


Agenda Item 5

		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 by Michelle Harris, Chief Operating Officer,
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust**

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	15 February 2023
Subject:	United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust – Planned Care: Recovery and Restoration Update

Summary

The Committee has requested an update from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) on its progress with the recovery and restoration of planned care.

It is planned that this report, including the information from ULHT is set out in Appendix A, will be presented by Andrew Morgan, ULHT’s Chief Executive, and Michelle Harris, ULHT’s Chief Operating Officer.

Actions Requested

The Committee is requested to note:

- (a) the improvements and pace of delivery for the patients of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust waiting more than 78 weeks, as per the direction of the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care; and
- (b) the Trust’s plan to eliminate waits of more than 65 weeks for elective care by March 2024, in line with the NHS’s *2023/24 Priorities and Operational Planning Guidance*.

1. Background

Previous Committee Consideration

On 18 May 2022, the Committee considered a report on the elective recovery plan of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT), as part of an item which had also included the ULHT's response to the most recent inspection report from the Care Quality Commission. The report also referred to recovery planning across the Lincolnshire Health system and referred to a series of ambitions, which included the delivery of 104% of elective care compared to pre-pandemic levels; the elimination of 104 week waits by June 2022, with a target of eliminating 78 week waits by 1 April 2023; and developing further use of community diagnostic centres in Lincolnshire.

Recent Developments

In the last few weeks, national instructions have been issued to all acute hospital trusts in England that all patients waiting over 78 weeks will have an outpatient appointment and a first definitive treatment by 31 March 2023.

ULHT's current position is that we will meet this instruction by the end of March 2023 by internal increases in capacity and in partnership with the independent sector. ULHT is supporting each of our services to restore to pre-Covid-19 capacity from an outpatient and theatre capacity profile.

ULHT has also been put forward to create an elective hub based on the Grantham and District Hospital site and has also embarked on a second community diagnostics centre in Boston.

All of these measures will restore full capacity to meet the complete recovery of ULHT's waiting list position and build further resilience into moving ever closer to the 18 week RTT [*Referral to Treatment*] standard.

The presentation attached at Appendix A to this report details the position as at end of December 2022, in terms of waiting size, recovery trajectories and current position as of 1 February 2023.

From April 2023, the new target will be that no patient will exceed a wait 65 weeks; and that by the end of March 2024, that no patient will be waiting greater than 52 weeks.

ULHT are just modelling the recovery of our 65weeks position as per the national target declared in January.

2. Consultation

This is not a direct consultation item.

3. Conclusion

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4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached to this report:

Appendix A	Planned Care: Recovery and Restoration (United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust)
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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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