

		THE HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR LINCOLNSHIRE	
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Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, the Director Responsible for Democratic Services

Report to	Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire
Date:	19 November 2014
Subject:	Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (Draft) – Finalising the Response to the Consultation

Summary:

On 22 October 2014, the Committee considered the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and agreed to establish a working group to consider the detail of the draft PNA and to draft a response. The Committee is requested to consider the draft response, make any amendments as required; and to approve it for submission to the Health and Wellbeing Board in response to the consultation.

Actions Required:

The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and approve the attached response to the consultation on the draft Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Background

Responding to the Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

On 22 October 2014, the Committee considered a report on the draft Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, on which the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board had launched a consultation from 6 October until 4 December 2014.

The Health Scrutiny Committee appointed Councillors Mrs Christine Talbot, Chris Brewis, Rosie Kirk and Martin Trollope-Bellew to serve on the working group, which met on 3 November 2014. The Working Group received a presentation from several officers expert in this area. The Committee's draft response to the PNA is attached at Appendix A.

Information on the Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Copies of the full draft Lincolnshire PNA were circulated to all members of the Committee as part of the agenda pack for the meeting on 22 October 2014. For reference, copies of the draft PNA are available on the County Council's website:

<http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/residents/public-health/behind-the-scenes/health-and-wellbeing-board/health-and-wellbeing-board-consultation-on-the-pharmaceutical-needs-assessment/123720.article>

The draft PNA includes the following conclusion and recommendations:

- "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."

2. Conclusion

The Health Scrutiny Committee is invited to consider and approve the attached response to the consultation on the draft Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

3. Consultation

On 15 January 2014, the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire requested the Health and Wellbeing Board involve the Committee in the consultation on the PNA. On 22 October the Committee considered a report on the draft PNA and agreed to establish a working group, which met on 3 November 2014 and drafted a response. The working group's draft response is attached at Appendix A for consideration and approval.

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire to the draft Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – 2015.

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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LINCOLNSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Response of the Health Scrutiny Committee to the Consultation

Comments on the Conclusions and Recommendations

The Committee is broadly supportive of the recommendations and conclusions in the Lincolnshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. Comments on each of the conclusions and

Essential Services

The Committee accepts the conclusion in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment that the provision of essential pharmaceutical services in Lincolnshire is adequate. However, the Committee requests that the document presents the information on population densities (as shown on the map on page 9) is included in the map on page 29, to make it clearer how this conclusion has been reached.

In addition to the dispensing of medicines, the Committee understands that essential services cover the promotion of healthy lifestyles; participation in public health campaigns; and support for self-care. The Committee would like reassurance that the providers of essential services are monitored to ensure that they are providing health promotion and support for self-care.

Whilst accepting the conclusion that the provision of essential services is adequate in Lincolnshire, the Committee would like to highlight the availability of services on Saturdays and Sundays in certain parts of the county, for example in parts of the Lincolnshire East CCG area. The availability of pharmacy services at weekends has the potential to become an issue in the future as there is more of an expectation that access to primary care over the weekend would lead to patients requiring not only the dispensing of prescriptions, but also general advice from pharmacies, which would reduce the need for patients to access other health services, such as Accident and Emergency departments.

Advanced Services

The Committee supports the conclusion in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment that there are gaps in the provision of advanced services in six parts of the county

and the statement in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment that in terms of provision of some essential services (i.e. support with self-care) and some advanced services (i.e. New Medicines Services and Medicines Use Reviews), significant gaps were identified in many rural areas of Lincolnshire. Having identified 'significant gaps', the Committee would like there to be some reference as to how these gaps in provision might be addressed and the overall position improved.

Expansion of Services Provided in Community Pharmacies

The Committee supports the recommendation that the opportunities for the expansion of services, into areas such as smoking cessation, supporting long term conditions and flu vaccination and these enhancements would best be met through existing pharmacies rather than establishing new pharmacies.

Patient Choice

The Committee supports the principle that patients have the right to choose where they access their pharmaceutical services, and the further implementation of electronic prescribing across the county will reinforce this principle.

Regular Updates and Supplementary Statements

The Committee supports the conclusion that the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group will continue to monitor provision in support of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Specific Comments

The Committee puts forward the following specific comments:

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| Pages 27-28
(Section 4.2) | The Committee requests that this section of the document is redrafted, to ensure that there is clarity with regard to the 26% of patients who generally use only their dispensing GP practice. |
| Page 29 | The map on page 29 should indicate that the Sutton Bridge GP surgery dispenses medicines. |
| Page 30 | The Committee suggests that there is an explanation of the term '100 hour' pharmacy to accompany the map showing the location of these pharmacies. |
| Page 31 | Donnington is listed in the Lincolnshire East CCG area. However, the maps on pages 29, 30 and 40, show Donnington located in the South Lincolnshire CCG area. |
| Page 32 | The Committee requests that there is more explanation of the 'extended hours pharmacies' in Louth. |

- Page 35 The Committee requests that the term 'distance selling' pharmacy is explained.
- Page 37 The Committee requests that there is more explanation of the New Medicine Service for the purposes of clarity.
- Page 39 The Committee requests that the first paragraph on page 39 on Medicines Use Reviews is redrafted for improved clarity.

Conclusion

The Committee recognises the importance of pharmacy services, as they can provide a wide range of support to patients. This support arises not only from the dispensing of prescriptions, but also in their potential to assist patients in their own care, so that patients with more minor ailments need not access GP appointments and Accident and Emergency Services.

The Committee is broadly supportive of the conclusions and recommendations in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and has provided detailed comments on each conclusion and recommendation above.

The Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire has been established by Lincolnshire County Council to discharge the health overview and scrutiny functions set out in Sections 244-246 of the National Health Service Act 2006 and the Local Authority (Public Health, Health and Wellbeing Boards and Health Scrutiny) Regulations 2013. In accordance with regulation 31 of these Regulations, one representative of each of the district councils in Lincolnshire has been co-opted as a member of the Health Scrutiny Committee. Lincolnshire Healthwatch is also represented as a member of the Committee.