

Agenda Item 4

 Lincolnshire COUNTY COUNCIL <i>Working for a better future</i>		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

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	17 May 2023
Subject:	Chairman's Announcements

1. **House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee – Inquiry into NHS Dentistry**

The House of Commons Health and Social Care Select Committee has been conducting an inquiry into NHS dentistry. On 25 April 2023, Sarah Fletcher, the Chief Executive Officer of Healthwatch Lincolnshire (HWL), provided oral evidence to the Committee. Sarah Fletcher stated that HWL received comments from patients each day on the lack of NHS dentists in Lincolnshire, and comments on dental services represented at least 50% of the feedback received by HWL.

Sarah Fletcher referred to travel as a major challenge in Lincolnshire; and the need for more NHS dentists, as well as the possible prioritisation of certain groups, such as pregnant women, children and young people, cancer patients, people with long-term health conditions, and people with disabilities. In addition, health inequalities were exacerbated by the costs of NHS dental treatment. Sarah Fletcher also referred to the centre for dental development in Lincolnshire, and the importance of recruiting and retaining dentists in the county.

The full transcript of this evidence session is available on the Parliament website at: <https://committees.parliament.uk/oralevidence/13045/pdf>

2. **Andrew Morgan, Chief Executive of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust**

On 4 May 2023, Andrew Morgan, the Chief Executive of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT), announced that he would be leaving his post in March 2024. He has stated that he has worked in the NHS since 1982, during which he has been a chief executive officer of eight different organisations, and has been the Chief Executive of ULHT since July 2019.

Andrew Morgan has been a regular presenter on behalf of ULHT at this Committee, and prior to 2019 on behalf of Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust, where had served as Chief Executive from 2014 to 2019.

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