



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	South Holland District Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Thursday, 2 March 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire Report
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To provide South Holland District Council with an update following the latest meeting of the Health Scrutiny for Lincolnshire Committee
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	N
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	N/A
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Councillor Glynis P Scalese
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	N/A
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	N

#### **SUMMARY**

This report is provided in accordance with Standing Order 5 of Part 4A (Procedural Standing orders) of the Council's Constitution which states that written reports will be received from Councillors who represent the Council on outside bodies. Reports will normally be for information only, however, members may recommend that a matter be considered or investigated by officers and that the investigating officers be asked to submit a further detailed report.

Councillor Scalese is SHDC's representative to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire.

This report is provided for information purposes only, and members are requested to note it.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the report be noted

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To provide members with an update following the latest meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire, in line with the requirements of the Council's Constitution.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- Not to note the report; or
- To note the report and request that a matter be considered or investigated by officers, and that the investigating officer submit a further detailed report.

## **Health and Scrutiny Report**

### **Details of the Health and Scrutiny report for Ashley House Grantham**

- On 12 October 2022, the committee considered a report which detailed the NHS rationale for its preferred option of permanently closing Ashley House as an inpatient rehabilitation unit and reinvesting the resources into the community rehabilitation service.
- The committee concluded that the proposal did not substantial service change or development in health service provision.
- The intended consultation dates were 9 January – 17 March 2023.
- The consultation documents would be circulated to the committee when available.

#### Actions required:

- To consider and comment on the consultation on the proposed service charge at Ashley House in Grantham
- To agree a draft response would be prepared for the committee's comments at the 18 January 2023 meeting
- Ashley House is a 15 bedded low dependency mental health rehabilitation unit sited in Grantham. It has been temporarily closed since 10 February 2021, the staff redeployed to support the opening of Ash Villa (adult female mental health service), and the temporary expansion of community rehabilitation service during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Since the closures, all patients requiring low dependency rehabilitation have either been treated at Ashley House twin unit at Maple Lodge in Boston or by the community rehabilitation services, which may also require elements of support from adult social care services.
- Prior to its temporary closure, since October 2018, Ashley House was operating below 100% occupancy.
- More patients will be supported out of hospital, in less restrictive environments.
- More patients will be cared for closer to home and in their own communities, reducing travel for many patients, their families, and carers (73% of these patients had previously been in Ashley House)
- The increased capacity of community rehabilitation could enable a reduction in the number of patients placed, many of which would be out of the area as more beds are freed up locally in the rehabilitation pathway.

### **Northwest Anglia NHS Foundation Trust.**

Restoration recovery update and progress on Clinical Strategy for Stamford and Rutland Hospital site:

- Route to full restoration of the services was prioritised in the following order;

- Urgent, and cancer patients.
  - Long waiting patients
  - Routine patients
- As part of an approach to safe re-start of services, the Trust took a holistic approach, including assessment of cumulative backlog as well as appreciation of unmet demand in the community. The trust also restarted the Minor Injuries Unit at Stamford from 1 October 2021. Since recommencing this service, the unit sees an average of 32 patients per day.
- Staff health and wellbeing
    - Additional support has been provided via mental health first aiders and occupational health.
    - Counselling, quiet spaces and psychologist support is available along with a wide range of local and national NHS resources.
- Stamford and Rutland site strategy
    - The Stamford and Rutland Hospital is an important site in the Northwest Anglia NHS Foundation Trust, where integrated care is provided for people living mainly in South Lincolnshire, Rutland, and Peterborough districts.
    - The trust has worked with clinicians in the NHS to develop a clear vision to meet the needs of the South Lincolnshire and Rutland population, by working with community providers to deliver low complexity care at home in a calm environment.

### **Lincolnshire Dental Strategy**

- Oral health is a vital and integral part of health and wellbeing.
- Despite this, oral disorders consistently feature in the top ten causes of Years Living with Disability across England, highlighting the considerable impact poor oral health has on general health and wellbeing.
- Within Lincolnshire there is evidence of stark oral health inequalities affecting the local population, with the most recent national dental survey of 5-year-old children's teeth, showing that 39.3% of 5-year-olds in Boston are experiencing dental decay, compared to 15.3% in West Lindsey, against a national average of 23.4%.
- As well as highlighting the link between social deprivation and poor oral health outcomes, the most recent rapid Oral Health Needs Assessment for Lincolnshire (2022) demonstrates the West/East divide in Lincolnshire in relation to childhood tooth decay, where deprived coastal communities experience poorer oral health and access to care services than their peers who live in the west half of the country.
- While ongoing challenges with the national NHS dental contract and its future reform in better meeting the oral health needs in today's society are out of local control, the system and place-based commissioning of dental services, using novel flexibilities in service provider contracts, offers a real opportunity to improve dental services provisions, addressing inequalities and inequitable care by focusing on our most disadvantaged and underserved places and people.

**APPENDICES**

None

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

**CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT**

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council Body.

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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