

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

1.1 To seek the Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) approval to publish North Lincolnshire's pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA). The key points to note are:

- The HWB has a statutory duty to publish the PNA by 1 October 2022.
- The draft PNA has now been subject to statutory consultation and feedback was positive.
- Based upon the information within the pharmaceutical needs assessment, the analysis has not identified gaps.
- In summary, overall, access to pharmaceutical services in North Lincolnshire are good.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 The health and wellbeing board is required to assess the requirements for pharmaceutical services in its area and publish a statement of its assessment, which is referred to as a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA). This assessment must 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. The PNA is also used by NHS England to determine applications to open new pharmacies or make changes to local NHS pharmaceutical services in the area.

2.3 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.

- 2.4 The HWB was updated on progress to produce the final PNA at the meeting of 27 June 2022. HWB members were advised that the draft PNA had been circulated to prescribed consultees as part of the statutory consultation process. The consultation ran from 19 May to 18 July 2022. The consultation summary is provided section 8.0 of this report and the full consultation feedback can be seen appendix L of PNA.

Key Findings from the PNA

- 2.5 The pharmaceutical needs assessment considered the current provision of pharmaceutical services across North Lincolnshire and specifically the demography and health needs of the population. It analysed whether current provision meets the needs of the population of North Lincolnshire and whether there are any potential gaps in pharmaceutical service provision either now or within the lifetime of the document.
- 2.6 Based upon the information within the pharmaceutical needs assessment, the analysis has not identified any services that would secure improvements, or better access to the provision of pharmaceutical services either now or within the lifetime of the pharmaceutical needs assessment.
- 2.7 Given the current population demographics, housing projections and the distribution of pharmacies across North Lincolnshire, it is anticipated that the current pharmaceutical service providers will be sufficient to meet local needs. However, projected population changes and housing developments identified could, in the future, impact on the type of services required and the number of people accessing pharmaceutical services within the county.
- 2.8 In summary, overall, access to pharmaceutical services in North Lincolnshire are good due to the spread of premises across the area and the times at which they are open. All residents can access a pharmacy within 20 minutes by private transport (20 minutes is the Department for Health and Social Care's standard for access by car). Urban and town areas have the following access to local individual pharmacy services: Scunthorpe (17), Winterton (2), Barton upon Humber (4), Crowle (2), Brigg (5) and Epworth (2) (ref page 80 of PNA).

3.0 OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 **Option 1:** For the HWB to approve publication of the PNA.
- 3.2 **Option 2:** For the HWB to not approve publication of the PNA.

4.0 ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 **Option 1:** For the HWB to approve publication of the PNA.
- 4.1.1 The proposed PNA meets the statutory requirements set out in the NHS Act 2006, amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Publishing the PNA by 1 October 2022 will ensure the HWB is meeting its statutory obligation.

- 4.1.2 As the pharmaceutical needs assessment is a key document for those wishing to open new pharmacy or dispensing appliance contractor premises, it is important that the document is published so new applications can be assessed appropriately.
- 4.1.3 When required, NHS England will use the PNA to inform decisions about applications for new, or changes to existing pharmaceutical services, and the commissioning of NHS-funded services that can be provided by local community pharmacies.
- 4.1.4 Feedback from the statutory consultation was very supportive of the draft PNA.

4.2 **Option 2:** For the HWB to not approve publication of the PNA

- 4.2.1 Deferring publication of the PNA beyond the 1 October 2022 will mean the HWB will not meet its statutory duty.
- 4.2.2 Decisions regarding the future needs for pharmaceutical service will not be assessed on the latest information, which may lead to inappropriate outcomes.

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 As part of the pharmaceutical needs assessment process there was a requirement to undertake a statutory consultation of at least 60 days with prescribed organisations (see appendix 1). The purpose of the consultation was to establish if the pharmaceutical providers and services supporting the population of the health and wellbeing board's area are accurately reflected in the final pharmaceutical needs assessment document.

- 8.2 A summary of the consultation responses can be seen in appendix 2. The feedback confirmed that all respondents agreed with the conclusions of the pharmaceutical needs assessment and that the pharmaceutical needs assessment reflects the needs of the area's population. In conclusion the consultation feedback was very supportive and did identify any issues of concern.

9 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 It is recommended that HWB approves option 1, to publish North Lincolnshire's PNA.

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Appendix 1 – list of statutory consultees

- Community Pharmacy Humber,
- Humberside Local Medical Committee,
- Contractors included in the pharmaceutical lists, (35)
- GPs included in the dispensing doctor list, (11)
- Healthwatch North Lincolnshire,
- North Lincolnshire and Goole NHS Foundation Trust,
- Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust,
- East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust,
- Yorkshire Ambulance Service NHS Trust,
- NHS England and NHS Improvement,
- North East Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board,
- Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board,
- Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board,
- Doncaster Health and Wellbeing Board,
- East Riding of Yorkshire Health and Wellbeing Board, and
- Hull Health and Wellbeing Board.

Appendix 2: Summary of consultation Feedback

In total 60 individual organisations were consulted and five responses (8%) were received.

Question	Yes	Don't Know	no	No R'pns
Has the purpose of the pharmaceutical needs assessment been explained?	4	1	0	0
Does the pharmaceutical needs assessment reflect the current provision of pharmaceutical services within your area?	3	2*	0	0
Are there any gaps in service provision i.e. when, where and which services are available that have not been identified in the pharmaceutical needs assessment?	3	2*	0	0
Do you agree that the pharmaceutical needs assessment reflects the needs of your area's population?	5	0	0	0
Has the pharmaceutical needs assessment provided information to inform market entry decisions i.e. decisions on applications for new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractor premises?	5	0	0	0
Has the pharmaceutical needs assessment provided information to inform how pharmaceutical services in North Lincolnshire may be commissioned in the future?	4	1*	0	0
Has the pharmaceutical needs assessment provided enough information to inform future pharmaceutical services provision and plans for pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors?	4	1*	0	0
Are there any pharmaceutical services that could be provided in the community pharmacy setting in the future that have not been highlighted?	2	2*	0	1
Do you agree with the conclusions of the pharmaceutical needs assessment?	5	0	0	0

*The respondents did not expand on there response by using the free text boxes