

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:	19 January 2022
Subject:	Humber Acute Services Programme – Committee’s Response to Engagement

Summary:

On 15 December 2021, the Committee received a presentation from the Humber Acute Services Programme and agreed that a response to the engagement activity would be drafted and submitted to this meeting for approval.

A response has been drafted by the Committee’s working group, which met on 6 January 2022 to draft the response, and is attached as Appendix A to this report for the Committee’s consideration.

Actions Requested:

That the Committee’s response to the engagement on the Humber Acute Services Programme be approved.

1. Background

On 15 December 2021, the Committee received a presentation on the Humber Acute Services Programme, which includes the services provided at Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby and Scunthorpe General Hospital by Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

2. Consultation and Conclusion

The Committee is invited to approve its response to the engagement on the Humber Acute Services Programme.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Letter on behalf of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire on Humber Acute Services Programme

5. 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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19 January 2022

DRAFT LETTER ON HUMBER ACUTE SERVICES PROGRAMME

Dear

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE LINCOLNSHIRE HUMBER ACUTE SERVICES PROGRAMME

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire would like to thank members of the Humber Acute Services Programme team for attending and presenting on the programme to the Committee on 15 December 2021. The Committee welcomed the clarity of the documentation and the candour of the responses made to the questions.

The Committee would like to confirm the importance of the acute hospital services provided by Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLaG) for the residents of Lincolnshire, in particular for those residents in East Lindsey and West Lindsey. For example, the Diana, Princess of Wales, Hospital (DPOW) in Grimsby is considered by many people in the Louth and the surrounding area, as their nearest and preferred acute hospital.

Any substantial changes to the services provided at DPOW are likely to have a significant impact on local residents, for example increased travel times or patients choosing to have treatment from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust, which in turn would add pressure to this trust. Furthermore, NLaG also provides several services at Louth County Hospital, such as community midwifery, so any changes to these services would be likely to lead to a direct local impact.

The Committee understands from the presentation that where services changes are due to be proposed an analysis of patient flows from Lincolnshire into NLaG (as well as into Hull) is being prepared and will be made available, either as part of the pre-consultation business case or the consultation document. The Committee urges that this analysis is sufficiently detailed so that the impacts from any changes in services can be assessed for Lincolnshire residents.

Whilst it is acknowledged that four other health overview and scrutiny committees have a stronger interest in the Humber Acute Services Programme by virtue of patient numbers, the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire would like to formally record its interest in responding to the planned consultation on services. The Committee would also like to request that local authorities such as East Lindsey District Council are engaged, so that they can prepare a response to the consultation.

In the coming months, the Committee would welcome any updates from the programme team on developments, for example the outcome of the capital bid for approximately £700 million, to support, among other developments, the rebuilding of Scunthorpe General Hospital and the refurbishment of critical care at DPOW.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Carl Macey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire