

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET

**EXTENDING PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS WITH NHS NORTH
LINCOLNSHIRE**

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 The local authority works in partnership with NHS North Lincolnshire (NHS NL) to improve the health and well being of local residents.
- 1.2 North Lincolnshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board (The Board) functions specifically to ensure the services for people with learning disabilities and mental health needs work together through integrated structures and pooled budgets.
- 1.3 The Board recently reviewed its functions and proposed a new structure to extend integrated working and joined up commissioning to other adult services (specifically older people and people with disabilities); increase the level of service user and carer involvement with the establishment of citizen specific partnerships and to link more closely with the local strategic partnership ambitions.
- 1.4 Cabinet is asked to endorse the extension of the partnership arrangements, which are outlined in this paper.
- 1.5 Cabinet to agree that the North Lincolnshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board is wound up and replaced by the new arrangements.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The North Lincolnshire Sustainable Community Strategy sets out how partners will work together to address the economic, social; and environmental needs of the local population. The strategy has four key ambitions, this report is relevant to, Ambitions 3, *Individuals can see the difference* and Ambition 4, *Everyone works together for the benefit of the area*.

- 2.2 The Health Act 1999 removed all the obstacles to joined up working across health and social services. At this time both agencies were expected to join up their commissioning of services and integrate their budgets. Locally, this happened for people with learning disabilities and adult people with mental health needs.
- 2.3 The Board was established in 2002 to manage these two partnerships and this has been very successful. It is jointly chaired by Council Cabinet and NHS NL members and has chief executive representation.
- 2.4 The Board has recognised that this now needs extending to other vulnerable adult groups such as those with a physical disability or impairment and to older people.
- 2.5 The proposals include better arrangements for developing engagement with vulnerable adult groups and giving them a real voice. This will not only help both agencies, but also be available to the Local Strategic Partnership to engage with on the wider community strategy.
- 2.6 The council's Adult Social Services department and NHS NL have produced a revised structure proposal which is considered by both agencies to improve success in delivering joint commissioning (please see Appendix A).

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Option 1

- 3.1 The proposal is to give additional powers to the Well-being and Health Improvement Partnership (WHIP), to establish an Executive Strategic Commissioning Board and four Citizen Specific Expert reference partnerships.
- 3.2 The role of the WHIP would be to provide leadership ambitions for the well-being and health of the local population; to advise the wider LSP on commissioning priorities for improved health; to ensure good outcomes are being delivered to hold the statutory responsibility for financial governance and to hold the Executive Strategic Commissioning Board to account.
- 3.3 The role of the Executive Strategic Commissioning Board will be to ensure joined up commissioning for vulnerable adults; to provide leadership to the commissioning services in each agency; to manage the delegated budgets and to ensure robust partnerships arrangements exist to deliver effective outcomes to vulnerable adults.
- 3.4 The role of the citizen specific partnerships will be to engage with each client group and their families. To articulate for the commissioning board that citizen group's vision for their lives in North Lincolnshire and

what their needs are and to establish outcome based action plans to improve the life experience of people in the area.

Option 2

3.5 The alternative is to not pursue these revised partnership arrangements.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

Option 1

4.1 This option will considerably improve the way the council and NHS NL work together and will give service users and their families a better service.

4.2 The council's Partnership Governance Framework will be applied.

Option 2

4.3 There would be no development of services for older people and those with a disability. There would be no formation of citizen partnerships and therefore far less opportunity for people to have a say in their care.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

5.1 Financial implications – The terms of reference will ensure that the lead Cabinet Member retains accountability for the local authority budgets.

5.2 Staffing implications – staff from the Council and NHS NL will be expected to work together more closely.

5.3 Property implications – None.

5.4 IT implications – To look at sharing information using existing protocols.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

6.1 Statutory implications – The formal partnership agreement covering learning disabilities and mental health needs updating, the existing board will continue in shell form until this is complete.

6.2 Environmental implications - None

6.3 Diversity implications – a diversity impact assessment has been completed and is available.

6.4 Section 17 – Crime and Disorder implications - None

6.5 Risk and other implications - None

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION**

7.1 The existing board is fully supportive of this new structure; service users and carers have constantly said that they want to have more say and involvement in service planning.

7.2 The learning disability partnership board have been involved in this development and agree with the proposals.

7.3 The proposals are also being considered by the NHS NL board.

7.4 Trades unions have been consulted and are supportive of the proposal.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That Cabinet welcomes and endorses this new governance arrangement between the local authority and NHS North Lincolnshire.

8.2 To agree that the North Lincolnshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board is wound up and replaced by the new arrangements stated above and in Appendix A.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report

“Developing Improved Governance and Engagement for the joining up of Commissioning of Services/Solutions for Vulnerable Adults” - Paper presented to the North Lincolnshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board on 23 February 2009.

Appendix A

**Proposed Governance Structure for extending
partnership arrangements with NHS North Lincolnshire**

