

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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### PHARMACY NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

**Report of:** Interim Director of Public Health

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Veronica Jones, Adult Wellbeing and Health

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#### **Purpose of report**

The purpose of the report is to ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the draft Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) prior to it going out to formal consultation.

#### **Recommendation**

**It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:**

- 1) Note the contents of the report
- 2) Approve the draft Pharmacy Needs Assessment

#### **Link to Corporate Plan**

This report is relevant to the Health and Wellbeing priority in the NCC Corporate Plan 2013 - 2017.

#### **Key issues**

The Health and Wellbeing Board has not had the opportunity to review the project plan for the PNA due to pressure of business and change of council. We have therefore followed the project plan used for delivering the 2015 PNA and are bringing the draft document to the November HWB Board meeting before it goes to formal consultation

The final PNA document must be published by 1 April 2018.

Consultation has been planned to take place from 17 November (or shortly thereafter) until 29 January 2018. This is longer than the statutory 60 days to allow time to consult with groups previously identified by the HWB board, namely carers,

housebound and parish councils. This period also covers Christmas with its attendant holidays.

The local authority Public Health team has worked closely with the CCG in the production of this draft document to ensure that health needs and commissioning intentions are aligned.

Based on the experience of the previous PNA, it is unlikely that the consultation will be contentious.

## **Background**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is the forum in which all organisations involved in health and social care are expected to develop a shared understanding of local population needs now and in the future. The Board's shared vision should determine locality developments, which can have an impact on health needs of the population, and how they will be met.

A Pharmaceutical Needs assessment (PNA) describes the health needs of the population and the services delivered by community pharmacies, either which are already in place, or which could be commissioned to meet identified health needs. Currently services are commissioned from community pharmacies by either the public health team of the County Council (NCC), NHS England, the clinical commissioning group (NCCG) or secondary care providers from whom services are commissioned. The PNA maps health needs and services to make sure there are no gaps; in order that the Board can be assured that the County's residents have good access to pharmacy services.

The Health and Wellbeing board (HWB) has the responsibility for the development and updating of the PNAs. The pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) is required by 1 April 2018 at the latest.

The PNA will be used to:

- Ensure that decisions made by NHS England about applications for new pharmacies are based on robust and relevant information
- Help local authority public health and CCG commissioners to commission services from community pharmacists and other providers to meet local need
- Support commissioning of high quality pharmaceutical services
- Ensure that community pharmacy services are commissioned to reflect the health needs and ambitions outlined within the joint strategic needs assessment; and the CCG five year plan
- Facilitate opportunities for pharmacists to make a significant contribution to the health of the population of Northumberland.

The PNA will assist NHS England make decisions about whether additional pharmacies are needed in Northumberland. Additional pharmacies may be needed if there are significant new housing developments which would overstretch the current

infrastructure. However there is a balance between current provision and a free market, as we need to ensure that the pharmacies are commercially viable, and in the locations which are best for all residents of Northumberland.

Work is ongoing with the CCG to determine if the GP extended access hubs will create gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services. Currently most of the GP hubs are covered by 100 hour pharmacies.

To ensure that all parts of the health service strive to become more efficient, the government has reduced community pharmacy funding by 6%. It is expected that eventually some pharmacies will close as a result of the drop in funding. To encourage mergers or consolidations of closely located, “surplus” pharmacies the new pharmacy regulations (Pharmacy Regulations 2013, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 update) were introduced in December 2016. The new regulations allow two pharmacies to make an application to merge and provide services from one of the two current premises.

The PNA is not a stand-alone document. It has been aligned with the joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA), the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the CCGs Five Year Plan. The PNA will be used as a tool to help deliver the objectives of the Board e.g. delivering care in the most appropriate setting, reducing reliance on hospital care, supporting those with long term conditions, promoting wellbeing and preventing ill-health, and improving access to primary care.

### **Pharmacy Needs Assessment**

Information has been gathered (and mapped) about the opening hours of all community pharmacies in Northumberland, the facilities they have and the services they provide.

The demographics and health needs of the different localities within Northumberland have been considered, along with planned changes in population, which may lead to changes in need for pharmacy services.

Provision of commissioned services has been mapped against health need. The Council currently commissions community pharmacies to provide:

- Stop smoking services and nicotine replacement therapy
- Supervised consumption of methadone
- Needle exchange.

The CCG and NHS England commission the following services from community pharmacies:

- Minor ailments
- Safe disposal of needles and medicinal sharps
- Guaranteed availability of specialised drugs for end of life care
- Seasonal flu vaccination.

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust commissions emergency hormonal contraception services from community pharmacies as part of the sexual health contract.

The CCG and the local authority Public Health team have worked closely together with hospital colleagues to produce the vision for possible future commissioning solutions from community pharmacists and their teams.

### **Conclusions reached in PNA**

There is adequate provision of all commissioned services.

Northumberland County Council concludes that there is adequate provision of NHS pharmaceutical services across most of Northumberland. The Council considers that the network of 100 hour pharmacies are essential to meet patients' needs by widening access to pharmaceutical services outside core hours when other pharmacies are closed. Extended GP opening hours may lead to some gaps in service.

There is some scope for pharmacy mergers in market towns without damage to the existing network.

### **Consultation**

Northumberland may extend the consultation beyond the groups stated in the regulations. The following groups were consulted in 2014/15:

- Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Local Medical Committee
- All those currently on the pharmaceutical list and all dispensing doctors in the County
- Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group
- Healthwatch Northumberland, and any other patient, consumer or community groups which the Board thinks has an interest in the issue
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and NTW Mental Health NHS Foundation Trusts
- NHS England
- H&WBs in North Tyneside, Newcastle, Durham and Cumbria.
- In addition the following local groups were also consulted:
  - All GP practices
  - Parish Councils
  - Groups representing the housebound, carers and the disabled
  - Young people.

Letters/emails will be sent to all consultees informing them of the web site address which contains the draft PNA document.

The draft document will be updated to reflect significant comments received during the consultation period. A revised document will be considered by the HWB which will include a report of the consultation.

### **Implications**

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| <b>Policy</b>   | Agreement of the draft will ensure that the PNA is produced in a timely manner, and consultation follows the prescribed form.  |
| <b>Finance and value for money</b>  | There are no direct financial implications for the council.  |
| <b>Legal</b>  | The council could face legal challenge if the PNA is not produced by 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018  |
| <b>Procurement</b>  | N/A  |
| <b>Human Resources</b>  | There are no specific implications for human resources, but development of the plan could lead to better collaboration and joint working across organisations.   |
| <b>Property</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>Equalities</b><br>(Impact Assessment attached)<br><br>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/><br>N/A <input type="checkbox"/> | Production of the PNA should ensure that disadvantaged groups have easy access to primary care health services from local pharmacies. It should also identify areas of health need which could be met by pharmacy services. We will review the need for a formal EIA following consultation. |
| <b>Risk Assessment</b>  | The council is obligated to produce the PNA by 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018 and then to update it on a regular basis.  |
| <b>Crime &amp; Disorder</b>   | Commissioned services for opiate substitution provided by community pharmacies reduce the crime associated with illegal substance misuse   |
| <b>Customer Consideration</b>   | The fundamental aim is to ensure that pharmacy services are available to Northumberland residents.   |
| <b>Carbon reduction</b>   | N/A  |
| <b>Wards</b>  | All  |

## **Appendix**

### 1 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Final Draft

#### **Background papers**

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments; Information Pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards. Department of Health May 2013

Pharmacy Regulations 2013, 5 December 2016 update

#### **Report sign off**

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| Finance Officer          | NA |
| Monitoring Officer/Legal | NA |
| Human Resources          | NA |
| Procurement              | NA |
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