


Agenda Item 10

		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 Andrew Crookham
Executive Director - Resources**

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	15 June 2022
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Response of the Committee to the Consultation Draft

Summary

This report invites the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire to consider its response to the consultation draft of the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. A working of the Committee met on 23 May 2022 and considered a presentation and agreed an outline response, which is attached to this report for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Actions Required:

To consider and approve a response to the consultation draft of the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

1. Background

Each Health and Wellbeing Board in England is required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to assess the needs for pharmaceutical services in its area and approve and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

The PNA is used to identify any gaps in current service provision or improvements that could be made in future pharmaceutical service provision. To prepare the PNA, data are gathered from pharmacy contractors, dispensing GP practices, pharmacy users and residents, and from a range of other sources (commissioners, planners and others).

The consultation draft of the Lincolnshire PNA was published on 19 April 2022. All the documentation relating to the consultation is available on the County Council's website:

[Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 | Let's Talk Lincolnshire](#)

2. Working Group

The Committee established a working group comprising councillors Carl Macey, Angela White and Linda Wootten, which met on 23 May 2022. The PNA consultation draft was presented to the working group by Lucy Gavens, Consultant in Public Health; Alison Christie, Programme Manager Strategy and Development; and Anjay Gallas, Senior Professional Pharmacist at the University of Lincoln.

The working group's findings have been compiled into a draft response, which is attached at Appendix A to this report.

3. Consultation

A period of consultation on the draft PNA began on 19 April and the statutory 60 day consultation period is due to conclude on 20 June 2022.

4. Conclusion

The PNA will be formally approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 27 September 2022 and published on the council's website by 1 October 2022.


5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached to this report.

Appendix A	Proposed Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire to the Consultation Draft of the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
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6. 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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PROPOSED RESPONSE OF THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TO THE CONSULTATION DRAFT OF THE LINCOLNSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Introduction

This is the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire's response to the consultation, being undertaken on behalf of the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board, on its Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, which is due to take effective for a three year period beginning on 1 October 2022.

Main Findings

Existing and Future Provision in Lincolnshire

The consultation draft of the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment includes the following conclusion:

"Conclusion"

"The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board considered the number, distribution, access and choice of pharmaceutical contractors covering each of the seven districts in Lincolnshire and concluded that the existing evidence indicates that residents of Lincolnshire are adequately served by providers of pharmaceutical services and no current and future gaps have been identified in the provision of necessary and other relevant services hours across Lincolnshire. Changes affecting pharmaceutical provision such as substantial changes in current provision or population demographics will be monitored and reviewed by the HWB and the PNA will be updated with supplementary statements where necessary. Any expansion of services will continue to happen within the existing network of pharmaceutical contractors where possible."

The Health Scrutiny Committee is satisfied with the PNA's conclusion, as set out above, that the residents of Lincolnshire are adequately served by providers of pharmaceutical services and no current and future gaps were identified in the provision of necessary and other relevant services

across Lincolnshire. The Committee has accepted the evidence put forward in support of this conclusion, which included:

- (1) Pre-Consultation Engagement – This included public engagement by Healthwatch Lincolnshire, who received submissions from 203 members of the public, of whom 17.3 per cent rated their pharmacy services as ‘poor’ or ‘very poor’. There were no distinct patterns to these responses, both in terms of geography and providers and the concerns raised were outside the scope of the PNA. In addition questionnaires were sent to community pharmacies and dispensing GP practices.
- (2) Detailed Analysis of the Demographics – Substantial detail was provided in the draft document on the demographics in Lincolnshire, including deprivation and vulnerable populations. Details on the locations of community pharmacies and dispensing GP pharmacies have been included.
- (3) Assessment of the Impact New Developments – The consultation draft of the PNA set out detailed information on new housing developments, anticipated between 2022 and 2036. None of the developments would impact on the demand for services during the lifetime of the 2022 PNA.
- (4) Views of Other Groups – The Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group, the Lincolnshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee and the Lincolnshire Local Medical Committee had indicated that they are satisfied with the proposed PNA.

Monitoring of Provision

The Health Scrutiny Committee is advised that the Health and Wellbeing Board, together with the PNA Steering Group, will continue to monitor changes in current provision or demographics.

Reach of Consultation

The Committee generally would like to see as many responses as possible to the consultation. However, the scope of the PNA is specific to its limited statutory purpose, and thus might mean comments are received which fall outside this scope.

Other Comments

The Health Scrutiny Committee recognises that the PNA is a framework used to commission pharmacy services and its scope is limited to essential services provided by community pharmacists.