

KIRKLEES HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD	
MEETING DATE:	28 September 2017
TITLE OF PAPER:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment: HWBB Notification and Preparation for the Forthcoming Consultation Period
1. Purpose of paper	<p>This paper outlines the background to, and current progress with the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) including what elements has been involved in the revision process and how the local PNA is linked into planning. The paper provides information about the PNA consultation, information about new updates and changes to the PNA and details about gaps in pharmacy provision.</p>
2. Background	<p>The NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs. Regulation 6 sets out the requirement for HWBBs to publish a revised assessment within 3 years of the previous assessment. The 3 year term of the current PNA will come to an end on 31 March 2018. The full version of the current PNA 2015-18 can be found at http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment.aspx</p>
3. Proposal	<p>To raise awareness with the Health and Wellbeing Board about the forthcoming public consultation for the revised PNA.</p> <p>To provide the opportunity for the Board to welcome progress made with the PNA</p>
4. Financial Implications	None
5. Sign off	<p>Rachel Spencer Henshall Director of Public Health</p>
6. Next Steps	<p>As required by the Regulations, there is a public consultation on the draft PNA for a period of 60 days. The consultation will commence on 2 October 2017 and will close on 1 December 2017. The final draft PNA, taking into account comments received, will be reviewed by the PNA Group in January 2018. A Briefing paper to the HWBB will be circulated in February 2018 detailing feedback and an analysis of responses from the consultation. The HWBB will be asked to approve the publication of the PNA on 29 March 2018.</p> <p>From 2 October, the draft PNA can be found at http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/delivering-services/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment.aspx</p>
7. Recommendations	

- Members are asked to make comments as part of the consultation process when the draft PNA has been released.
- That organisations and partners to the consultation process consider how best input should be made when the draft PNA is released.

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Progress with the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

1.1. PNA Management

A PNA Steering Group was formed in December 2014 to assure the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) that all statutory requirements regarding the PNA and Supplementary Statements are met. Since publication of the last PNA in May 2015, this group has operated mainly as a virtual group. Engagement with Members has taken place throughout the PNA revision process. The PNA group is to be convened on 25 September to approve the final draft PNA prior to consultation.

1.2. PNA Links with Planning/ New Housing Developments

Kirklees Council Planners are key Stakeholders in the revision of the PNA. Information has been provided from the Kirklees Local Plan about future settlements and major housing developments. This makes the PNA proactive in detailing future areas of development but reactive in establishing whether new settlements create a gap in need for pharmaceutical services. NHS England may consider the impact of these settlements on pharmaceutical need once these settlements become established when it receives applications.

1.3. Other Key Stakeholders for Engagement

Active engagement with key Stakeholders throughout the process of revision has taken place via the core PNA Group members who are providing support from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), NHS England, the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Healthwatch Kirklees. The following engagement has allowed validation and updating of information in the PNA as follows:

1.3.1. LA commissioners, NHS England, LPC

Information provided about what services are commissioned from community pharmacies, when and where;

1.3.2. Public Health Intelligence Team

- Information provided from the JSNA to integrate with the PNA
- Provision of the population statistics and health data
- Designing the SNAP Community Pharmacy Questionnaire;
- Updating the current provision maps with the latest health service and pharmacy information

1.3.3. Community Pharmacy Contractors

Information provided by 94% (101/108) Community Pharmacy Contractors who completed a Community Pharmacy Questionnaire which was issued in May 2017.

2. New updates and additions to the PNA

2.1. Market Entry Change to Regulations

Under “excepted applications”, NHS pharmacy businesses may apply to consolidate (merge) the services provided on two or more sites onto a single site. Consolidations may be granted by NHSE where there is continuity of additional services provided and where the HWBB does not consider that a gap in pharmaceutical service provision will be created as a consequence of the consolidation. If the HWBB considers that there is no gap, a Supplementary Statement must be published alongside the PNA recording its view.

2.2. Pharmacy Access Scheme

The Pharmacy Access Scheme (PhAS) was introduced by the Department of Health (DH) as one of the elements of the Community Pharmacy reform package implemented from December 2016 along with the introduction of a two year reduction in funding for community pharmacy. The aim of this DH Scheme is to ensure that a baseline level of patient access to NHS community pharmacy services is protected in areas where there are fewer pharmacies with higher health needs. Pharmacies in the PhAS will receive fixed monthly payments, in addition to other fees and allowances in order to prevent closures as a consequence of the funding cuts. The PhAS is to run from 1 December 2016 to 31 March 2018 when it will be reviewed.

Eligibility for the PhAS was calculated nationally, based on the pharmacy satisfying all of the following criteria:

- The pharmacy is more than a mile away from its nearest pharmacy (measured by road distance taking into account footpaths); and,
- The pharmacy is on the pharmaceutical list as at 1 September 2016; and,
- The pharmacy is not in the top 25% largest pharmacies by dispensing volume.

In the Kirklees Local Authority area, there are currently 12/99 (12%) pharmacies which will be protected from the full effect of the reduction in funding from December 2016 ensuring protection of access to these services across all four District Committees and 10/23 (43%) Wards.

2.3. Updates to commissioned Pharmacy Services:

2.3.1. Flu Vaccination (previously locally commissioned) has become a nationally commissioned Advanced Service (NHSE Service);

2.3.2. A new national NHS Urgent Medicine Supply Advanced Service Pilot NUMSAS has been commissioned by NHSE. Patients contacting NHS 111 to request access to urgently needed medicines or appliances will be referred to a pharmacy that is providing this service for assessment. A pharmacist can supply a prescription only medicine (POM) without a prescription to a patient who has previously been prescribed the requested POM. This is a pilot project to be reviewed 31/08/2018.

2.4. Quality Payments Scheme

This scheme involves payments being made to community pharmacy contractors meeting certain gateway and quality criteria as part of the Community Pharmacy Contract. One of the quality domains is becoming a Healthy Living Pharmacy registered with the Royal Society of Public Health.

2.5. Pharmacy Integration Fund - Integrating Pharmacy into Urgent Care

This is a national fund to support pharmacy to transform how it operates across the NHS for the benefit of patients over the next two years as it develops new clinical pharmacy services, working practices and digital platforms to meet the public's expectations for a modern NHS community pharmacy service.

3. Findings from the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment in Accordance with Regulations

3.1. Necessary Pharmaceutical Services Provision

No gaps have been identified in the PNA i.e. there are sufficient numbers of pharmacies in Kirklees to satisfy the need. **There is a reasonable and adequate choice of pharmacies in all areas of Kirklees.**

3.2. Improvements and Better Access

3.2.1. There are no gaps which, if filled, would lead to improvements and better access in accordance with Regulations in any Electoral Wards

3.2.2. There is inequity of minor ailments services provided by pharmacies across Kirklees, and if they were made more widely available, this would improve access to these services.

4. PNA Publication

The HWBB's second PNA must be published by 1st April 2018. It takes on average one year to complete a PNA

5. Conclusion

Pharmaceutical needs assessment revision is on schedule for consultation to start on 2 October. Consultation responses will be taken into account for the final version where HWBB approval will be requested.