

Agenda Item 5

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD – 5 DECEMBER 2023 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Major Conditions Strategy – Ministerial Roundtable

On 6 November 2023, I attended a roundtable briefing with the Minister for Health, Will Quince MP on the Major Conditions Strategy. The session was arranged by the NHS Confederation to provide an update on the development of the strategy which will focus on six major groups of conditions: cancers; cardiovascular diseases, including stroke and diabetes; chronic respiratory diseases; dementia; mental ill health and musculoskeletal disorders.

This session was the last in a series of engagement events between NHS Confederation and the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC). It provided an opportunity for delegates to reflect on the proposals and raise any areas of concern with the Minister and senior staff from the DHSC. Specifically, the conversation reflected on the obstacles to delivery, and the conditions government need to create to empower local health and care leaders to deliver it.

Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report 2023 – Health in an Ageing Society

Professor Chris Whitty's [annual report](#) recommends actions to improve quality of life for older adults and prioritise areas with the fastest growth in older people. In the report the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) warns the UK faces an ageing crisis and healthcare must step in. People are living longer but some spend many of their later years in poor health. Based on projections, the elderly boom will be in rural, largely coastal areas where service provision is already challenged. The report states providing services and environments suitable for older adults in these areas is an absolute priority.

Much of the NHS's work is already caring for an ageing population, and that is set to increase. The fact that people are living longer compared to a century ago is 'a triumph of medicine and public health', however the emphasis now needs to be on quality, not quantity. The CMO recommends major action in two areas:

- Policies to reduce disease and disability and help people to exercise, eat well and stay fit.
- Making housing, transport, and other parts of the environment more elderly friendly, so people can live out their lives as independently as possible.

To help understand the local picture, the Director of Public Health Annual Report this year is focused on Ageing Better in Lincolnshire. A presentation on the report will be coming to the Board in March 2024.

Adult Social Care Services rated "good" by the Care Quality Commission

Lincolnshire was one of five local authorities that volunteered to be part of the pilot of the Care Quality Commission's new assessment process to assess how local authorities meet their Care Act duties and provide services. We were rated 'good' overall and were the highest rated, with all nine topic areas being awarded a rating of 3 out of 4.

The assessment by CQC highlighted the excellent support we provide for some of our most vulnerable residents in the county and showcased our great work. This has been a real team effort, with significant contributions from colleagues across the council and from our partners in the wider system.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating all of those involved.

Executive Director of Adult Care and Community Wellbeing

On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Glen Garrod for his support and dedication as a long-standing member of the Health and Wellbeing Board. In particular, I would like to thank him for leading the Better Care Fund. It is unfortunate that we don't have the opportunity to do this in person. It has been a pleasure working with you and we wish you well for the future.

I would also like to welcome Martin Samuels, who has been appointed our new Executive Director for Adult Care and Community Wellbeing. Martin brings considerable local government and health experience and has joined us from Leicester City Council where he was Strategic Director for Social Care and Education.

I'm sure you will join me in welcoming Martin to the Board.

NHS Oversight Framework

We are pleased to announce that at the Quality and Performance Committee (QPC) of NHS England on 14th November 2023, the recommendation that Lincolnshire ICB should transition from Segment 4 to Segment 3 of the NHS Oversight Framework and so no longer receive support from the Recovery Support Programme (RSP) was approved. Having now received formal notification of this decision, we would like to thank all of our colleagues and partners who have contributed to this significant progression and look forward to continuing this focus on improving health services in Lincolnshire.