

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	24 March 2015
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

Summary:

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has a legal requirement to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1st April 2015.

The consultation took place for a period of 60 days, from 6 October 2014 to 4 December 2014.

We have now completed a PNA assessment that:

- looks at the need for pharmaceutical services for the residents of Lincolnshire;
- describes the current services available within the county; and
- makes recommendations for the future provision of pharmaceutical services.

The PNA steering group is mindful of its continuing duties to the residents of Lincolnshire to monitor and review change in the pharmacy sector locally and will update the document accordingly going forwards. As an aid to this process, Healthwatch will be asked to formally join the PNA Steering Group, so any further work can continue to be firmly grounded in local residents' views.

Actions Required:

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- 1) Note the content of this report
- 2) Agree with and endorse the conclusions/ recommendations set out in the final PNA
- 3) Formally agree to publish the PNA

1. Background

From the 1 April 2013 the Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB).

National Context

In order to provide pharmaceutical services, providers (most commonly community pharmacists but also dispensing appliance contractors and GPs in rural areas) are required to apply to be included on a pharmaceutical list.

The first PNAs were published by NHS Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and were required to be published by 1 February 2011.

Local Context

Historically, the PCT in Lincolnshire established a PNA Core Group to manage the process of developing, consulting upon and publishing the PNA. The PCT held the responsibility to sign off the PNA and Lincolnshire's was first published in 2011.

The Core Group has previously had a critical membership of key staff to provide expert advice in relation to:

- Need (Public Health Intelligence/Health Informatics);
- Supply (Contract Management);
- Demand (Prescribing).

Previously, these roles all sat within the PCT, however, since the 1 April 2013 they now sit in different parts of the health care system as follows:

- Public Health Intelligence (Lincolnshire County Council Public Health);
- Health Informatics (Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit);
- Contract Management (NHS England, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Area Team);
- Prescribing (Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit, Prescribing and Medicines Optimisation Service).

The PNA Core Group continued to meet and operate in order to undertake the work necessary for the Board to publish its first PNA by 1 April 2015.

The PNA for Lincolnshire will continue to be managed on behalf of the HWB by the PNA Steering Group. This will include the ongoing legal requirement for the HWB to review the PNA, and issue supplementary statements, as and when required.

Publication

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.

2. Conclusion

Following this consultation, the final draft of the PNA is now presented to the HWB at Appendix A.

In line with the regulations, the PNA includes the full report detailing the consultation that was undertaken.

3. Consultation

The consultation opened on the 6th October 2014 for a period of 60 days. A SNAP (online) survey was created and published on the HWB web page. Over 250 formal letters were sent out to those identified in the regulations. A further email reminder was sent out near to the closing date to encourage more responses..

We extended this invitation to additional people, who were deemed appropriate for consultation. To ensure that the draft PNA was accessible to all, it was also published on the HWB webpage in an Easy Read format.

The volume of responses was low, however the content of those received were very detailed as expected.

All survey responses and written comments were read and considered by the PNA steering group. Any common themes were noted, and the responses were sorted into thematic groups accordingly.

The themes were then thoroughly discussed by the PNA steering group.

Consultation responses:

Type of response	Number of responses
Electronic	13
Hard Copy	5
Other	1

A more detailed list of responses can be found in the full report Appendix B

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
Appendix B	Lincolnshire PNA Consultation Report

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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