

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 16 MAY 2014

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for
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Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board has been operating as a formal Board since 1 April 2014 and has held six formal and four informal meetings during this period. The partnership has agreed the proposals for the Better Care Fund, before submission to NHS England and will be considering the next phases of the Lincolnshire Health and Care (Sustainable Services) Review as it moves towards the implementation stages. Additional topics timetabled for review by the Board range from autism to safeguarding children. The Board during this time has developed a good, positive working culture, which has enabled the driving forward of solutions for issues identified within the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment through the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Big Society Fund

The Big Society Fund has been well received throughout the 2013/14 financial year, with Councillors making awards for funding to a variety of community projects of different sizes. Over 340 awards totalling £143,000 have been made supporting projects. The fund is continuing into the new financial year.

Examples of this year's allocation include

- £2,000 awarded to Holton-Le-Clay Multi-Educational Resource Centre to help with urgent repairs to the new village hall project.
- £1,750 awarded to Home-Start Gainsborough to fund three months running costs for 12 sessions between January and March 2014 for the weekly Family Group at Marshall's Sports Hall. The group offers outreach support to parents and children under five.
- £1,000 awarded to Louth Living Well Project to help fund a community event involving voice, dance and drama workshops and a final show for 200 young people aged 8 to 18 years.
- £400 awarded to Leasingham Church to help fund new kitchen and toilets so local community groups can use these facilities.
- £150 awarded to 2nd Woodhall Spa Brownies to help purchase books, equipment and badges for a Brownie residential event.

The Community Covenant Grant Scheme

The Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme, administered locally by the Council, has recently awarded grants to more than ten projects in Lincolnshire. The projects are varied, but will contribute towards the aims of the Armed Forces Covenant and bring local communities and armed forces communities together. In total, over £280,000 has been successfully drawn in to Lincolnshire projects in the last round of the scheme – a significant additional investment in local communities. Since the signing of the Lincolnshire Armed Forces Covenant in June 2012, the total amount of monies which have been awarded to Lincolnshire community groups stands at £673,056.

Projects are varied and include a park renovation project undertaken by Waddington Parish, a community garden scheme at RAF Scampton and an Armed Forces commemoration project by Lincoln Cathedral. These projects will contribute towards the aims of the Armed Forces Covenant and bring local communities and armed forces communities together.

Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme

The Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAS) has the overall purpose to provide assistance to Lincolnshire residents and help them to manage crises that will affect their health and wellbeing if they are not urgently addressed. As well as the provision of urgent support, Lincolnshire residents who request assistance from the scheme are put in contact with organisations who offer ongoing support to improve their resilience to unexpected problems in the future and so avoid the need for further support. The scheme works closely with partners including: Learning Communities; Citizens Advice Bureaux; Lincolnshire Credit Union and local food banks and community larders and has added a lot of capacity to existing third sector organisations.

By the end of February 2014, the scheme had received over 9,000 applications. There have been nearly 8,000 successful claims for items including food parcels, white goods, furniture and clothing. 134 LCAS customers have found work after receiving help and guidance through LCAS. Also, 1,114 LCAS customers have had benefits issues resolved as part of their application.

Lincolnshire Health and Care

Lincolnshire Health and Care (formerly known as the Lincolnshire Sustainable Services Review) Phase 2 has now been underway since February 2014, developing the blueprint which was agreed last year into a detailed design for a new model of health and care in Lincolnshire. This phase of the programme has involved talking with patients, clinical experts and front line staff in order to create a new model which will then go through extensive consultation with the residents of the county later this year. All commissioners and providers agree the current health and care system is not fit for purpose. Activity has focused around Care Design Groups, which have been running during April and into early May, in order to come up with a proposed detailed model. There has also been extensive stakeholder and public engagement to get input into design and test the emerging thinking.

At the time of writing this statement, this work was to be presented at a Care Summit on 8 May and progress reported back to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 9 May.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership

2012 Legacy Projects

LEAP – the Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme, has had great success this year with Jade Etherington achieving three silver and a bronze medal at the Sochi Winter Paralympics. This made her the most successful female British Winter Paralympian of all time, and the first Briton to win four medals at one Paralympics. As a result of her success, Jade was the British flagbearer at the Closing Ceremony. On her return, Lincolnshire Sport arranged an open topped bus tour of the city and a reception to celebrate her success.

Skegness windsurfer Robert York has been crowned Royal Yachting Association Youth National champion. As well as picking up the Youth National title, the 18 year old Skegness Academy student was announced as one of the 12 sailors who will represent Great Britain at the International Sailing Federation Youth Sailing World Championships 2014.

There are 35 elite athletes on the programme in 2014 and the project is funded by LCC and various other commercial and local partners.

Children & Young People

The Lincolnshire Winter School Games took place on 5 March at The Meres at Grantham. 1,000 young people took part and 200 young people supported as volunteers and officials.

We continue to support Primary Schools to develop and deliver quality PE and school sport through the Government's Primary Premium funding.

The Partnership is developing 10 Satellite Clubs, linked to community sports clubs in 10 secondary schools in the county.

Funding success

The Sports Partnership has been working with a number of other partners to secure both activity and facility funding. Through Sport England Community Activation fund they have had £187,000 to support coach development at Boston United FC, £250,000 in East Lindsey for a Health and Wellbeing project and £250,000 to support a project delivering activity in socially deprived areas of Lincoln.

Through Sport England Inspired Facility funding, we had 7 successful bids in this round (round 5), bringing the total on Lincolnshire to 31, with Sport England funding of over £1.7m.

Physical Activity

Healthy Walks statistics – there are now 90 weekly walks across the county.

- 2,910 individual walkers this year (12% increase on last year)
- 1,018 new participants.
- 219 active walk leaders, 34 new to the programme this year.
- 56 Health Professional Referrals
- 66 Active Walkers with a cancer diagnosis, 43 new this year.
- 6.3% of walkers come from most deprived areas, and account for 7.3% of all attendances
- 47,007 attendances, 6,621 of these attendances were new walkers
- 96.2% of Walkers are White British
- 72% are female, 28% male

Work Place Challenge

1,178 individuals from 194 workplaces have signed up to WPC, an online portal that measures activity. Since January 41,000 activities and 17,500 active travel trips have been logged, through active travel 11,260 kg of CO₂ has been saved.

The **Workplace Challenge Games** will take place on 22 May at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School. Teams of five will compete against other workplaces in Touch Rugby, Rush Hockey and Wheelchair Basketball.