


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 on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	8 November 2023
Subject:	Humber Acute Services Review Programme

Summary:

On 25 September 2023, Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) launched a public consultation on proposals affecting acute hospital services at Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby and at Scunthorpe General Hospital. In terms of the relevant regulations, the Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the 'statutory consultee' for the purposes of this consultation. However, the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB has agreed to present details of the consultation materials to individual health scrutiny committees in the region. The consultation closing date is 5 January 2024.

Representatives from the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB will be in attendance to present on this item.

Action requested:

- (1) To note that the Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the statutory consultee for the purposes of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013.
- (2) To consider whether to make a response to the consultation as a 'non-statutory' consultee.
- (3) Depending on the decision in (2) above, to make arrangements for responding to the consultation, with a view to any response of the Committee being approved at its next meeting on 6 December 2023.

1. Background

The Humber Acute Services Programme is hosted by the NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) and has been reviewing the acute hospital services provided by Northern Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust (NLaG), and Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust. In addition to Goole, NLaG provides hospital services at Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby, and Scunthorpe General Hospital. Both these hospitals are used by Lincolnshire residents.

The scope of the review, which was reduced in July 2023, focuses on two main service areas at two hospitals: urgent and emergency care; and paediatric services at Diana, Princess of Wales Hospital, Grimsby, and Scunthorpe General Hospital.

2. Content of the Consultation

On 25 September 2023, the Humber and North Yorkshire ICB launched a consultation on acute hospital services at Diana Princess of Wales Hospital in Grimsby and Scunthorpe General Hospital. A consultation overview issued by the ICB in August is attached at Appendix A to this report. The consultation document, *Your Health Your Care – Let's Getter Better Hospital Care*, is attached as Appendix B. Other documentation is available at the following link: [Programme documents – Better Hospitals \(betterhospitalshumber.nhs.uk\)](https://www.betterhospitalshumber.nhs.uk).

The consultation proposes consolidating the following hospital services at Grimsby:

- **trauma** – for people with injuries requiring specialist care and who might need observation by a trauma team;
- **overnight emergency surgery** – for people who need an emergency operation in the middle of the night or who need to stay in hospital overnight and be looked after by teams with surgical expertise;
- **some inpatient medical specialities** – for people who need a longer stay in hospital (more than 72 hours) and need to be looked after by a specialist team for their heart, lung or stomach condition; and
- **overnight paediatric inpatient care** – for children and young people who need to stay in hospital for more than 24 hours.

It is proposed in the consultation that urgent and emergency care would continue to be provided at both Grimsby and Scunthorpe, including 24/7 accident and emergency departments.

3. Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 16 May 2022, the Humber and North Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership (on behalf of the Humber Acute Services Programme Team) wrote to the chief executives of five local authorities, including the Chief Executive of Lincolnshire County Council, seeking the establishment of a joint health overview and scrutiny committee to consider hospital reconfiguration proposals in the Humber area. The other four local authorities were the East Riding of Yorkshire, City of Hull, North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire.

The joint committee approach is required by regulation 30(5) of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013, which state that where an NHS commissioner is consulting with more than one local authority, those local authorities must appoint a joint overview and scrutiny committee for the purposes of the consultation. Once appointed, the joint committee would act as the statutory consultee for the purposes of the regulations.

In response to the NHS's letter, it was proposed that each council would appoint three members to a joint committee and on 27 September 2022 the meeting of Lincolnshire County Council approved its participation in the Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Scrutiny Committee, and appointed three members: Councillors Carl Macey, Tom Smith and Stephen Bunney. The first meeting of the joint committee took place on 17 October 2023, and the joint committee made its own arrangements to respond to the consultation.

4. Consultation

As stated above, the Lincolnshire and Humber Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the statutory consultee for the purposes of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013. This does not prevent the Committee from responding to the consultation as a 'non-statutory' consultee. The closing date for the consultation is 5 January 2024.

5. Conclusion

The Humber and Lincolnshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the statutory consultee for the purposes of the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny Regulations) 2013. The decision for the Committee is whether it wishes to make a response to the consultation as a 'non-statutory' consultee. If the Committee wishes to respond, it is requested that arrangements are made, with a view to the Committee's response being submitted for approval at its next meeting on 6 December 2023.

6. Appendices

These are listed below and attached to the report.

Appendix A	Humber Acute Services Consultation – Overview 17 August 2023
Appendix B	<i>Your Health Your Hospitals – Let's Getter Better Hospital Care</i> [NHS Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board – 25 September 2023]

7. 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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