



# The Contributor

**Say hello to the latest opportunities to have your say and get involved with your local NHS**

## This weeks hot topic!

### **Decision reached on future of nuclear medicine service in Lincolnshire's hospitals**

The Trust Board of United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust has made a decision on the future of the county's nuclear medicine service, following a 14-week public consultation.

The decision was made to move the service from being delivered at three hospital sites to be run from just one site at Lincoln County Hospital in the future. This reflects long-running challenges around staffing, ageing equipment and the sustainability of the service.

Nuclear medicine is a specialist imaging technique involving the administration of radioactive substances (called radiopharmaceuticals) in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. At present, around 2,500 patients a year receive these very specialist tests at Lincoln County Hospital, Pilgrim Hospital in Boston and Grantham and District Hospital.

The future of the service was subject to an extensive public consultation exercise, which ran from Monday 28 February 2022 to Monday 6 June 2022 and attracted almost 1,000 responses.

This consultation and review was undertaken due to safety and staffing issues within the service, which service leads felt was unsustainable across three sites, and which would provide greater benefits to patients and resilience if delivered from just one site.

At a meeting last week, the ULHT Trust Board fully considered the findings of the consultation, as well as subsequent increased staffing challenges within the service, which enabled them to make the final decision.

ULHT Chief Operating Officer Simon Evans said: "Nuclear medicine is a very specialist service that requires specialist expertise and equipment. We have recognised that the service is unsustainable in its current form, and the decision made as a Board will enable us to continue to provide a high quality of service to the patients of Lincolnshire.

"We believe that this decision will enable us to continue to provide an effective, robust service to patients, and should even provide us with opportunity to further expand the service and bring new treatments into Lincolnshire."

A full staff consultation will now be undertaken with affected staff across the service, and a comprehensive implementation plan drawn up to make the change that has been approved and to determine the timescales involved.

For full details on the service, the public consultation findings and the considerations taken, please see our [Public Trust Board paper](#).



## Have your say!

### See our current surveys

If you would like any of the below surveys in an alternative format, or would like help in completing the forms, please email the Engagement Team at [licb.involveus@nhs.net](mailto:licb.involveus@nhs.net)

- **IMPROVING HOW WE PRESCRIBE MEDICATION IN LINCOLNSHIRE**

We want to particularly hear from you if you take medication for your mental health, severe long-term pain or multiple medications for a range of different health conditions. If this describes you then please go to [www.lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/your-health-and-services/improving-medication-prescribing](http://www.lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/your-health-and-services/improving-medication-prescribing) to read more about our review of prescribing or [Complete the survey](#)

- **EXPERIENCES OF USING NHS SERVICES**

Have you or someone you cared for recently used NHS services?

We would like to hear from patients and groups from all communities, towns and villages across Lincolnshire to help us understand your experiences in using NHS services. [Complete the survey](#)

- **COMMUNITY DIAGNOSTIC CENTRES PATIENT EXPERIENCE SURVEY**

We are currently exploring how future diagnostic services could be delivered across Lincolnshire and are seeking your views and experiences. In particular we want to gather feedback on your experiences of the service you received and what changes you would like to see in the future.

Tell us about your experience if you have attended one of the following services: MRI, X-Ray, CT scan, Blood tests, Blood pressure monitoring, ECG, Echocardiogram or Non-Obstetric Ultrasound.

[Complete the survey](#)

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## Have your say!

### **Public Primary Care Commissioning Committee Meeting** **Wednesday 19th October 2022 11.15am-12.30pm**

The Committee has been established to enable the members to make collective decisions on the review, planning commissioning and procurement of primary care services within the ICS area under delegated authority from NHS England. The role of the Committee shall be to carry out the functions relating to the commissioning of Primary Medical Services section 83 of the NHS Act.

We welcome patients and the public to these meetings to offer local people a first-hand opportunity to see how we are working to improve health services in Lincolnshire. These are not public meetings in the normal sense but they are meetings held in public. The main difference is that the public are entitled to come along and listen to the discussion, but they are not able to take part or ask questions during the formal meeting.

The meeting will also be held virtually as a Live Event on Microsoft Teams and a recording posted on our website after the meeting for those who were unable to attend.

[Click here to join the meeting via Microsoft Teams](#) – Wednesday 19th October 2022

Members of the public will be able to submit questions by completing the [PCCC meeting questions proforma](#). Once completed please submit the form electronically to Ms Sarah Bates, ICB Deputy Board Secretary at [s.bates@nhs.net](mailto:s.bates@nhs.net) by **no later than 5.00 pm on Tuesday 18th October 2022**.

[Download meeting agenda and papers](#) (all agendas and papers will be published as soon as they are available ahead of the meeting)



## Partner activities and events

### **Skegness and Mablethorpe Community Connections Event**

Thursday 17th November, 11am-4pm at The Storehouse Skegness, North Parade, Skegness, PE25 1BY  
Come and meet local services who will be sharing and celebrating work ongoing in your local community. Including Health, Social and Community partners from the Skegness and Coastal area.  
Free tickets available via Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/438889288677>

For more information about the event or professionals wanting to book a stand please contact [helen.kennedy9@nhs.net](mailto:helen.kennedy9@nhs.net)

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### **Veterans and Families Open Day**

Wednesday 26 Oct 2022, 10am-3pm at Drill Hall Sobraon Barracks Burton Road, Lincoln LN1 3PY  
The aim of the open day is to have a 'one-stop-shop' for veterans and their families to come along, have a brew and see what services are available, both locally and nationally.  
Free tickets available on Eventbrite -

[Veterans & Families Open Day Tickets, Wed 26 Oct 2022 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

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### **Veterans and Their Families Coffee Morning**

Monday 7th November, 10am-12pm at Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ  
For more information, please contact [Sue.padbury@teamparishoflouth.org.uk](mailto:Sue.padbury@teamparishoflouth.org.uk) or via phone 07734370873

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### **Warm Space @ The Wellbeing Hub**

Tuesdays (starting from 25th October), 9.30am-12.30pm at The Trinity Centre, Eastgate, Louth, LN11 8DJ. Refreshments available plus light bites. For more information, please contact [Sue.padbury@teamparishoflouth.org.uk](mailto:Sue.padbury@teamparishoflouth.org.uk) or via phone 07734370873

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### **Alford Hub - Winter Support**

In addition to all our normal services Alford Hub can support you in your home this winter in the following ways - Winter warmth packs, Free mobile phone sims, Money saving options from water and energy suppliers, Information and support, Wellbeing and Outreach calls for the elderly and the isolated, Referrals to statutory and national voluntary services and Information on local Warm banks.  
For more information, please contact 01507 464901 (Monday - Friday 9am-12pm) or

[alfordhub@gmail.com](mailto:alfordhub@gmail.com)



## Covid and Flu Vaccinations

### Lincolnshire pop-up vaccination clinics

For further details please visit - [Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) vaccinations in Lincolnshire](#)

### Booster Vaccines

If you're eligible, you can pre-book your COVID-19 booster appointment. Book or manage a booster dose of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine at <http://ow.ly/LtuE50GLero>

### Flu Vaccines

Many adults, most children and all pregnant women are eligible for a free flu vaccine. Find out who is eligible and where you can get the flu vaccine at [www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/wintervaccinations)

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## Hot off the press

[Improving how we prescribe medication in Lincolnshire - Lincolnshire ICB](#)

[Make sure you top up your immunity by having covid and flu vaccinations this winter - Lincolnshire ICB](#)

[World Menopause Day | 18 October 2022 - Lincolnshire ICB](#)

[Get ready for winter with your vaccinations - by CEO Maz Fosh :: Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust](#)

[LCHS staff graduate from University of Lincoln :: Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust](#)

[Finalists announced for NHS community staff awards :: Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust](#)

[Stepping into the NHS becomes easier with local trust becoming the main provider of apprenticeships in Lincolnshire :: Lincolnshire Community Health Services NHS Trust](#)

[Lincolnshire hospitals enjoy Indian Celebration Day - United Lincolnshire Hospitals \(\[ulh.nhs.uk\]\(http://ulh.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

[COVID-19 patient thanks Intensive Care Unit Team for saving his life - United Lincolnshire Hospitals \(\[ulh.nhs.uk\]\(http://ulh.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

[Lincoln Cathedral chapel dedicated to the emergency services and NHS - United Lincolnshire Hospitals \(\[ulh.nhs.uk\]\(http://ulh.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

[Family thank hospital team for helping their son to have a vital heart scan - United Lincolnshire Hospitals \(\[ulh.nhs.uk\]\(http://ulh.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

[ULHT Staff Awards 2022- meet your winners! - United Lincolnshire Hospitals](#)

[United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust launches a new specialist cancer support service - United Lincolnshire Hospitals \(\[ulh.nhs.uk\]\(http://ulh.nhs.uk\)\)](#)

[Lincolnshire's NHS talking therapies service receives prestigious accreditation :: Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Trust \(\[lpft.nhs.uk\]\(http://lpft.nhs.uk\)\)](#)



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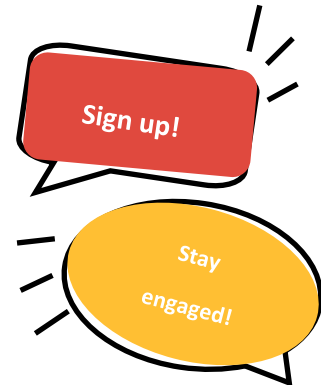
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