

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 For the HWB to be updated and note the further work that has taken place to review and produce the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015-2018 on its behalf.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 From the 1 April 2013 HWBs were given delegated responsibility to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Production of a new PNA by the HWB is a requirement within the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, with effect from 1 April 2013, which require each HWB to: “make a revised assessment as soon as is possible after identifying changes to the need for pharmaceutical services which are of a significant extent.” and to “publish its first PNA by 1 April 2015”.

The PNA is a statutory document that assesses the pharmaceutical needs of the local population, including dispensing services as well as public health and other services that pharmacies provide. With the commissioning responsibility of pharmacy provision now having passed to NHS England, it is used to inform NHS England when deciding on new pharmacy applications and commissioning.

- 2.2 A PNA Steering Group was established late in 2013 to produce the document for North Lincolnshire, and has met monthly since its first meeting in December 2013. Reporting through the Director of Public Health as the HWB sponsor for this work. The Steering Group is made up of all relevant partners such as NLC health and wellbeing intelligence and spatial planning, Healthwatch, NL Clinical Commissioning Group, NHS England (Yorks & Humber), the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, and Local Medical Committee.
- 2.3 Clarity in relation to the legal aspects regarding ‘challenge’ was sought early on in the process. Confirmation was received that in line with the NHS Act and the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 a number of duties had been placed on HWBs. As HWBs are not legal entities in their own right any legal challenge will therefore be against the local authority.
- 2.4 It had been agreed that a formal PNA in hard copy would be produced as well as an interactive web based version with more detailed pharmacy information and provision available to the public.
- 2.5 Work has progressed to identify potential local health issues affecting pharmacies including inclusion of JSNA refresh; noting housing/industrial developments; projected population changes and trends; any potential economic developments; CCG and NHS England commissioning plans.

- 2.6 A complete survey of all pharmacy providers was carried out in March/April 2014. Results were compiled by the LPC and will be used for PNA mapping and production purposes. 100% return was obtained.
- 2.7 In order to produce the PNA, links have been identified to other key strategies and include for example: the JSNA (which the PNA feeds into), CCG commissioning plan, Strategic Housing Market Assessment, Core Strategy, Economic Development strategy, regeneration plans.
- 2.8 The steering group has actively engaged in learning from other areas in relation to PNA development, survey production and design and updates on how other areas are progressing with their PNA.
- 2.9 Work is under way to assess local pharmaceutical need including through identification of commissioning intentions and gaps; provision of other relevant services; other service data; identification of any over provision or unmet need; as well as identification of any on going changes that may affect provision.
- 2.10 The steering group will have produced the first outline Draft PNA by the end of June 2014.
- 2.11 Using the outline Draft PNA the steering group will facilitate an initial stakeholder consultation event on the 15th July 2014, to establish early views on content and format etc. All views and recommendations will be collated and used to update the document or appended as required.
- 2.12 A second formal and more inclusive consultation process, in the form of electronic distribution of the final draft document, will take place in September 2015 to meet the mandatory 60 day consultation period, as set out in the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, as well as ensuring consultation with all recommended consultees also outlined in the regulations, including engagement with other neighbouring HWBs.
- 2.13 Appropriate communications support has been sought.
- 2.14 Production of a final and complete document will take place during late 2014 to meet formal approval, legal and production processes early 2015, in time for publication of the PNA on 1st April 2015.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 HWB should note and agree activity relating to the production of the PNA is on satisfactory production and time schedule.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Recommending further revisions to alter time and delivery schedule of the PNA could impact on the Regulations stipulated publication deadline of 1st April 2015.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 The production of the PNA has required resources from partner organisations, and LA directorates, in terms of staff time. In addition, public health allocation has been utilised to fund relevant consultations and production costs?

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 An IIA for the PNA is yet to be completed.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 All outcomes of consultations will be included and appended within the PNA.

7.2 No conflicts of interest declared.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:

8.1 HWB should note and agree activity relating to the production of the PNA.

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