

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 26 SEPTEMBER 2014

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Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board

The Board continues to consider the proposals for the Better Care Fund and Lincolnshire Health and Care. Following the initial submission for the Better Care Fund in April, the Department of Health issued further guidance asking for additional work to be done on the applications. The proposals were resubmitted on 19th September.

Work also continues to provide the Board with assurance that progress is being made to deliver the outcomes identified in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Two partnership workshops have been held and the first Annual Assurance Report will be submitted to the Board at its meeting on 30th September. In addition, over the coming months the Board will also seek to clarify the complementary roles and responsibilities between it and other bodies including Healthwatch Lincolnshire, Health Scrutiny Committee and the Safeguarding Boards, in order to strengthen effective working relationships and avoid duplication of effort.

The Better Care Fund (BCF)

Background

The approach taken in Lincolnshire to obtain consensus regarding the use of the Better Care Fund (BCF) in 2015/16 followed a route laid down by Government which was intended to see local submissions sign-off by Ministers in June 2014.

The original submission document (BCF Part 1 and 2) was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 25 March 2014 along with the agreed allocations in 2014/15 which were also detailed for the Health and Wellbeing Board on 10 December 2013. Both documents were also endorsed by the Executive of the County Council and the four Clinical Commissioning Groups.

The policy direction nationally for 2015/16 was changed however, in direct consequence of NHS concerns related to the allocation of funding (notably the NHS element of the £3.8bn) and whether this would deliver improvements and efficiencies required, notably in the acute sector. Subsequently, all CCGs were contacted direct by NHS England on 4 June requiring them to resubmit their 2 year plans, by 27 June, in light of concerns raised.

This meant that Ministers were not prepared to sign off BCF submissions in June and announcements were made to the effect that new BCF submissions would be required and a new deadline established. Revised guidance was issued on 25 July and the indicative deadline for resubmission of the BCF has been changed several times. On 28 July the Government advised Health and Wellbeing Boards that they were required to re-approve and re-submit BCF documents against a substantially changed BCF template by 19 September. The new deadline is expected to coincide with Minister's need to sign off agreed submissions by early October 2014.

The new template was issued by the Government on 4 August with some further amendments – notably to Part 2 up to the end of the month. This new document shifts the emphasis from pooled budget arrangements towards service developments that will deliver a substantial reduction in emergency admissions at acute hospital sites. The 'pay-for-performance' element which was originally part of the BCF was withdrawn and then re-introduced but only in relation to the performance expectations around emergency admissions. The performance measure also changed from 'avoidable' emergency admissions to emergency admissions, this materially increased the challenge for health and social care communities.

As with the previous BCF submission the 'early implementers' are unchanged although more have been added such as Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services: Neighbourhood Teams, Intermediate Care, 7 day working and 'Wellbeing'/prevention remain vitally important and form a strong link with the wider Lincolnshire Health and Care programme (LHAC). These are referred to as 'Schemes' in the new submission document.

In addition the new BCF template required a section to be completed by the Chief Executive (CEO) of the local Acute Trust to say they recognise and agree the expectations and performance targets set out in the BCF submission. Whilst the Acute Trust CEO is required to complete a section of the BCF it is the four CCGs and the County Council that remain the signatories along with the Chairman of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

We have recognised that there are considerably greater risks to this revised approach. Not least of these is that failure to achieve the desired performance against emergency admissions runs a risk that (on the expectations of officers) £3.75M of the £48M for Lincolnshire being redirected towards the acute sector if emergency admission targets are not met. This would reduce the ability of the BCF to support Adult Care, deliver against the requirements of the Care Act and, potentially undermine the shift of care from acute to primary/community as envisaged in (LHAC).

Governance

Officers from the four CCGs and Adult Care, largely constituted from the previous group that produced the first BCF submission, developed the new submission. The new submission was discussed and agreed by the Executive of the County Council on 2 September and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 11 September in time for submission on 19 September.

Lincolnshire Health and Care (LHAC)

Intensive work has taken place over the last 6 months through the LHAC programme to develop proposals which will improve the whole system of health and care in Lincolnshire. Commissioners and providers have come together with patient and carer representatives to work on the detailed design of a new model of health and care for Lincolnshire. This work was presented to over 200 people at a Care Summit in May and since then, further work has been ongoing to refine the various options and look in detail at various elements such as the IT, workforce and transport requirements. Over this period, the programme has engaged with over 12,000 people, which includes the staff, general public and those with a specific interest or

areas of expertise. This has ensured that the developing model reflects and responds to what people are saying they want and expect from services in the future.

The scope of the LHAC programme is both innovative and wide-ranging and our approach to whole system change is unique across the country. For this reason, a decision was taken by the Programme Board, which includes 14 health and care organisations in Lincolnshire, to test out the foundation of the new model, Neighbourhood Teams, through four early implementer sites. This will allow a greater understanding of the impact integrated community teams can have on health outcomes and, in particular, hospital admissions. This will provide the evidence to support proposals for any changes to hospital services which will require a full public consultation, likely to be some time next year.

The work to establish the early implementer Neighbourhood Teams in Skegness, Stamford, Sleaford and Lincoln City South is progressing well. These teams include professionals from a wide range of services – from social care and community nurses to GPs and therapists – who will work together with the voluntary sector and others in the local community to provide an integrated service that supports local people. These teams will come together to identify people with high level health and care needs and agree how their care can best be managed. The focus will be on ensuring that the right services are delivered at the right time and patients are supported to manage their own conditions.

The Neighbourhood Teams are already beginning to review individual health and care plans, as well as agreeing operational arrangements for working together effectively. In time, the teams will develop into seven day a week services for everyone in the community.

The latest developments in the programme, including feedback from the extensive engagement activity and a special area focusing on the progress of Neighbourhood Teams, are available to view on the website www.lincolnshirehealthandcare.org

Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAS)

The Lincolnshire Community Assistance Scheme (LCAS), which was previously delivered by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), has the overall purpose and scope to:

1. Provide assistance to Lincolnshire residents to manage unexpected problems that will affect their health and wellbeing if they are not urgently addressed.
2. Put Lincolnshire residents who request assistance from the Scheme into contact with on-going support organisations to improve their resilience to unexpected problems in future.

The scheme works closely with partners including: Learning Communities, Citizens Advice Bureaux, Lincolnshire Credit Union and third sector organisations. By the end of June 2014 the scheme had received

- over 11,000 eligible applications.
- 8,000 claims for food parcels.
- The majority of LCAS applications have been made due to issues around Benefits

- 167 LCAS customers have found work after receiving help and guidance through LCAS.
- 1,575 LCAS customers have had their benefit issues resolved as part of their application.

Universal Credit

Lincolnshire has been successful in an application to be one of only 11 trialling sites for the preparation for Universal Credits. The partnership bid was developed with West Lindsey District Council, City of Lincoln Council, North Kesteven District Council and Lincolnshire County Council. This is the only successful two tier bid.

The trial began on 1 September 2014 for 12 months and will focus on developing a triage system to move people into or closer to work; digital access; personal budgeting support; partnership working; data sharing and co-location. The trial will be closely evaluated locally and nationally, to help inform national roll out later. There is an expectation that 2,000 claimants will be supported.

The Big Society Fund

Allocation of grants for The Big Society Fund started well this financial year, slowing down recently during the summer break. To date, councillors have made 103 awards to a variety of community projects such as - installation of a community defibrillator; an event to celebrate 100 years of Brownies and a wheelchair for an indoor bowling club. Amongst the small amendments made to improve the processing of awards, councillors are now contacted to let them know when an award has been processed and how much they have remaining.

Total budget - £154,000

Amount Allocated - £42,815

Amount remaining - £111,185

Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant – Partnership & Grant funding

The Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant Partnership held its annual event in July attended by a variety of partner organisations such as Town, Parish and District Councils, Armed Forces Charities, voluntary sector organisations, Councillors and representatives from all three armed forces.

A presentation delivered at the event by the regional MOD Armed Forces Community Covenant Grant Scheme lead, recognised Lincolnshire as an 'exemplar' partnership due to the strength of the partnership; the establishment of sub groups covering Housing, Veterans and Families; and the great success of applications to the grant scheme which had secured £600,000 of MOD funds for 25 community focused projects being delivered across Lincolnshire. Endorsed by the local Partnership, these successful projects have levered in a further £425,000 in match-funding, bringing the total amount of funding brought in to Lincolnshire to £1,025,000. The variety of projects such as play parks, community films and support for an RAF Heritage centre all contribute towards the aims of the Armed Forces Community Covenant bringing local communities and armed forces communities together.

Lincolnshire Sports Partnership (LSP)

2012 Legacy Projects

LEAP – the Lincolnshire Elite Athlete Programme, is now recruiting for the next cohort of athletes for the 2015 programme. Applications went out in July and the application process will close on the 10th of October. There are 35 elite athletes on the programme for 2014 and the project is funded by LCC and various other commercial and local partners.

Children & Young People

The Lincolnshire Summer School Games took place on 9 July at the Castle Academy and Yarborough Leisure Centre. There were 750 participants from 90 schools. The event also utilised 150 young leaders and ambassadors.

The Lincolnshire Show in June featured a 'come and try' session in the Sports Zone and saw over 4,500 participants, mainly children, try a new sport. They were also given information on their local community clubs.

Physical Activity - Exercise Referral - 101 out of 103 GP practices referred into the scheme in 2013/14 (up from 86 in 2012) with 4,664 referrals made last year. Completion rates have reached a record high of 70%.

Two **Village Games** pilot sessions were held at North Scarle and Witham St Hugh's in July. The local community were able to try a number of different sports. Approximately 75 people took part at North Scarle and 140 at Witham St Hugh's. We hope to use this as a model to engage communities all over the county next year, we are looking for funding.

Funding success

- The Sports Partnership is working with a number of other partners to secure both activity and facility funding. They have been successful in an application to Macmillan Cancer Support for £223,000 for a two year pilot project to support cancer patients' recovery using physical activity across Lincolnshire.
- Through Sport England School Spaces they achieved 7 successful applications amounting to £210,000.
- They have applied for £9.5K for pre-feasibility funding for Sudbrooke Drive CC from Social Investment Business/Locality. The next stage is to plan the £100K application for feasibility funding. The Partnership is also working with Lincolnshire Community Foundation to secure £1m for the refurbishment of the facility, and will then be applying to Sport England for £500,000.
- There have been two rounds of Access LN6 grants – Kit it grants awarded £2,019; Community Grants awarded a total of £7,248.
- LSP supported Lincoln City Council with developing project management procedures to manage the £249K Community Sport Activation Fund project.

They are also working with Active West Lindsey Group to develop a physical activity bid for Gainsborough of £250,000.

- Inspired Facilities bid on behalf on North Hykeham Town Council for the development of a community sports pavilion