


Agenda Item 7

		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:	13 July 2022
Subject:	Humber Acute Services Programme – Update

Summary:

This report provides the Committee with an update on the progress of the Humber Acute Services Programme. The previous update was considered on 15 December 2021, as part of an initial phase of pre-consultation engagement.

At the next meeting on 19 January 2022, the Committee approved a response to the pre-consultation engagement, which highlighted the importance of services provided by Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust.

Actions Requested:

The Committee is requested to consider the information presented and identify any further action.

1. Background

Hospital Trusts Involved in Humber Acute Services Programme

The Humber Acute Services Programme covers the services provided by two acute hospital trusts: Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLaG) and Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (HUTH). Two of the three main hospitals operated by NLaG are Diana, Princess of Wales (DPoW) Hospital in Grimsby, and Scunthorpe General Hospital, which between them are used by a significant number of residents in the administrative county of Lincolnshire. By way of an overview, for 2021-22 Lincolnshire CCG commissioned £51.2 million of acute hospital activity from NLaG, as part the CCG's baseline contract.

Update on the Programme

An update on the Humber Acute Services Programme will be presented by the following Representatives from the Programme Team:

- Ivan McConnell, Programme Director
- Linsay Cunningham, Associate Director Communications and Engagement

The Humber Acute Services Programme Update and Briefing (July 2022) are attached at Appendices B and C respectively.

Previous Committee Consideration

The Committee considered a presentation on 15 December 2021. The key points are summarised below:

- The case of change had been compiled in November 2019.
- The three parts of the programme are: the *Interim Clinical Plan*, the *Core Hospital Services* and *Building Better Places*.
- The *Core Hospital Services* element involves the development and appraisal of viable options for the following services:
 - urgent and emergency care;
 - maternity, neonatal care and paediatrics;
 - planned care and diagnostics.
- 4,000 patients, members of the public and staff had participated in an engagement exercise between February and May 2021.

On 19 January 2022, the Committee agreed its response to the pre-consultation engagement, which is attached at Appendix A. In summary, the Committee

- recorded its views on the likely impacts of any changes services on Lincolnshire patients;
- requested details of any patient flows for any services where reconfiguration proposals are developed;
- requested that other councils, such as East Lindsey District Council, are alerted to the consultation; and
- sought updates on the outcomes for capital funding bids of £700 million, which would include funding for a new Scunthorpe General Hospital.

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Arrangements

A joint health overview and scrutiny committee is being established in the North Yorkshire and Humber Integrated Care Board area. Councillor Carl Macey has been appointed to represent this Committee on the joint committee.

3. Consultation and Conclusion

The Committee has recorded its intention to submit a response to the planned consultation on any service changes arising from the Humber Acute Programme, which affect Lincolnshire residents.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Letter from Councillor Carl Macey, Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire to the Ivan McConnell, 19 January 2022
Appendix B	Humber Acute Services Programme Update (July 2022)
Appendix C	Humber Acute Services Programme Briefing (July 2022)

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

Dear Mr McConnell

**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,



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