



LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Councillor Wendy Bowkett, Executive Councillor for Adult Care and Public Health and Chair of the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Steering Group

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	5 December 2023
Subject:	Ageing Better

Summary:

The partnership arrangement between The Centre for Ageing Better, Lincolnshire County Council, East Lindsey District Council and the Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership ends in July 2025.

The Lincolnshire Ageing Better Steering Group has considered how this work can be embedded into existing strategic frameworks for the future and secure ongoing commitment from wider stakeholders.

The ageing better work cuts across a number of the priority areas in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS for Lincolnshire), however, the strongest focus to date has been on Homes for Independence. The Housing Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) was established by the Health and Wellbeing Board to lead delivery against the Homes for Independence priority.

Incorporating the Ageing Better Steering Group with the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) to form the Housing, Health and Ageing Well Delivery Group would embed an ageing well lens to actions and plans across housing and wider related programmes.

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Consider the proposal to incorporate the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Steering Group with the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group to form the Housing, Health, and Ageing Well Delivery Group.
2. Subject to action 1, agree the draft Terms of Reference for the Housing, Health, and Ageing Well Delivery Group, subject to any minor amendments agreed by the new Group.

1. Background

In August 2020, Lincolnshire County Council (LCC), the Centre for Ageing Better, East Lindsey District Council (ELDC) and the Lincolnshire Enterprise Partnership LEP entered into a 5-year partnership agreement. The partnership aims to coordinate a strategic response to the opportunities and challenges of an ageing population, raise ageing as a strategic priority, and take joint action to improve later lives for those in the county and beyond.

This work is co-ordinated by the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Steering Group (LABSG), chaired by Cllr Wendy Bowkett. The governance structure connects the partnership directly into the Health and Wellbeing Board, through representation and links to several of the priorities.

Activities in Lincolnshire reflect the partnership priorities including homes and housing, work and employment, tackling ageism, and driving engagement with the Age Friendly Communities approach.

With 18 months remaining on the partnership MoU agreement and the Strategic Partnership Manager post becoming vacant from August 2023, the LABSG has considered how best to embed this work within the existing wider strategic framework to further strengthen links and secure ongoing commitment from wider stakeholders.

The ageing better work cuts across all priority areas in the Health and Wellbeing Strategy; Homes for Independence, Carers, Physical Activity, Healthy Weight and Mental Health and dementia. The LABSG has made significant progress against its own homes and housing priority, including supporting the establishment of the Lincolnshire Good Homes Alliance and enabling Lincolnshire to contribute to Ageing Better's national Good Homes Inquiry. This led to a national model for a Good Homes Hub and provided valuable insight for the Lincolnshire Homes for Independence Blueprint.

The Housing, Health, and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) was established to deliver the Homes for Independence priority in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, with the aim of improving health and wellbeing through the home. Merging the Ageing Better Steering Group with the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group (HHCDG) to form the Housing, Health, and Ageing Well Delivery Group, would embed the ageing well lens to actions and plans across housing and health related and wider related programmes. It would also support wider collaboration and co-ordinated partnership working through the expansion of the HHCDG to include several additional partners.

The Terms of Reference for the HHCDG have been reviewed to incorporate the ageing well agenda and a new draft Terms of Reference is at Appendix 1. This includes oversight of the Ageing Better partnership MoU agreement until July 2025 to ensure a countywide approach.

2. Conclusion

As the partnership with the Centre for Ageing Better ends in 18 months, there is a need to ensure that the work of the LABSG endures and is embedded in the wider strategic framework to continue to support health and wellbeing. Extending engagement across all local authorities and developing connections into health and the community and voluntary sector have been a key focus to an aspiration of the LABSG from the outset.

Merging the Ageing Better Steering Group with the Housing Health and Care Delivery Group provides an opportunity to both ensure a continued focus on ageing well and the age friendly community approach with the added benefit of bringing together a broad range of partners and agencies, building on the importance of the health and care sectors.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Council, NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board and the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Partnership must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).

The ageing better work cross cuts all topics in the JSNA and of the JLHWS themes, including Homes for Independence, Carers, Physical Activity, Healthy Weight and Mental Health and Dementia. Many of the objectives relate to work based on bringing an ageing lens to plans and actions.

Merging the LABSG with the HHCDG supports the preventative and collective approach described in the JHWS.

4. Consultation

No formal consultation has been undertaken in respect of this report, however, the proposal has been shared with members of both the Lincolnshire Ageing Better Steering Group and Housing Health and Care Delivery Group.

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A	Draft Terms of Reference
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6. 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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