

## **COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 20 FEBRUARY 2015**

**Statement from: Councillor Mrs S Woolley, Executive Councillor for  
NHS Liaison, Community Engagement**

### **Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

In December, the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (the Board) agreed a process for allocating the remaining money in the Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund. The Fund was established in 2008 under a Section 256 agreement between the County Council and NHS Lincolnshire to support projects and initiatives which improve the health and wellbeing of the people of Lincolnshire. As a result of the changes in the health system, a new Section 256 agreement has been signed between the County Council and all four Clinical Commissioning Groups giving the Board responsibility for allocating the remaining £1.3 million. Applications to the fund will be considered at the Board meeting in March.

Also in March, the Board will be asked to review the draft Operational Plan 2015/16 for each of the Clinical Commissioning Groups to ensure they meet the needs identified in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and align to the priorities in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). There is also a requirement for the Board to endorse the Section 75 arrangements for the Better Care Fund.

### **Better Care Fund (BCF)**

The Better Care Fund (BCF) was introduced late in 2013 by the Government to encourage health and social care integration through pooled budgets, shared services and shared performance.

In Lincolnshire, the value of the BCF in 2015/16 will be £53.2M. There were many changes to the national policy surrounding the funds during 2014, for example, there have been changes to the language, performance requirements and, to the guidance provided. However, the level of ambition locally has remained consistent, which is to bring a substantial sum of health and social care spend together. As such the 'pooled' arrangements in Lincolnshire for next year is aimed at £197M in total – so the BCF is only a part of our approach and we are one of only five Council areas in the country with such a level of ambition.

It is of course necessary for Members to remember that the Government has only allocated BCF funding for one year – the new Government will have to decide what happens in 2016/17 – and, it is not new money. A significant proportion of the £53.2M is from the NHS to 'protect adult social care' but is drawn from existing expenditure.

The BCF has been the subject of considerable negotiation overseen by the four Clinical Commissioning Groups' Governing Bodies and the County Council's Executive and is required to be agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board along with the Area Team from NHS England.

I am pleased to say that the Lincolnshire Better Care Fund submission to the Government has been approved and that there is agreement on the funding allocation between the Council and NHS colleagues to protect adult social care and help with the implementation of the Care Act. In order for the funds to be allocated,

officers are now working on a suitable legal agreement as required by Government that has to be signed off by all parties before 1 April.

Throughout the process, officers have worked hard to ensure the BCF work has been closely aligned to Lincolnshire Health and Care (LHAC) and this will continue to be the case. This will mean we can bring together the BCF with our own local and overlapping programme, LHAC.

Members of the Adult Scrutiny Committee, the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Executive will continue to oversee the programme and receive ongoing reports concerning performance related to a reduction in non-elective admissions and progress overall.

### **Lincolnshire Health & Care (LHAC)**

#### **Current Position**

Eight Neighbourhood Team sites covering 370,756 patients (48.2% of current GP registered population in Lincolnshire)

The focus of NTs has been on the most vulnerable people in the community. The next steps will address wider, population based identification of those most at risk.

Neighbourhood teams consist of key health and care professionals, consisting of: GP, Social Worker, Community Nursing, Community Psychiatric Nurse and Independent Living Team. Work is underway to enhance links to the wider community services available e.g. St Barnabus, Age UK, Care Providers, Carers and District Councils.

#### **Key Milestones**

By 31 March 2015, we hope to have:

- Identified all Neighbourhood Team boundaries in Lincolnshire
- Identified a clinical lead for all Neighbourhood Teams
- Identified the core team

#### **Case Study:**

Mrs X, a 75 year old lady who has been admitted into hospital 15 times over an 18 month period. Although she has a respiratory condition, she has demonstrated only mild medical symptoms. After a joint assessment, a community nurse and social worker established that Mrs X needed a care package which addressed a social isolation issue. As a result of the services put in place Mrs X has not been admitted back into hospital.

### **The Councillor Big Society Fund**

Allocation of monies from the Councillor Big Society Fund has continued to increase steadily following the Christmas break. At the time of writing this statement, Councillors have made 225 awards to a variety of community projects such as The Lincolnshire Live Poet Laureate Award contest, the Lincoln Ukulele Band and The Foxdale Equine Assisted Learning Centre. I would like to take this opportunity to remind colleagues to submit any outstanding application forms for this year's allowance as soon as possible and by 31 March at the latest. Only in exceptional circumstances will any unspent funds be carried forward into the new financial year

and any request must be made in writing to the Big Society Fund e-mail address and include specific details of the organisation, project and amount involved.

### **Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant – Partnership & Grant Funding**

The Lincolnshire Armed Forces Community Covenant Strategic Partnership has grown in strength with all three Armed Forces and Family Federation Services now represented. As part of the strategic work, the partnership has requested all councils and associated organisations to ensure that their Corporate Business Plans reflect the armed forces community, including veterans who live and work within Lincolnshire. The third Annual Conference is scheduled for Wednesday 8 July 2015.

Securing £624,649 of MOD funding (not including the above) for 28 projects leveraging in a further £645,190 of match funding, the Lincolnshire Community Covenant Grant scheme has brought a total of £1,269,839 into Lincolnshire over two years.

### **Bomber Command**

The application for Bomber Command has now been progressed with the applicant organisation being awarded £150,000 from the Community Covenant funding stream. The award of the monies is dependent upon the organisation being successful in obtaining other funding (10 streams) by July 2015. Should any of the streams not be successful, Lincolnshire County Council as the administrator, must return the monies to MOD Nottingham.

### **Lincolnshire Sports February 2015**

#### **Communications**

A new **Activity Finder** portal has been launched on the website, thanks to support from the County Council. This provides information on activities in your local area. All partners are currently populating it and in the first 2 weeks over 500 activities have been added to the portal.

#### **Children & Young People**

The first **Sainsbury's School Games** for 2015 will take place on Wednesday 4 March. To extend the offer and inclusion of sports in the winter there will be 3 days of events in March, seeing an additional 12 competitions taking place.

#### **Funding**

The Partnership has just topped the £2m mark for the 36 successful Sport England **Inspired Facility** bids.

**Workplace Challenge** - 1800 people from over 200 companies have already signed up to the Workplace Challenge 8 week log. A monthly programme of corporate games to ensure workplaces stay involved following the initial challenge is ongoing.

The **Macmillan Get Active Feel Good** programme was launched in January and staff are now out working in the network. A good flow of participants is anticipated with some cancer Clinical Nurse Specialists ready to refer patients they know would benefit from the programme.

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