

Freedom of Information Request – Ref 71889

Q1: Does NHS Lincolnshire ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS Lincolnshire ICS have an agreed Dementia Strategy (10-year plan) for its Mental Health commissioning priorities?

Response: Lincolnshire Dementia Strategy (2024 – 2029) is led by the ICS Dementia Transformation Lead (hosted by Lincolnshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (LPFT)) in conjunction with Lincolnshire ICS and Lincolnshire County Council, and is currently in development. An engagement strategy was circulated for feedback from the public and ICS from 9th September to 3rd November 2023. The final strategy will be released in January 2024.

Q2: If yes or partial in Q1, does this strategy include the commissioning of diagnostic pathways for Dementia conditions?

Response: The strategy doesn't/won't include any specific commissioning directives. It will state what functions/services etc. the system requires to meet the needs that will then be benchmarked and any gaps and decisions of how or if to progress with those prioritised by the system.

The strategy will include details regarding the pathways for Dementia conditions i.e. Alzheimer's, Vascular, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, and frontotemporal dementia

Q3: If yes or partial in Q1, does the strategy pertain to adults (65+) only, or is the strategy all-age?

Response: The strategy is all age and incorporates young onset dementia and prevention across the lifespan.

Q4: Does NHS Lincolnshire ICB have or intend to operate with a Lead Provider Model for the commissioning of its services (including diagnostic & treatment pathways) for Dementia conditions?

Response: LPFT are the lead provider for Lincolnshire's Memory Assessment Service.

Q5: If yes to Q4, what is the timeline for the implementation of a Lead Provider Model if it is not already in place?

Response: Not applicable

Q6: Does NHS Lincolnshire ICB and NHS Lincolnshire ICS have a Dementia Mental Health Provider Collaborative that oversees and/or advises on the clinical quality of the diagnosis of Dementia conditions?

Response: No

Q7: If yes to Q6, does this provider collaborative address outpatient community services?

Response: Not applicable

Q8: If yes to Q6, which organisations are involved?

Response: Not applicable

Q9: Within NHS Lincolnshire ICB, or NHS Lincolnshire ICS, or the Lead Provider of Dementia diagnostic services (if applicable), is there a Dementia Programme (system) Lead and/or Clinical Lead for Dementia conditions? What is their title?

Response: Dementia Transformation System Lead (LPFT), Clinical Director / Consultant Psychiatrist Older Adults (Clinical Lead for Dementia conditions) (LPFT)

Q10: Does NHS Lincolnshire ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS Lincolnshire ICS pool or align finances for the commissioning of its Dementia services (for example under Section 75, or Better Care Fund)?

Response: No

Q11: If no to Q10, do they intend to do so in the future?

Response: No plans to at this time.

Q12: Does NHS Lincolnshire ICB and its local authorities that are part of NHS Lincolnshire ICS commission either directly or indirectly through sub-contract arrangements independent providers for elements of their Dementia Diagnostic Pathways?

Response: Not currently

Q13: If yes to Q12, is this part of a waiting lists initiative to clear backlogs, or as part of partnership collaborative commissioning across local NHS Trusts & or independent providers?

Response: Not applicable.