| Date: | 14 th December 2017 | Report Title: |
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| Meeting: | Governing Body | Patient Story |
| Item Number: | Item 2.0 | |
| Public/Private: | Public 🛛 🛛 Private 🗆 | |
| | | Decisions to be made: |
| Author: | Chloe Nicholson | For information |
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| GB Lead: | Catherine Wylie | |
| (Name, Title) | Director of Quality & | |
| | Nursing | |
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| approval/signature | Engl | |
| (MUST BE SIGNED) | | |
| Date: | 6.12.17 | |
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| Continue to improve the quality of services | Improve patient experience | | |
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| Reduced unwarranted variations in services | Reduce the inequalities gap in North Lincolnshire | | |
| Deliver the best outcomes for every patient | Statutory/Regulatory | | |

Executive Summary (Question, Options, Recommendations):

The Patient Story for the NLCCG Governing Body meeting, to be held on 14th December 17, relates to a patient's experience of living with Motor Neurone Disease.

Motor Neurone Disease (MND) describes a group of diseases that affect the nerves (motor neurones) in the brain and spinal cord that tell your muscles what to do. With MND, messages from these nerves gradually stop reaching the muscles, leading them to weaken, stiffen and waste. MND can affect how you walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. Some people also experience changes to their thinking and behaviour. However, MND affects everyone differently. Not all symptoms will affect everyone, or in the same order. Symptoms also progress at varying speeds, which makes the course of the disease difficult to predict.

MND is life-shortening and, at present, there is no cure. Although the disease will progress, symptoms can be managed to help achieve the best possible quality of life. For further details on MND, please follow the link below to the Motor Neurone Disease Association website:

https://www.mndassociation.org/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMImoivsdXv1wIVzJQYCh0f2wq6EAAY ASAAEqIfE_D_BwE#

| Equality Impact | Yes 🗌 No 🗌 |
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| Sustainability | Yes 🗆 No 🗆 |
| Risk | Yes 🗆 No 🗆 |
| Legal | Yes 🗆 No 🗆 |
| Finance | Yes 🗆 No 🗆 |

| Patient, Public, Clinical and Stakeholder Engagement to date | | | | | | | | | |
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| Patient: | | | | | Clinical: | | | | |
| Public: | | | | | Other: | | | | |

Charles' Story:

Charles is 65 years old and he was diagnosed with MND in October 2014. He lives in North Lincolnshire with his wife, who is a nurse, and he has a daughter, who is also a nurse.

Charles was born in Scotland, near St Andrews and grew up on a farm. He served in the Army for 33 years; he was very active and enjoyed an athletics career whilst serving in the military. He ran 100m, 200m and 400m for the army and combined services; he also ran at county level and was the Army's 200m champion for 2 years.

Charles has an MBA Management Qualification and, following retirement from the Army, moved onto a career in Telecommunications, Project Management and Consultancy work.

He also loved long distance running, orienteering and skiing. He was skiing when he first noticed the signs that something was wrong, he started to fall over and couldn't get up and started to notice that he didn't have full control over his legs and started to lose power/ function in his muscles. He noticed that his physical abilities started to change, and he identified symptoms indicative of MND.

In light of his ailing health, Charles and his wife adapted their house, to suit his needs, at their own cost as Charles is not eligible for a Disabled Facilities Grant. Charles is now wheelchair bound, and is often in a lot of pain and discomfort, although he tries to manage these symptoms through gentle exercise and medication.

Following his diagnosis, Charles has helped out with MND global research projects and has supported the work of the MND Association. Examples of this include MRI scan research and EMG tests.

Charles is keen to support people that are living with and are affected by MND, and he suggests that the following should be prioritised by local health services:

- provide further support to carers
- provide further support to multi-disciplinary teams
- expedite the NHS procurement process
- review local patient transport services