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Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	18 January 2023
Subject:	Chairman's Supplementary Announcements

1. Information Requested Previously

Hawthorn Medical Practice - 9 November 2022

- (i) <u>Access to Appointments</u> The Care Quality Commission's (CQC's) inspection report referred to around 700 to 800 appointments per week in the practice, compared to the 1,200 appointments that would be expected in the Hawthorn Medical Practice, if a national calculation is used. The NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Board (ICB) has stated that General Practice Access data rates Hawthorn as 'amber' for the number of appointments per 1,000 patients; and 'green' for percentage of same day appointments provided. The level of appointments available has been affected by vacancies at the Practice and there is recruitment planned for a pharmacist and a GP locum. The ICB states that the practice is not a significant outlier for appointment numbers.
- (ii) <u>The Hawthorn Action Plan for the CQC</u> The CQC does not usually release action plans into the public domain, and this is again the case. For the action plan we have queried with the CQC if they are happy to release this, but it is usually not made public. The ICB states that it is, together with the Lincolnshire Local Medical Committee, supporting the Practice to make the required improvements. Satisfactory and steady progress is reported against the Practice's improvement plan.

The CQC is due to undertake its re-inspection of the practice during February 2023, and the inspection report will be circulated to the Committee as soon as it is available after this date.

2. Expansion of NHS Mental Health Services – Children and Young People

On 9 January 2023, it was announced that Lincolnshire's NHS Mental Health Support Teams would be expanding. New teams, operated by Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT), are set to launch in Spalding and the surrounding area from September 2023; and in Grantham and Sleaford from January 2024. These teams are additional to the existing teams in Lincoln, Gainsborough, Boston and Skegness.

The service works in collaboration with Lincolnshire County Council and the NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board to promote positive mental health for children and young people and help them to get the right support. Mental Health Support Teams complement existing services for children and young people such as the *Kooth Online Counselling Service, Healthy Minds Lincolnshire* and *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services*.

The text of the announcement included feedback from a student, who had accessed support from the one of the existing Teams, who stated: *"It felt like a safe space to come to that I could rely on each week. It has given me a different way to look at things."*

More information Mental Health Support Teams and other NHS services for children and young people in Lincolnshire, can be found at www.lpft.nhs.uk/mhst