

## LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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

Report to	<b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Date:	<b>29 March 2022</b>
Subject:	<b>Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022</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. Due to Covid-19 the requirement to republish the PNA in March 2021 was suspended. 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 2022 PNA for Lincolnshire has commenced, and a draft PNA is being prepared to go to consultation between Tuesday 19 April 2022 and Monday 19 June 2022. A final PNA needs to be published by 1 October 2022.

### 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 Tuesday 19 April 2022 and Monday 19 June 2022
4. To receive an update on progress and the project plan timelines from the 'Lincolnshire PNA Steering Group' on the production of the 2022 Lincolnshire PNA.

### 1. Background

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 including commissioners and planners. The report includes a range of maps produced from data collected as part of the PNA process.

The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) delegated the work to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by 1 October 2022 to a PNA Steering Group and requested regular reports on its progress.

The PNA Steering Group held its third meeting on 15 February 2022. At this meeting, the draft PNA, prepared by the University of Lincoln, was presented and considered by the Steering Group.

The draft PNA 2022 (presented in Appendix A) and associated Appendices (Appendix B) was approved by the Steering Group on 4 March 2022 and is being presented to the HWB for approval. Pending approval, it will be made available for a mandatory 60-day consultation between Tuesday 19 April 2022 and Monday 19 June 2022. To allow for bank holidays and weekends Lincolnshire's consultation will last for 63 days.

The results of consultation will be considered by the Steering Group at its meeting on 5 July 2022, and a finalised PNA produced for the HWB to approve for publication, at its meeting on 27 September 2022.

The final PNA must be published no later than 1 October 2022.

## **2. Key considerations**

The PNA is factual document detailing provision of pharmaceutical services at 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 and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Lincolnshire, to determine provision and need for future health services within Lincolnshire.

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 an influx of population in certain districts due to tourism. See section 2.1.5 of the draft PNA for detailed analysis for each district.

As Lincolnshire is bordered by nine other HWB areas, the population is not limited to accessing services just within Lincolnshire and many will have access to pharmaceutical service providers in these neighbouring HWB areas. See Figure 9: Community pharmacies in and around Lincolnshire (10km boundary) in the draft PNA.

## **3. Housing Growth Implications**

There are a number of developments planned across Lincolnshire, defined in Table 7: Planned housing stock in Lincolnshire by district, in the draft PNA. 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. Scope of the PNA**

Section 1.4 of the draft PNA outlines the scope of the PNA as following:

The Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013 detail the information required to be contained within the PNA. A PNA is required to measure the adequacy of pharmaceutical services 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 NHS services

In addition, the PNA details how the assessment was carried out. This includes:

- How the localities were determined
- The different needs of the different localities
- The different needs of people who share a particular characteristic
- A report on the PNA consultation

To comprehend the definition of 'pharmaceutical services' as used in this PNA, it is important to understand the types of NHS pharmaceutical providers in the pharmaceutical list maintained by NHSE. The types of NHS pharmaceutical providers are:

- Pharmacy contractors
- Dispensing Appliance Contractor
- Local Pharmaceutical Service providers
- Dispensing GP surgeries

Pharmaceutical services provided by community pharmacies, dispensing GP surgeries and appliance contractors are defined by the regulations and consist of services that are/may be commissioned under the provider's contract with NHSE.

For the purpose of this PNA, 'necessary services' are understood to be equivalent to 'Essential Services', while 'other relevant services' are equivalent to 'Advanced and Enhanced Services'.

## 5. Conclusion

Section 7 of the draft PNA provides the following statements:

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

#### Number and distribution of community pharmacies across Lincolnshire

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence regarding both the number and the geographical distribution of community pharmacies available to the people of Lincolnshire meet their current health needs and demand for access and choice. Therefore, there is no current need for the provision of additional access to community pharmacy premises in Lincolnshire.

#### Provision of necessary services across Lincolnshire

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence regarding both the level and the geographical distribution of the provision of all necessary services through community pharmacies across Lincolnshire meet the current health needs and demand for access and choice. Therefore, there is no current need for the provision of additional access to necessary services through community pharmacy premises in Lincolnshire.

### Future provision of necessary services

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence regarding the provision of the necessary services through community pharmacies across Lincolnshire meets the future health needs and demand for access and choice. Therefore, there will be no need for additional provision of access to necessary services in the next three to four years in Lincolnshire.

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

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence does not identify any gaps in the provision of necessary services through community pharmacies. Therefore, there is no current or future need for improved access to necessary services within existing community pharmacies in any District of Lincolnshire.

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

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence regarding both the level and the geographical distribution of the provision of the Advanced and Enhanced Services through community pharmacies across Lincolnshire meet the current health needs and demand for access and choice. Therefore, there is no current or future need for the provision of additional access to these services in Lincolnshire.

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

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence does not identify any gaps regarding provision of Advanced and Enhanced Services through community pharmacies. Therefore, there is no current or future need for improved access to these services within existing community pharmacies in any District of Lincolnshire.

### **Other NHS Services**

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board is satisfied that the existing evidence does not identify any current or future gaps in the provision of and access to pharmaceutical services across Lincolnshire due to other NHS services that are considered to increase and/or decrease the demand for such services.

## **6. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

The Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). The draft PNA refers to the JSNA as a valuable source of information and refers the reader to the JHWS and the JSNA for the most up to date information.

## **7. Consultation**

Regulation 8 of The Health and Social Care Act 2012 requires the Health and Wellbeing Board to consult a specified range of organisations on a draft of the pharmaceutical needs assessment at least once during the process of drafting the document. Appendix C outlines the organisations that will be consulted with.

The Lincolnshire Draft PNA will be consulted through the LCC Online platform, "Let's Talk Lincolnshire", between Tuesday 19 April 2022 and Monday 19 June 2022. To allow for bank holidays and weekends, Lincolnshire's consultation will last for 63 days.

Provision has been put in place for people to request papers copies of the draft PNA, accompanying documents and questionnaire should they prefer this method.

Provision has been put in place for Healthwatch Lincolnshire to provide support to those that may need it, to read the draft PNA and for completing the questionnaire.

During the consultation period a workshop will be set up with members of the Health Scrutiny Committee to review the draft PNA. Any feedback received will be considered when editing the final PNA document.

The results of consultation will be considered by the Steering Group at its meeting on 5 July 2022, and a final PNA produced, with recommendation for the HWB to publish, at its meeting on 27 September 2022.

The PNA Steering Group have worked closely with LCC’s Corporate Engagement Team and the PNA Guidance has been followed to ensure due process has been observed and every opportunity is available for people to feed into the draft PNA.

The PNA Steering Group and LCC’s Corporate Engagement Team have completed an Equality Impact Analysis (EIA) of the PNA, for those with protected characteristics, as part of the pre-engagement work for the draft PNA. The EIA will be updated to reflect any feedback received during the consultation period.

## 8. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Draft PNA 2022
Appendix B	Lincolnshire Draft PNA Appendices 2022
Appendix C	Consultation Distribution List

## 9. Background Papers

Document	Where can it be accessed
The National Health Service (Charges, Primary Medical Services and Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Coronavirus) (Further Amendments) Regulations 2021	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/1346/introduction/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2021/1346/introduction/made</a>

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