



# Integrated Care Board

## Board Meeting Bulletin | 25 July 2023

We are pleased to share the key agreements and updates from July's NHS Lincolnshire ICB Board meeting below, in accordance with our four core purposes.

The Chair thanked departing members of the Board, Maz Fosh and Simon Evans, on behalf of the Board for their significant contributions to the health and care system in Lincolnshire for the years that they have been a part of it. Andrew Morgan will now join as the partner member. Additions to the non-Executive Director (NED) roles were also shared; Margaret Pratt is now a substantive NED, with Sharon Robson joining as the Board's NED leading on quality and patient experience.

The Chief Executive updated regarding key activities within the NHS and Lincolnshire since the last Board meeting. These included the publication of the national NHS Long-Term Workforce Plan, the NHS75 anniversary celebration, and the publication of the report into the role of District Councils in Integrated Care Systems, within which Lincolnshire is cited as an area of good practice.

### 1. To improve outcomes in population health and healthcare

The Board was updated on activity that has been happening at Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT) to improve services. The opening of the Peter Hodgkinson Centre's two new acute wards in July was celebrated, as was the national award received by LPFT for their engagement approaches with service users.

Performance reports from a range of services were received. Notably there were positive updates on ambulance response times in the county, which continue to improve towards the national average. Our ambition to meet the national 28-day cancer Faster Diagnosis Standard (FDS) is expected in September, and we are reducing the number of people on the 78-week wait list for elective care. The impact of recent industrial action upon planned care activity (the need to cancel some procedures due to staff striking) was acknowledged, while ULHT's full compliance with all five elements of Saving Babies Lives v2 and all ten standards of the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts Yr4 across their maternity services was also praised.

### 2. To tackle inequalities in outcomes, experience and access

A presentation was received from Sandra Williamson, Director for Health Inequalities and Regional Collaboration, updating upon smoking cessation initiatives in the county, particularly the live projects linked to our maternity and mental health services. Strong early indicators of success were reported, with 50% of those offered support in the areas with the highest prevalence of smoking accepting support (Boston, Skegness and Spalding). The team is particularly proud to report that since the launch of the maternity 'Staar' programme, they have celebrated the first smoke-free birth, to a mother who successfully quit while pregnant with their support.

### 3. To enhance productivity and value for money

The Chief Executive updated the Board regarding his membership of the East Midlands ICB Joint Committee, confirming his lead status on clinical networks and local government liaison. A core objective of this committee is the joint approach to key objectives across East Midlands' ICBs, in order to capitalise upon knowledge and experience whilst reducing duplication and minimising associated cost.

The Director of Finance confirmed that the ICB remained on track to deliver the Quarter One financial plan, noting that this was significant as it ensured the system remained on track to meet the criteria to exit Segment Four of the NHS National Oversight Framework.

### 4. To help the NHS support broader social and economic development

The Board received an update regarding the NHS in Lincolnshire's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant, and were keen to commend ULHT for achieving the gold award. Achieving this, the highest standard available, demands a significant contribution and the Board were pleased to note that all other statutory NHS organisations in the county are rated silver - with the ICB recently achieving this status after only 12 months in existence - and were progressing well towards the gold standard.

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