

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
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Open Report on behalf of Tony Hill, Executive Director of Community Wellbeing and Public Health

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	22 October 2014
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (Draft)

Summary:

The provision of pharmaceutical services falls under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The regulations cover the production of this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The responsibility for producing the PNA is that of the local Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB).

The PNA Steering Group has been leading the development of the PNA on behalf of the HWB and the draft PNA for Lincolnshire is attached at Appendix A to this report.

The regulations stipulate that the HWB must undertake a consultation on the contents of the PNA, who must be consulted and that the consultation must be a minimum period of 60 days. The 60 day consultation period for Lincolnshire's PNA runs from Monday 6 October 2014 until Thursday 4 December 2014.

Actions Required:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to make arrangements to provide a response to the consultation being undertaken on the draft Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, by setting up a working group, with the Committee's final response to the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment being considered and approved the Committee on 19 November 2014.

Background

Policy Context

The provision of pharmaceutical services falls under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The regulations cover the production of this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), the application and decision-making process for opening pharmacies and also details the terms of services for pharmacies, dispensing appliance contractors and dispensing doctors.

The regulations state that HWBs are required to publish their first PNA by **1 April 2015**.

Local Context

The purpose then of the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is to review existing pharmaceutical service provision in Lincolnshire and to identify any gaps or deficiencies that need to be addressed. Proposed changes may seek to increase service provision, improve access to services or broaden the range of services available for Lincolnshire patients with the ultimate goal of improving their health and wellbeing.

Historically, the PCT in Lincolnshire established a PNA Steering Group to manage the process of developing, consulting upon and publishing the PNA. The PCT Board was responsible for signing off the PNA and Lincolnshire's PNA was first published in 2011.

The PNA Steering Group, now chaired by the Public Health Consultant with lead responsibility for health needs assessments, has been leading on the recent development of the updated PNA on behalf of the HWB and includes the following membership:

- Public health intelligence (Lincolnshire County Council Public Health)
- Contract management (NHS England, Leicestershire and Lincolnshire Area Team)
- Prescribing (Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit, Prescribing and Medicines Optimisation Service)

Conclusion

The following concluding points are taken from the full report (Appendix 1):

- Residents of Lincolnshire are adequately served by providers of dispensing services both in urban and rural areas. However, ongoing change in many localities linked to population growth will necessitate frequent review of this position.
- Patient access to self-care through the provision of healthcare advice and supply of over-the-counter medicines is only available from community pharmacies. There are many rural areas of the county where dispensing services are available, but patients have no access to self-care, over-the-counter medicines or community pharmacy advanced services such as Medicines Use Reviews and the New Medicines Service. Gaps in current provision are identified as follows:
- Lincolnshire West CCG – Caenby Corner area bordered by Gainsborough, Hibaldstow, Kirton Lindsey, Caistor, Market Rasen, Welton and Saxilby.

- South West Lincolnshire CCG – Fulbeck area bordered by Newark, Navenby, Sleaford and Grantham.
- South West Lincolnshire CCG – Rippingale area bordered by Grantham, Sleaford, Donington and Bourne.
- Lincolnshire East CCG – Sibsey area bordered by Coningsby, Spilsby, Wainfleet and Boston.
- Lincolnshire East CCG – Binbrook area bordered by Market Rasen, Louth, Spilsby, Horncastle and Bardney.
- Lincolnshire East CCG – North Somercotes area bordered by Holton-le-Clay, the North Sea, Mablethorpe and Louth.
- Having reviewed the evidence for the provision of a wide range of locally commissioned services through community pharmacy, the PNA Steering Group concluded that further expansion and wider availability of the range of services currently provided through community pharmacies would benefit the Lincolnshire population subject to local need, patient demand, clear evidence of benefit and value for money and improved health outcomes*. This should be done with existing community pharmacies as establishing new pharmacies could lead to an over provision of Essential Services and may destabilise current provision.
- The PNA Steering Group is supportive of patients exercising their right to choose where they access their pharmaceutical services. Patient choice is likely to be further enabled by the wider implementation of electronic prescribing across the county.
- As required by regulations the PNA Steering Group intend to continue to review pharmaceutical need and local service provision and to publish regular updates and supplementary statements where circumstances change.

3. Consultation

The regulations stipulate that the HWB must undertake a consultation on the contents of the PNA. They detail who must be consulted with by the HWB as part of producing the PNA and that the consultation must allow a minimum period of 60 days for consultation responses.

The 60 day consultation period runs from Monday 6 October 2014 until Thursday 4 December 2014.

Along with the PNA, the HWB must also publish a full report of the consultation which was undertaken and this will be produced once the consultation period has been completed.

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire considered an introductory report on the PNA on 15 January 2014 and agreed to request the Health and Wellbeing Board that the Committee should be consulted on the PNA.

In order to respond to the consultation, it is proposed that the Committee establish a working group, which would meet on one occasion in early November. The working group's draft response would be submitted to the Committee's next meeting on 19 November 2014 for consideration and approval.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – 2015 (DRAFT)

5. 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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