

## LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Tony McGinty, Interim Director of Public Health

Report to	<b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Date:	<b>5 December 2017</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018</b>

### **Summary:**

Completion of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory duty for Health and Wellbeing Boards to undertake at least every 3 years. Data contained within the assessment will be used to plan pharmaceutical services in the county to best meet local health needs.

The production of the 2018 PNA for Lincolnshire has commenced, and a draft PNA is being prepared to go to consultation between Monday 11 December 2017 and Saturday 11 February 2018. A final PNA is expected to be published by 1 April 2018.

### **Actions Required:**

1. To note the conclusions of the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)
2. To approve the draft PNA in preparation for consultation
3. To note that the consultation on a draft PNA for Lincolnshire is planned between 11 December 2017 and 11 February 2018
4. To receive an update on progress and the project plan timelines from the 'Lincolnshire PNA Steering Group' on the production of the 2018 Lincolnshire PNA

### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a report of the present and future needs for pharmaceutical services. It is used to identify any gaps in current services or improvements that could be made in future pharmaceutical service provision. To prepare the report, data is gathered from pharmacy contractors, dispensing GP practices, pharmacy users and other residents, and from a range of sources (commissioners, planners and others). The report also includes a range of maps that are produced from data collected as part of the PNA process.
- 1.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board delegated the work to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by 1 April 2018 to a PNA Steering Group and requested regular reports on its progress to the HWB.

- 1.3 The PNA Steering Group held its third meeting on 10 November 2017. At this meeting the draft PNA, prepared by an external expert resource Soar Beyond Limited, was presented and considered by the Steering Group.
- 1.4 The draft PNA 2018 was approved by the Steering Group on 10 November 2017 and is being presented to the HWB for approval. Pending approval, it will be made available for a mandatory 60-day consultation.
- 1.5 The results of consultation will be considered by the Steering Group at its meeting on 28 February 2018, and a final PNA produced with recommendation for the HWB to publish, at its meeting on 27 March 2018.
- 1.6 The final PNA must be published no later than 31 March 2018

## **2. Key considerations**

- 2.1 The PNA is factual document detailing provision of pharmaceutical services of a snapshot in time. It is *not* a commissioning document, but may be used in conjunction with other relevant documents such as the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Sustainability Transformation Plans for Lincolnshire to determine provision and need for future health services within Lincolnshire.
- 2.2 For the purposes of the analysis of the PNA, each district has been individually considered for pharmaceutical service provision, reviewing the health needs highlighted in each district including considering the influx of the population in certain districts due to tourism. See section 6.6 of the draft PNA for detailed analysis for each district.
- 2.3 The definition of “reasonable access” will vary across the county as there are differences between rural and urban areas. Lincolnshire is recognised as a large rural county therefore reasonable access to community pharmacies has been compared with access to other necessary amenities such as shops, post office, GP and dental practices, etc.
- 2.5 As Lincolnshire is bordered by nine other HWB areas, the population is not limited to accessing services just within Lincolnshire and will have access to pharmaceutical service providers in these neighbouring HWB areas. See Map C – Location of pharmacies located outside Lincolnshire, draft PNA.

## **3 Housing Growth Implications**

Several localities have been awarded up to £8 million as part of a national strategy for sustainable development. The PNA Steering Group will continue to monitor pharmaceutical service provision in specific areas within the locality where major housing developments are planned, to ensure there is capacity to meet potential increases in service demand.

## **4 Community Pharmacy Reforms**

- 4.1 Community Pharmacy has been subject to funding changes reflecting nationally driven policy developments. As part of the NHS’ need to deliver £22 billion in efficiency savings by 2020/21 the government has imposed a two-year funding package on community pharmacy.

- 4.2 These changes came in to effect from December 2016 and will have been implemented throughout 2017. Further details are available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-pharmacy-reforms>.
- 4.3 There is concern within Community Pharmacies about the potential impact of these changes however at the time of publication (1 December 2017) no definite detail has been provided and any changes to this situation and the subsequent impact on services will be considered post consultation should the need arise.
- 4.4 The data cut off point used for this PNA is 1 August 2017 therefore any changes made post this date are not reflected at this stage to avoid speculation about the impact of the government's changes on provision locally.

## **5 Scope of the PNA**

- 5.1 For the purposes of this PNA, 'pharmaceutical services' has been defined as those which are/may be commissioned under the provider's contract with NHS England
- 5.2 A PNA is required to measure the adequacy of pharmaceutical services (Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013) in the HWB area under five key themes:
- Necessary services: current provision
  - Necessary services: gaps in provision
  - Other relevant services: current provision
  - Improvements and better access: gaps in provision
  - Other services
- 5.3 Community pharmacies operate under a contractual framework agreed in 2005 which sets three levels of service (essential, advance and enhanced services) and for the purpose of this PNA necessary services are defined as essential and advance service. See Section 1.3.1, draft PNA

## **6 Conclusions**

### **6.1 Necessary services: current provision**

- No gaps have been identified in the provision of essential and advanced services during and outside of normal working hours across the whole HWB area.

### **6.2 Necessary services: gaps in provision**

- No gaps have been identified in essential and advanced services that if provided either now or in the future would secure improvements or better access to essential services across the whole HWB area.

### **6.3 Other relevant services: current provision**

- Based on current information no gaps have been identified in respect of securing improvements or better access to other NHS services either now or in specified future circumstances across the whole HWB area.

### **6.4 Improvements and better access: gaps in provision**

- No gaps have been identified in necessary services that if provided either now or in the future would secure improvements or better access to essential services across the whole HWB area.
- Comprehensive service reviews are required to establish if currently and in future scenarios, improvement of or better access to enhanced services across the whole HWB area would be appropriate, however this is out of the scope of the PNA.

## 6.5 Other services

- Based on current information no gaps have been identified in respect of securing improvements or better access to other NHS services either now or in specified future circumstances across the whole HWB area.
- Regular service reviews are recommended to establish if currently and in future scenarios locally commissioned services secure improvement or better access across all HWB localities, however these are out of the scope of the PNA

## 7. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Draft PNA
Appendix B	Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix A – List of Pharmaceutical Service Providers
Appendix C	Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix B – List of GP Practices providing extended hours services & corresponding community pharmacies
Appendix D	Lincolnshire 2018 PNA Project Plan

## 8. Background Papers

Document	Where can it be accessed
The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/contents/made</a>
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix C – PNA Steering Group Terms of Reference	<p>To access these documents before the start of the formal statutory consultation period contact <a href="mailto:hwb@lincolnshire.gov.uk">hwb@lincolnshire.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Once the consultation starts all these documents will be available to view on PNA Consultation page on the County Council's website.</p>
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix D – Public Questionnaire	
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix E – Pharmacy Contractor Questionnaire	
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix F – Dispensing Practice Questionnaire	
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix G – PNA Project Plan	
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix H – Engagement Plan	
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix I – Results of Public Questionnaire	
Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendix J – Results of Pharmacy Contractor Questionnaire	
Equalities Impact Analysis	

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