

# Agenda Item 6

		<b>THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE</b>	
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	<b>Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire</b>
Date:	<b>14 June 2023</b>
Subject:	<b>Chairman's Announcements</b>

## 1. Membership of the Committee

Following the recent district council elections, there are six new district council representatives on the Committee, whose names are listed on the front page of the agenda. All new members, together with their named replacement members, have been offered training on the Committee's role and ways of working.

## 2. Grantham and District Hospital: Urgent Treatment Centre and Integrated Community and Acute Medical Service

NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) has approved a proposal from United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust (ULHT) and Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust (LCHS) for the Urgent Treatment Centre and Integrated Community and Acute Medical Services at Grantham and District Hospital. Under the arrangements:

- ULHT will run the Urgent Treatment Centre Service; and
- all aspects of the Integrated Community and Acute Medicine Service will be delivered through a collaboration between ULHT and LCHS.

The ICB has added that this means that Grantham will retain a local team with local knowledge for both services. Both ULHT and LCHS are working on the delivery proposals to move into implementation of each of the service specifications as soon as possible. An item on the implementation of these arrangements has been listed for the Committee's next meeting on 19 July 2023.

### **3. The Government's New Hospitals Programme: Queen Elizabeth's Hospital at King's Lynn**

On 25 May 2023, the Government provided an update on its new hospitals programme, which focused on five hospitals, originally constructed with reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete. One of the five, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital at King's Lynn, provides services to patients in the Holbeach, Long Sutton and Sutton Bridge areas of the county. Reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete is lightweight concrete with a limited lifespan, after which it deteriorates significantly.

Queen Elizabeth's Hospital already shows signs of its structural frailty, as there are currently 4,394 steel and timber support props in 56 areas of the hospital and four theatres cannot be used for reasons of safety. Regular surveys and maintenance are carried out to protect patients, staff and visitors. The hospital's structural integrity is not expected to last beyond 2030. The Trust states its building scheme is 'investment ready' and is confident in the delivery of a new hospital by 2030.

### **4. NHS Lincolnshire Talking Therapies**

On 1 June 2023, Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) announced that its Steps2Change service would from that date be known as NHS Lincolnshire Talking Therapies. This followed a national rebrand of Improving Access to Psychological Talking Therapy Services (IAPT). With the tagline 'for anxiety and depression', the new name is intended to make it easier for people to understand what help and support the service offers and be consistent with similar services across the country.

LPFT stated that the only change people would see would be the new name - patients already accessing the service would not experience any difference to the care they were receiving. In addition, access to the service would also remain unchanged: anyone aged 16 and over and experiencing issues such as anxiety, depression and stress can self-refer on the Lincolnshire Talking Therapies website ([www.lincolnshiretalkingtherapies.nhs.uk](http://www.lincolnshiretalkingtherapies.nhs.uk)) or they can be referred to the service by their GP, or other health care professional.

Lincolnshire's Talking Therapies teams are based at nine locations across the county (Boston, Gainsborough, Grantham, Lincoln, Louth, Skegness, Sleaford, Spalding and Stamford). The teams include cognitive behavioural therapists, counsellors, interpersonal therapists and psychological wellbeing practitioners. Following a self-referral or referral, a patient receives a thirty minute assessment, after which the assessor agrees with the patient the best way forward – the type of treatment, or signposting to another service.