

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Derek Ward, Director of Public Health

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	27 March 2018
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018

Summary:

Completion of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory duty for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) 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 consultation has now concluded and the final 2018 PNA for Lincolnshire has been prepared and approved by the steering group on 27 February 2018. The final PNA needs to be approved by the HWB and published by 1 April 2018.

Actions Required:

1. To approve the final PNA for publication by 1 April 2018.

1. Background

- 1.1 The PNA 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 As reported to the Board in December 2017, the PNA Steering Group has been delegated responsibility for developing the document on behalf of the HWB. The PNA Steering Group held its fourth meeting on 27 February 2018. At this meeting the final draft of the PNA and the results of the consultation, prepared by an external expert pharmacy resource (Soar Beyond Limited), were presented and considered by the Steering Group.
- 1.3 The final draft PNA 2018, as shown in Appendix A, was approved by the Steering Group on 27 February 2018 and is being presented to the HWB for approval. Pending approval, it will be made available for publication on 1 April 2018.

2. Community Pharmacy reforms

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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>.
- 2.3 There is concern within Community Pharmacies about the potential impact of these changes however at the time of writing (27 February 2018) 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.
- 2.4 The data cut off point used for this PNA is 27 February 2018 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.

3 Statutory Consultation

- 3.1 As required by the Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013, Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) held a 60-day consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) from 11th December 2017 to 11th February 2018.
- 3.2 The draft PNA was hosted on the Lincolnshire Council website and invitations to review the assessment and comment were sent to a wide range of stakeholders, including all community pharmacies in Lincolnshire. A number of members of the public had expressed an interest in the PNA and were invited to participate in the consultation, as were a range of public engagement groups in Lincolnshire as identified by Lincolnshire Council and Lincolnshire Healthwatch. Responses to the consultation were possible via an online survey, paper or email.
- 3.3 A total of 18 responses were reviewed at the Steering Group meeting held on 27 February 2018 and some changes made to the draft 2018 PNA, as a result. A Summary of Consultation responses and Consultation Report can be found in Appendices B and C.

4 Conclusions

Following the consultation, the conclusion remains the same as the approved draft report

4.1 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.

4.2 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.

4.3 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.

4.4 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.

4.5 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

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire 2018 PNA
Appendix B	Summary of Consultation responses
Appendix C	Consultation report

6. Background Papers

Document	Where can it be accessed
The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Report to the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board, 5 December 2017	http://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s20376/Lincolnshire%20Pharmaceutical%20Needs%20Assessment%202018.pdf
PNA 2018 Appendix A – List of pharmaceutical service providers in Lincolnshire	To view a copy of the these appendices prior to formal publication please contact hwb@lincolnshire.gov.uk
PNA 2018 Appendix B – Extended hour GP practices and corresponding community pharmacies open during these hours	
PNA 2018 Appendix C – PNA Steering Group Terms of Reference	
PNA 2018 Appendix D – Public Questionnaire	
PNA 2018 Appendix E – Pharmacy contractor questionnaire	

PNA 2018 Appendix F – Dispensing Practice questionnaire	
PNA 2018 Appendix G – PNA Project Plan	
PNA 2018 Appendix H – Consultation Engagement Plan	
PNA 2018 Appendix I – Results of the public questionnaire	
PNA 2018 Appendix J – Results of the Pharmacy Contractor questionnaire	
PNA 2018 Appendix K – Results of the Dispensing Practice questionnaire	

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