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<b>Meeting:</b>	Governing Body
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<b>Public/Private:</b>	Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>

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<b>Report Title:</b>	Joint Commissioning Committee Update
<b>Decisions to be made:</b>	To note

<b>Continue to improve the quality of services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Improve patient experience</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Reduced unwarranted variations in services</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Reduce the inequalities gap in North Lincolnshire</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Deliver the best outcomes for every patient</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Statutory/Regulatory</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>Executive Summary (Question, Options, Recommendations):</b>
This report is intended to update Governing Body members on decisions taken by the Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) at a meeting held on 16 February 2017.

<b>Equality Impact</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Sustainability</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Risk</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Legal</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Finance</b>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<b>Patient, Public, Clinical and Stakeholder Engagement to date</b>									
	<i>N/A</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Date</i>		<i>N/A</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>N</i>	<i>Date</i>
<b>Patient:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Clinical:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Public:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<b>Other:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

## Joint Commissioning Committee Update

1. The Joint Commissioning Committee (JCC) met on 16 February 2017 when the following items were considered:
  - **Improving Patient Access to General Practice** – The JCC considered recommendations contained in a recently published National Audit Office (NAO) report on improving access to general practice. There was general support from committee members for the recommendation about the urgent need to address both nationally and locally the lack of robust general practice demand and capacity data. Doubts were however raised regarding what appeared to be a lack of understanding by the NAO of how patients still have access to services provided by practices when branch surgeries are closed.
  - **Primary Care Finance** – In noting the projected prescribing overspend the JCC was informed that an investigation is being undertaken by the Medicines Management team into prescribing cost variances and it was agreed that the conclusions would be reported back to the committee.
  - **Market Hill Practice** – The JCC was informed of progress with the short term procurement by NHS England in respect of a contract for the provision of GP services at the Market Hill practice until 31 March 2018 which subsequent to the meeting was awarded to Core Care Links Ltd. The JCC then agreed to commence a consultation exercise with Market Hill patients and other interested parties on the long term future of the practice as a precursor to the JCC considering a further report containing recommendations on the contract form and service specification to be adopted for the re-procurement of the service from 1 April 2018 onwards.
  - **Proposed Kirton/Scotter Practice Merger** – The JCC was informed of the delay in commencing consultation on the proposed merger of the Kirton and Scotter practices due to the need to find solutions to cross CCG boundary complexities. It was noted that the two practices are currently operating as a combined partnership under two separate GMS contracts but it is hoped that a full merger can take effect from 1 July 2017.
  - **The Birches Medical Practice** – The JCC approved a request from the practice to formalise and fund the provision of additional space at the Ironstone Centre to accommodate the expansion of clinical services required to cater for the significant growth in patient list size that has occurred over recent years.

- **Barton Central Surgery** – The JCC noted that NHS England had rejected a request from the practice to fully fund notional rent in respect of additional space in its Barton and Goxhill premises. The committee also noted that the practice was seeking to restore services in Ulceby pending consultation on the future of its branch surgery provision.
- **2017/18 GP Contract** – The JCC was updated on changes to the GP contract due to be introduced on 1 April 2017. These include provisions to further expand access, to increase focus on the most vulnerable patients, to cover rising costs for practices in a number of key areas and to encourage GP retention. Altogether these measures involve additional investment of £238m with the transfer of a further previously earmarked £157m into core GP funding. The committee was also advised of the publication of the new voluntary Multispecialty Community Provider (MCP) contract.