

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**11 December 2023**

**Present –**

Councillor Waltham MBE (Chairman), J Allen, Cllr R Hannigan, V Lawrence, A Lee, D Lee, A Mushtaq, K Pavey, Cllr J Reed, A Seale, R Smith, D Wildbore

The Council met at Conference Room, Church Square House, 30-40 High Street, Scunthorpe.

**538 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, inviting them to introduce themselves.

**539 SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no substitutions.

**540 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS**

Alex Seale declared a personal interest as Chair of the Humber Acute Services Executive Oversight Group.

**541 TO APPROVE AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD HELD ON 2 OCTOBER 2023**

**Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board, held on 2 October 2023, be approved as a correct record.

**542 FORWARD PLAN AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The Director – Operations confirmed that the Forward Plan was up to date, with all relevant future business scheduled for discussion.

**Resolved** – That the situation be noted.

**543 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from members of the public.

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544 **HUMBER ACUTE SERVICES PROGRAMME CONSULTATION - PRESENTATION AND CONTINUED DISCUSSION WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE INTEGRATED CARE BOARD.**

The Chairman welcomed Ivan McConnell, Alastair Smith, Dr Linsay Cunningham, and Dr Andy Lee to the meeting. The Chairman reminded the Board that the Integrated Care Board (ICB) had been asked to provide further information on nine key areas, as part of the ongoing consultation on the Humber Acute Services Review. These were:

- Proposals for an elective clinical hub in North Lincolnshire,
- The potential for a joint, integrated workforce plan,
- Community Investment Proposals,
- Seeking the views of primary care professionals on the proposals,
- Scunthorpe General Hospital - Capital Spend Requirements and actions,
- Infrastructure Optimisation (esp. the Ironstone Centre, but also other sites),
- Ambulance and Patient Transport provision arising from the proposals to centralise services,
- Travel planning for carers, families etc.
- Further discussion on inpatient paediatric care.

Ivan and colleagues provided a detailed presentation on the above in response to the issues raised by the Board at their meeting in October 2023.

The Chairman led a discussion on the above issues, expressing concerns about a lack of progress on a joint health and care workforce plan based on 'place'. Ivan stated that a plan was in place, but that it was not as full or detailed as it could be. A joint 'place plan' was highlighted as an area for multi-agency development, overseen by the Board.

Board members asked questions around ensuring that commissioned services included an element of 'social values' and were provided by local people.

The Chairman asked a number of questions about capital investment at Northern Lincolnshire & Goole NHS Foundation Trust's (NLG) three main hospital sites. Given the disparity in levels of need, the Chairman pressed ICB representatives on the requirement to provide more funding to Scunthorpe General Hospital. Ivan described the annual budget and how risk was evaluated, and discussed opportunities to develop a new, more logical model of capital expenditure. Other Board members discussed the urgency of implementing this model, given the situation. Ivan committed to circulating the three-year Capital Plan to the Board.

The Board then discussed the proposed elective hub, due to be built in central Scunthorpe. Ivan provided an update on preparatory work and an indicative timetable, and the Board held a discussion on the potential for the

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hub and existing facilities at the Ironstone Centre, to transform some primary care services in North Lincolnshire. The potential impact of a community-based facility on future acute care provision was also discussed.

The Chairman led a wide-ranging discussion on other aspects of the proposals, with Board members asking questions about ambulance provision and handover delays, mental health, patient pathways, funding, and transport. The Chairman expressed some concerns that clinicians and other key stakeholders may not agree with the proposals, with Dr Lee responding accordingly. Alastair confirmed that the impact on ambulances and patient transport arising from the proposals could be handled using existing resources.

The Chairman summarised that, based on the discussion, there were a further seven items that the Board would either receive a report in due course or would maintain an oversight of development. These were:

- to maintain an oversight of the development of a joint health and social care workforce plan for North Lincolnshire,
- to receive a future update about the development of an elective care hub in North Lincolnshire and to maintain an oversight.
- to receive a report on continued development of NHS services delivered in the community.
- to receive a report on future capital spending at local hospitals, to ensure that funding for Scunthorpe is prioritised, given the level of risk. Also, the implications on hospital sites of moving funding from acute to community care.
- to receive a future report on 'shared social values' and how these are built into commissioning plans etc.
- to receive a future report on infrastructure optimisation, and
- to meet with mental health commissioners and providers to discuss childhood mental health issues.

Finally, the Chairman requested a short extension to the ICB's deadline, given the Board's future meeting dates.

**Resolved** – (a) That Ivan McConnell, Dr Linsay Cunningham, Dr Andy Lee and Alastair Smith be thanked for their attendance and contribution, (b) that the presentation and situation be noted, (c) that the above seven actions be scheduled at appropriate times for future discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board, (d) that a draft response from the Board to the consultation be prepared for future consideration; and (e) that a formal request for an extension to the consultation period be submitted to the ICB.

**545 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING - 15 JANUARY 2024, 2PM**

The Chairman confirmed that the next scheduled meeting of the Board was at 2pm on 15 January 2024.

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**546 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT BY  
REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH MUST BE SPECIFIED.**

There was no urgent or additional business. The Chairman wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy New Year.