

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Dr Tony Hill, Executive Director of Community Wellbeing and Public Health

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	30 September 2014
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (Draft)

Summary:

The provision of pharmaceutical services falls under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The regulations cover the production of this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The responsibility for producing the PNA is that of the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The PNA Steering Group has been leading the development of the PNA on behalf of the HWB and the draft PNA for Lincolnshire is attached at Appendix A to this report.

The regulations stipulate that the HWB must undertake a consultation on the contents of the PNA, who must be consulted and that the consultation must be a minimum period of 60 days. It is proposed that the 60 day consultation period for Lincolnshire's PNA runs from Monday 6th October 2014 until Thursday 4th December 2014. A copy of the proposed consultation plan for the draft PNA is also attached to this report at Appendix B.

Actions Required:

Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Agree the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.
2. Agree the consultation plan on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

1. Background

National Context

The provision of pharmaceutical services falls under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The regulations cover the production of this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), the application and decision making process for opening pharmacies and also details the terms of services for pharmacies, dispensing appliance contractors and dispensing doctors.

The responsibility for producing the PNA is that of the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) with NHS England having responsibility for the application process and the management of pharmacies compliance with their terms of service. The PNA informs the application and decision making process however NHS England ultimately have responsibility for approving or rejecting an application.

The regulations state that HWBs are required to publish their first PNA by **1 April 2015**.

Subsequently to this the HWB is required to publish a revised assessment within three years of the first assessment.

If the HWB identifies a significant change to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its PNA then it will be required to publish a revised assessment as soon as is reasonably practical.

However, if the HWB is satisfied that making a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes then it can, instead, issue a supplementary statement to its PNA detailing the changes which have occurred and specifying their decision that this change did not warrant a full revision of the PNA. Supplementary statements are a statement of fact which cover information about availability of services (not needs). Once issued a supplementary statement becomes a part of the PNA.

Relationship to JSNA

The development of PNAs is a separate duty to that of developing JSNAs as PNAs will inform specific commissioning decisions by local authorities (public health services from community pharmacies) and by NHS England and clinical commissioning groups. As a separate statutory requirement, the PNA cannot, therefore, be subsumed as part of these other documents but can be annexed to them.

Local Context

Historically the PCT in Lincolnshire established a PNA Steering Group to manage the process of developing, consulting upon and publishing the PNA. The PCT Board was responsible for signing off the PNA and Lincolnshire's PNA was first published in 2011.

Since the first PNA was produced the Steering Group has continued to meet in order to ensure that the PNA is up to date and that any supplementary statements to the main PNA are produced and published in a timely manner.

The PNA Steering Group, chaired by the Public Health Consultant with lead responsibility for health needs assessments, has been leading on the development of the PNA on behalf of the HWB and includes the following membership:

- Public health intelligence (Lincolnshire County Council Public Health)
- Contract management (NHS England, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Area Team)
- Prescribing (Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit, Prescribing and Medicines Optimisation Service)

2. Conclusion

The draft PNA for Lincolnshire is attached at Appendix A to this report.

3. Consultation

The regulations stipulate that the HWB must undertake a consultation on the contents of the PNA. They detail who must be consulted with by the HWB as part of producing the PNA and that the consultation must allow a minimum period of 60 days for consultation responses.

It is proposed that the 60 day consultation period runs from Monday 6th October 2014 until Thursday 4th December 2014.

A copy of the proposed consultation plan for the draft PNA is also attached to this report at Appendix B.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – 2015 (DRAFT)
Appendix B	Consultation Plan – Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – 2015

5. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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