

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	15 June 2022
Subject:	Chairman's Announcements

1. Information Requested at Previous Meetings

Woolsthorpe Prescription Deliveries

The Woolsthorpe Branch Surgery, part of the Vale Medical Group, closed in April 2021 and arrangements were made for the delivery of prescriptions to the village. A question on this was raised at the last meeting. Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group has advised that following the closure, a pharmacy van was parked in the village for one hour every Wednesday. However, as very few people used this service it was discontinued after eight weeks. It was replaced with a weekly home delivery service. Some people have taken up the offer of the home delivery service whilst others have chosen to go to the practice to collect their prescription.

2. NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board – Membership Update

Further to my report at the last meeting, Lincolnshire County Council has nominated Councillor Wendy Bowkett, the Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Public Health, to become one of the partner members of the NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board.

3. Powers of the Secretary of State on NHS Reconfigurations

As reported to the Committee on 18 May 2022, the Health and Care Act 2022 includes provisions requiring local health systems to advise the Secretary of State of any 'notifiable' reconfigurations of NHS services. The Secretary of State will be given powers to issue directions to local health systems, including a power to determine whether a given proposal should or should not proceed. Regulations and guidance, which would provide more detail, including the definition of a notifiable reconfiguration, have not been issued.

