

NEWSLETTER FORM DISTRICT DCllr Lucille Hagues JANUARY 2022.

UNITED LINCOLNSHIRE HOSPITALS TRUST

The trust for running the hospitals across Lincolnshire (ULHT) has declared an 'internal critical incident' due to the high number of staff currently off work.

Staffing levels have fallen drastically across local hospitals as more and more NHS workers are forced to self isolate due to Covid19.

In an internal Email which has now been published on social media, NHS United Lincolnshire said that the low number of available staff was leading to 'compromised care'

The situation is so bad that the trust has said it is considering 'standing down some areas of service' to ensure that it can carry out emergency care.

The hospital trust has yet to comment publically about the situation.

SUPPORT THE BOOSTER DRIVE

The NHS is inviting people to come forward for their Covid booster jab, to help themselves and others as well.

We've been asked to support the campaign to encourage people to get boosted, so here is some information you may find useful. There are messages helping out on social media channels regularly which are easy to share to re tweet, so please lend your voice.

The booster is available to those aged 18 or over, and those aged 16 or over who, for example have a health condition putting them at high risk of getting seriously ill from Covid.

You can get your booster at a number of places including:-

The Meres in Grantham, some community pharmacies and similar locations, and the Mass Vaccination Centres at PRSA in Boston and The Lincolnshire Showground.

You can book your booster by the NATIONAL BOOKING SERVICE or by calling 119.

GP practices are offering vaccination appointments and you can wait to be called by your local GP for one of these. Please do NOT contact your GP surgery without having been contacted first.

NORTH KESTIVEN LOTTERY

Saturday saw the third draw of the new North Kesteven Lottery. More than a 1000 tickets were sold for the latest week, and there were 22 winners.

1 X £250 (the highest cash prize won so far)

4X£25

17X 3 extra tickets

There are now 44 good causes. Why not see if any of the good causes fit within your village and to promote them to local residents?

This is now a weekly draw, and NK continue to promote the lottery on social media, so do please share the posts.

HELP FOR ROUGH SLEEPERS

Here is some useful information on the help available for rough sleepers across NKDC during the winter months in terms of there annual SWEP provision (severe weather emergency protocol) and other services.

The co-ordinated resource of Change4Lincs, NK's local Rough Sleeper Initiative, supports NKDC, SKDC, WLDC and SHDC, and supplies specialist services for those who may be street homeless or at risk of street homelessness.

The housing option team (NKDC) works in partnership with Change4Lincs to identify all those who may require emergency assistance and ensure this is made available together with appropriate advice and support in terms of the statutory homelessness duties that NKDC provide.

They aim to provide an emergency placement for any person with a local connection who may be sleeping rough, and where they are from another District, they offer support to reconnect them to appropriate services.

SWEP provision is an additional provision and is usually activated when weather is predicted to be zero degrees or below for three or more consecutive nights, or in extreme weather conditions as predicted by the MET office.

The provision under SWEP is also an offer of safe, suitable accommodation to any verified rough sleeper during this period. This is extended to those who have previously declined assistance or who have lost their accommodation through their own actions.

With these arrangements NK notify all relevant agencies such as Framework, NACRO, New Life Church, Police etc with regard to the provision available to ensure any rough sleepers who are not currently engaged with NK's services are referred to NK for emergency assistance.

Accommodation can be provided for any verified person who is claiming to be homeless with no place to stay and at risk of sleeping rough in North Kesteven, regardless of Priority Need.

NK's services will make contact with any individual they are aware of or who is referred to them, who is currently sleeping rough or without any form of accommodation to ensure that they have somewhere to stay.

NK will verify claim of homelessness (is there anywhere to stay/are family willing to accommodate for the period concerned)

If they have insufficient funds, arrange travel to a known place of stay.

NK will advise their Out of Hours Service to ensure any person seeking emergency accommodation out of hours is placed, until the next working day when they should contact the Housing Options Team for further investigation and assistance.

If there is any difficulty arranging accommodation with North Kesteven, they will secure options in neighbouring areas, i.e. Lincoln, South Kesteven and Newark.

They will ensure that any person affected has an access to food and shelter and an appropriate move on plan will be put in place.

These are short-term emergency provisions only but The Housing Options Team will ensure that individuals will be continually supported appropriately by their services to discuss the future options, housing needs and arrangements.

Should you have any concerns about an individual who may be rough sleeping, or wish to report the location of a rough sleeper, alert Change4LincsServices or the Housing Options Team to enable emergency contact. Of course the NKDC out of hours service is available should any individual require emergency assistance outside usual service hours phone 01529 308308.

Best Wish and a Happy New Year

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