


Agenda Item 7

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
Boston Borough Council	East Lindsey District Council	City of Lincoln Council	Lincolnshire County Council
North Kesteven District Council	South Holland District Council	South Kesteven District Council	West Lindsey District Council

Open Report on behalf of Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	26 October 2016
Subject:	Lincolnshire Medicines Management Consultation

Summary:

This report is presenting the Lincolnshire Medicines Management Consultation to the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire for their views. The consultation is taking place between 4 October – 18 November 2016 and results will be reported to all four CCG Governing Bodies on 30 November / 1 December 2016.

Actions Required:

- (1) The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire is asked for their formal response to this consultation.
- (2) To make arrangements for responding formally to the Medicines Management Consultation, by establishing a working group, which would submit its response directly to the Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Groups by 18 November 2016.

1. Background

The four CCGs have a big financial challenge to meet in the short term. Whilst the NHS budget has increased, demand for health care has increased faster. Currently we are spending £38m more than our existing budget. We think the money we spend on items that are readily available over the counter might be better spent on treatments, staff and essential services that patients cannot get in any other way for the greatest benefit of patients.

A number of planned savings will come from the transformation of services to reduce complexity, waste and duplication, but in order to meet our challenging financial targets we have also had to look at reprioritising our services.

In line with our responsibilities we have reviewed the money we spend on prescribing certain medicines, treatments, products and food items. From this review we have identified a range of items currently available over the counter to buy either from the general retailers or community pharmacies that we are proposing to restrict the prescribing of in Lincolnshire.

The four Lincolnshire CCGs are asking for views on their proposals to restrict the prescribing of over the counter/minor ailment medicines used for short-term, self-limiting conditions, the prescription of gluten-free products, baby milk (including specialist infant formula) and oral nutritional supplements.

2. Conclusion

A robust programme of consultation is being undertaken with patients, the public, partner organisations and key stakeholders.

3. Consultation

We are asking Health Scrutiny Committee Lincolnshire for their views on the Medicines Management Consultation

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Medicines Management Consultation document and survey

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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