

Agenda Item 9

		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 Richard Wills,
Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	17 January 2018
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 – Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

On 8 November 2017 the Committee considered a report on the process for developing the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and established a working group to respond to the consultation questions in the draft Lincolnshire PNA. The consultation draft of the PNA was published on 11 December 2017 and the Committee's working group met on 19 December 2017. The working group's responses to the questions in the PNA are attached at Appendix A for the Committee's consideration. The consultation closing date is 11 February 2018.

Actions Required:

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire is requested to consider for approval the responses of the Committee's working group (Appendix A) to the questions in the consultation draft of the Lincolnshire PNA.

1. Background

As reported to the Committee in November 2017, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) sets out 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. In accordance with the

Health and Social Care Act 2012, the responsibility for developing and updating PNAs rests with Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs).

The first PNA was completed on behalf of the Lincolnshire HWB and submitted to NHS England by April 1 2015. The final version of the next PNA is due by 1 April 2018.

The Committee established a working group on 8 November, comprising Councillors Car Macey, Chris Brewis, Jackie Kirk and Robert Parker. The working group met on 19 December and considered the detailed documentation of the PNA, and drafted a response to the consultation questions, which are set out in Appendix A.

2. Consultation

The consultation on the draft PNA was launched on 11 December 2017, and the closing date for responses is 11 February 2018. The Health Scrutiny Committee established a working group to draft a response to the questions in the draft PNA; and the draft response of the working group is set out at Appendix A.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The PNA is undertaken in the context of the health, care and wellbeing needs of the local population, as defined in the Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The JSNA, as well as defining the needs of the local population, also identifies a strategic direction of service delivery to meet those needs, and commissioning priorities to improve the public's health and reduce inequalities. The PNA should therefore be read alongside the JSNA.

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) is guided by the JSNA and other relevant sources of information. The commissioning of services to address ill-health is informed by the JSNA. The PNA is informed by the JSNA.

4. Conclusion

The Committee is invited for consider for approval the draft response of the working group to the questions in response to the draft Lincolnshire PNA.

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire to the Consultation Questions in the draft Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

6. Background Papers

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DRAFT RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE LINCOLNSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Q1. The Lincolnshire draft PNA identifies that there are no gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services. To what extent do you agree or disagree that there are no gaps in pharmaceutical services in Lincolnshire?

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire tends to agree that there are no gaps in service provision. The Committee would like to make reference to the extension of GP opening hours, as part of the national GP Forward View initiative, and how these extended hours would ideally be reflected in an extension of the opening hours of local pharmacies.

- Q2. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the other conclusions contained within the draft PNA regarding the provision of pharmaceutical services in Lincolnshire?

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire tends to agree with the other conclusions contained within the draft PNA regarding the provision of pharmaceutical services in Lincolnshire.

- Q3. In your opinion, how accurately does the draft PNA reflect how pharmaceutical services are currently provided in Lincolnshire? (See Section 3, Section 4 and Section 7 of the draft PNA).

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire believes that moderately accurately reflects how pharmaceutical services are provided in Lincolnshire.

- Q4. In your opinion, how accurately does the draft PNA reflect the current pharmaceutical needs of the people of Lincolnshire?

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire believes that the draft PNA 'moderately accurately' reflects how pharmaceutical services are provided in Lincolnshire.

The Committee is aware of that the scope of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is limited to essential services provided by community pharmacists, and services such as the provision of advice to patients on minor ailments falls outside its scope. The Committee would like to emphasise the importance of advice provided by pharmacists on minor ailments, as a means of preventing pressure on GP surgeries and accident and emergency departments.

Q5. In your opinion, how accurately does the draft PNA reflect the future pharmaceutical needs of the people of Lincolnshire over the next three years?

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire believes that the draft PNA 'moderately accurately' reflects the future pharmaceutical needs of the people in Lincolnshire.

The Committee would like to reiterate its statement in response to question 4, emphasising the importance of advice provided by pharmacists on minor ailments, as a means of preventing pressure on GP surgeries and accident and emergency departments.

The Committee has been assured that the development of the PNA reflects future housing developments.