

Health and well-being of older people



Home from Hospital

- Identify and map availability of schemes.
- Improve access to Home from Hospital support.
- Reduce readmissions to Hospitals.
- Increase independence and self confidence.

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Why was action required?

- The Home from Hospital Delivery Group was established following a Local Strategic Partnership Consultation event where residents, community groups and service providers raised concerns over patient discharge procedures from hospitals to home including the levels of support after initial discharge.
- The group aimed to prevent hospital readmission by providing District wide support in the community.

What did we do?

- Initially an East Lindsey based delivery group was established to look at the concerns with partners from Age Concern, Team Parish of Louth, Lincolnshire County Council, Lincolnshire Primary Care Trust, Order of St John Trust, Louth Voluntary Car Service, Red Cross, WRVS, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, Care Service Improvement Partnership and East Lindsey District Council reporting back to the Quality of Life for Older People Specialist Network
- The group quickly realised that a County wide solution was required as East Lindsey's residents access hospital services across Lincolnshire. Home from Hospital Scheme providers from across the County, worked in partnership to map out existing Home from Hospital schemes and identify common challenges, which included a shortage of volunteers.
- A referral pathway between the schemes was developed and best practice was shared to support individuals when they return home.

What were the results for our residents?

- A new easy procedure that enables East Lindsey patients to be referred into a Home from Hospital Service at the Counties hospitals.
- This year the WRVS Home from Hospital Scheme has supported 110 people to be discharged from hospital and less than 10% have required unplanned re-admittance to hospital whilst receiving support through the Scheme.
- The service is helping patients to return home and is helping to keep more beds available for other people who require medical treatment.

Where can I find out more information?

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