

Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham
Executive Director - Resources

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	23 June 2021
Subject:	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Consultation on Hospital Urology Services

Summary

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) has launched a consultation exercise on hospital urology services, which closes on 23 July 2021. ULHT advises that currently planned urology services are delivered from four hospital sites; and patients requiring emergency urology treatment are admitted to both Lincoln and Pilgrim hospitals during the week admissions, with weekend admissions alternating between Lincoln and Pilgrim hospitals.

ULHT is consulting patients on a proposal that Lincoln County Hospital in future receive all emergency urology admissions seven days per week and ULHT believes that this change would increase ULHT's capacity to perform planned surgery without disruption to patients, better meet the needs of ULHT's emergency cases and see and treat more people.

Representatives from ULHT to present this item are expected include: Mark Brassington, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Improvement and Integration; Andrew Simpson, Consultant Urologist, and Chloe Scruton, General Manager Surgery.

Actions Requested

To make arrangements to respond to the consultation exercise by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust on hospital urology services, by 23 July 2021 closing date.

1. Background

United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) has launched a consultation exercise on hospital urology services, which closes on 23 July 2021. The consultation document is set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

ULHT advises that planned urology services are currently delivered from Lincoln County Hospital, Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, Grantham and District Hospital and County Hospital, Louth; and emergency urology admissions at the weekends go through one single site-alternating between Lincoln and Pilgrim hospitals. There are emergency admissions at both Lincoln and Pilgrim hospitals during the week.

ULHT is consulting patients on a proposal that Lincoln County Hospital in future receives all emergency urology admissions seven days per week and believes that this change would increase ULHT's capacity to perform planned surgery without disruption to patients, better meet the needs of ULHT's emergency cases and see and treat more people.

2. Consultation

This is item relates to a consultation exercise being undertaken by ULHT, on which the Committee is being invited to make arrangements to respond.

3. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to consider the information presented by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached to this report: -

Appendix 1	Hospital	Urology	Services	Consultation	_	Have	Your	Say	(United
	Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – 2021)								

5. Background Papers

No background papers, as defined by Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972, were used to a material extent in the preparation of this report.

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