up the position of Chair of the Trust from 1 May 2021. Kevin Lockyer has been a non-executive director at Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust since 2015, and has experience in the criminal justice system; housing; and public and voluntary sectors.

The Trust's current Chair, Paul Devlin, will be stepping down after six years in the role, when his term of office expires on 30 April 2021.