

Agenda Item 7

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
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Open Report on behalf of Derek Ward, Director of Public Health, Lincolnshire County Council

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	14 September 2022
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022

Summary:

Completion of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory duty for Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) to undertake at least every three 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 Lincolnshire PNA 2022 has been updated and approved by the Steering Group on 16 August 2022. The PNA will be presented to the HWB on 27 September for final approval to enable publication by 1 October 2022, as required by the guidance.

Actions Requested:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive and note the final Lincolnshire PNA 2022, and associated documents.

1. Background

- 1.1. The PNA describes 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 PNA 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 June 2021, the PNA Steering Group has been delegated responsibility for developing the document on behalf of the HWB. The PNA Steering Group held its third meeting on 5 July 2022. At this meeting, the consultation results and comments were presented and considered by the Steering Group, and agreed what changes were required for the final PNA.
- 1.3. The Lincolnshire PNA 2022, Lincolnshire PNA 2022 Appendices, and the Lincolnshire PNA 2022 Statutory Consultation Report, are presented as Appendices A, B and C respectively; and were approved by the Steering Group on 16 August 2022 and are being presented to the HWB for approval. Pending approval, it will be made available for publication by 1 October 2022.

2. Consultation

- 2.1. As required by the Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013, the HWB held a 63-day consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) from 19 April 2022 to 20 June 2022.
- 2.2. The draft PNA, questionnaire and relevant documentation were hosted on the Lincolnshire County Council (LCC) [‘Let’s Talk Lincolnshire’](#) website and invitations to review the assessment and comment were sent to a wide range of stakeholders, including all community pharmacies in Lincolnshire. 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 the HWB, Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire, Lincolnshire County Council Community Engagement Team, Healthwatch Lincolnshire and the PNA Steering Group. Responses to the consultation were possible via an online survey, paper or email.
- 2.3. Provision was put in place for people to request paper copies of the draft PNA, accompanying documents and questionnaire should they prefer this method.
- 2.4. Provision was put in place for Healthwatch Lincolnshire to provide support to those that may need it, to read the draft PNA and to complete the questionnaire.
- 2.5. During the consultation period a workshop was set up on 23 May 2022 with members of the Health Scrutiny Committee to review the draft PNA. Formal feedback was received and considered when editing the final PNA document.
- 2.6. A total of 63 responses were reviewed at the Steering Group meeting held on 5 July 2022 and some changes made to the draft PNA 2022, as a result. The Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 Statutory Consultation Report can be found in Appendix C.
- 2.7. 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 was available for people to feed into the draft PNA.

- 2.8. 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 was updated to reflect any feedback received during the consultation period.

3. Key Strategy Documents

The Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS). The final draft PNA refers to the JSNA as a valuable source of information and the evidence from the JSNA was used to inform the analysis used in the PNA 2022. The PNA complements the JSNA, and forms part of the evidence base on the present and future needs for pharmaceutical services in Lincolnshire. The final draft PNA refers the reader to the JHWS and the JSNA for the most up to date information.

4. Conclusion

Following the consultation, the conclusion remains the same and can be found in section 7 of the final Lincolnshire PNA 2022. The HWB has a statutory responsibility to approve the PNA ready for published prior to 1 October 2022

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022
Appendix B	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 Appendices
Appendix C	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs 2022 Assessment Statutory Consultation Report

6. 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	https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2021/1346/introduction/made

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