

Agenda Item 9

		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

Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham Executive Director - Resources

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	21 July 2021
Subject:	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Consultation on Hospital Urology Services

Summary:

On 23 June 2021, the Committee considered a consultation on hospital urology services provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust. The Committee agreed that a draft response would be submitted to this meeting of the Committee for consideration and approval, which would be informed on the Committee's comments made on 23 June 2021. The draft response is attached as Appendix A to this report.

Actions Requested:

To consider the draft response (which will be circulated as Appendix A to this report) to the consultation on hospital urology services provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust, and subject to any amendments, approve it for submission by 23 July 2021.

1. Background

A consultation on hospital urology services provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) was presented to this Committee on 23 June 2021, by representatives from the Trust.

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

In summary, the consultation document advises that ULHT is consulting patients on a proposal that Lincoln County Hospital in future receives all emergency urology admissions seven days per week. There would be increases in planned urology services at Grantham and District Hospital and Pilgrim Hospital, with a reduction of planned activity at Lincoln County. There would be no changes at Louth County Hospital. 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.

On 23 June the Committee agreed that a response would be drafted for consideration by the Committee on 21 July. The Committee has also requested sight of the quality impact and equality impact assessments, which would also inform the Committee's response.

A draft response has been prepared, which is being circulated to the members of the Committee for comments. Once this draft has reflected the comments of members, it will be published and considered for approval on 21 July, and following approval, a final response will be submitted to ULHT by 23 July, the closing date for the consultation.

2. Conclusion

The Committee is invited to consider the draft response (to be circulated as Appendix A to this report) to the consultation on hospital urology services provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust. Subject to any amendments, the Committee is requested to consider approving it for submission to ULHT by 23 July 2021.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A (TO FOLLOW)	Draft Response to the Consultation on Hospital Urology Services Provided by United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust

9. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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