

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD**

**PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 The object of this report is to update the health and wellbeing board (HWB) members on progress to publish the pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) for 2022. The key points to note are:
- HWB members have a duty to publish an updated PNA by 1 October 2022.
  - A draft PNA has now been published and circulated to key stakeholders as part of the statutory consultation process.
  - The final PNA (post consultation) will be produced and presented at the HWB on 26 September for the board's approval.
- 1.2 The main conclusion of the draft PNA is that there are currently no needs to be identified in the provision of pharmaceutical services.

**2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The health and wellbeing board is required to assess the need for pharmaceutical services in its area and to publish a statement of its assessment, referred to as a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA). The next assessment is due to be published by 1 October 2022.
- 2.2 The PNA is used by the HWB to ensure its population has access to the right NHS pharmaceutical services, at the right time and in the right place.
- 2.3 The PNA is also used by NHS England to determine applications to open a new pharmacy or make changes to local NHS pharmaceutical services in the area. It does this by deciding whether the application meets a pharmaceutical need as identified in the PNA.
- 2.4 The PNA must include information on current provision (including any gaps) in essential, advanced and locally commissioned pharmaceutical services plus details of any other relevant services and improvements required. In addition it should set out the demography of the area, the health and wellbeing needs of the population,

level of access to and choice of pharmaceutical services and any local geographical or community variations.

## **CURRENT POSITION - DRAFT PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

- 2.5 A draft PNA for 2022 has been written (see appendix A) which is currently subject to a statutory 60 day consultation period, running from 19 May to 18 July.
- 2.6 The draft PNA uses five established localities to understand North Lincolnshire's populations. Each locality has a dedicated chapter which looks at the needs of the population, considers the current provision of pharmaceutical services to residents and identifies whether current pharmaceutical service provision meets the needs of those residents. Each chapter also considers whether there are any gaps in service delivery that may arise during the lifetime of the pharmaceutical needs assessment.
- 2.7 The pharmaceutical needs assessment also looks at changes which are anticipated within the lifetime of the document, for example the predicted population growth which includes that generated by the building of new dwellings.
- 2.8 As of May 2022, there were 35 pharmacies, of which five are open for 100 hours per week, in North Lincolnshire all providing the full range of essential services. In 2020/21 71.2% of all prescriptions written by the GP practices were dispensed by the pharmacies in North Lincolnshire. In addition, 11 GP practices dispense to eligible patients and in 2020/21 dispensed or personally administered 22.7% of all prescriptions.
- 2.9 Access to pharmacies for the residents of North Lincolnshire is good with the vast majority within a 20-minute drive of a pharmacy. The five 100 hour pharmacies ensure that there is provision of the essential services into the night Monday to Saturday, and all open on Sunday. The dispensing practices provide a dispensing service to eligible patients living in areas that have been determined to be rural in character by NHS England.
- 2.10 Given the current population demographics, housing projections and the distribution of pharmacies and dispensing practices across the health and wellbeing board's area, the document concludes that the current provision will be sufficient to meet the future needs of the residents during the three-year lifetime of this pharmaceutical needs assessment.
- 2.11 The main conclusion of the draft PNA is that there are currently no needs to be identified in the provision of pharmaceutical services.

## **NEXT STEPS**

2.12 In order to produce a final PNA, the following steps will be required:

- For the PNA steering group to review feedback from consultees regarding the draft PNA.
- PNA steering group to agree responses to consultation.
- For the final PNA to be written
- For the HWB to receive the final PNA and ratify the recommendation to approve the PNA for publication.

## **3.0 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 **Option 1:** for HWB members to:

- Note the contents of the draft PNA (appendix A)
- Note progress made on producing North Lincolnshire's final PNA and that the steering group will consider consultation responses and incorporate, as appropriate, into the final document.
- Note that the final PNA will be presented to board members at the next HWB for their consideration and approval.

## **4.0 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 **Option 1:** This paper provides HWB members with assurances that:

- They are meeting their statutory duty to produce a robust PNA which accords with the legislative requirements and
- A new PNA will be published before the statutory deadline of 1 October 2022.

## **5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

5.1 None

## **6.0 OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

6.1 None

## **7.0 OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

7.1 Not relevant for this report

## 8.0 OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED

- 8.1 In order to gain the views of residents on pharmaceutical services, a questionnaire was developed and was available online from 20 December 2021 to 23 January 2022. Pharmacies were asked to display posters and place flyers in bags of dispensed medicines. As well as being available online, hard copies were made available by Healthwatch who also helped residents complete it.
- 8.2 213 people responded to the questionnaire, predominantly white females within the 46-54, 56-65 and 66-75 age ranges. There was no single outcome from the consultation, but some key findings were:
- Collecting dispensed medicines is the most common reason to visit a pharmacy.
  - 66.0% said they visit a pharmacy monthly/every four weeks.
  - 41.2% said they do not have a preferred time to visit a pharmacy
  - 57.4% said they don't have a preference for which day of the week they use a pharmacy,
  - 70.6% of respondents always use the same pharmacy,
  - The main factor that influences the choice of pharmacy was being close to home

Appendix H of the PNA provides full results of the residents' questionnaire.

## 9 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that HWB members approve option 1, which is to:

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- Note that the final PNA will be presented to board members at the next HWB for their consideration / approval.

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### Documents used in producing this report

Copy of draft PNA

<https://www.pcc-cic.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/North-Lincs-PNA-consultation-draft-v1.pdf>

N L HWB Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) questionnaire

[N L HWB Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment \(PNA\) questionnaire \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

Appendix 1

