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Local NHS service changes should be led by clinicians and be in patients' best interests. The NHS in Lincolnshire will consult fully as it continues to develop a service model to meet local need best.

The Government recognises that people in Lincolnshire have concerns about the Lincolnshire Health and Care review and its current proposals, but the reconfiguration of health services is a matter for the NHS locally.

**Any changes to local services should be led by clinicians and patients, not from the top down.**

It is for NHS commissioners and service providers to work together with patients and the public in bringing forward proposals that will improve the quality and sustainability of healthcare services.

Although this is a local responsibility, the Government has set out strengthened criteria that it expects NHS service changes to meet. Namely, they should have support from commissioners, focus on improving patient outcomes, consider patient choice, and be based on sound clinical evidence.

Local NHS organisations are working together on the Lincolnshire Health and Care programme to review the local model of care, including urgent and emergency care. The programme aims to ensure that the future provision of acute and community health services in Lincolnshire is financially

sustainable, and that all services are clinically viable and safe.

It is important to emphasise that no final decisions have yet been made. The programme board published its Case for Change on 29 June and a full public consultation on the proposals will take place later this year. Latest news on the programme and information on how local people can get involved can be found at <http://lincolnshirehealthandcare.org>.

Department of Health

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