

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT: BRIEFING NOTE

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report presents the outline for a combined South Yorkshire approach to support the four authorities to develop their own 2018-2020 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for approval by individual Health and Wellbeing Boards before the end of March 2018.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to note the:-

- requirement to approve a PNA before the end of March 2018
- process for carrying out the Barnsley Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment set out in this paper.

3. Introduction/ Background

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish PNAs for their areas by 1st April 2015. Barnsley Health and Wellbeing Board published their PNA in February 2015. Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to publish a revised assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment; by end March 2018.
- 3.2 Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These cover the minimum information to be included, the matters which must be considered and the process to be followed. This process includes formal consultation with specific stakeholders for a minimum of 60 days.
- 3.3 The PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet local needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs.
- 3.4 The PNA supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers. It will inform commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and clinical commissioning groups. The PNA is also a key document used in decisions around applications to open new and close pharmacy premises.

Summary of the approach

- 4.1. The four South Yorkshire authorities have agreed to collaborate on the production of the 2018-2020 PNA. A South Yorkshire project group has been established with lead officers for the PNA in each authority. To ensure:
- the PNA retains fit with local need
 - the development of local content
 - timely progression through governance structures with sign off by Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.2 Each Health and Wellbeing Board will retain the duty to sign off the PNA for their area but that the production of the PNAs will be made more efficient by sharing common structures and generic wording. This approach retains local oversight but maximises efficient use of resources.
- 4.3 Given that there is a need for local input a Barnsley project group will meet on a small number of occasions to support and give advice on the PNA's development
- 4.4 The South Yorkshire Local Pharmaceutical Network is supportive of a combined approach and is therefore well suited to act as a South Yorkshire Steering Group and a source of professional advice.

5. Conclusion/ Next Steps

- 5.1 An outline timetable for completion has been developed that would bring a final PNA to the 30th January 2018 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board for approval.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 No financial implications identified at this time.

7. Consultation with stakeholders

- 7.1 The PNA is subject to a 60 day statutory consultation period which will take place during October and November 2017. Regulation 8 of the Pharmaceutical Services Regulations specifies that the Health and Wellbeing Board must consult with the following:-
- the Local Pharmaceutical Committee
 - the Local Medical Committee
 - any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area
 - any Local Pharmacy Services (LPS) chemist in its area with whom NHS England has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services
 - Healthwatch, and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area which in the view of the Health and Wellbeing Board has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area;
 - any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust in its area
 - NHS England
 - any neighbouring HWB.
- 7.2 Those being consulted will be directed to a draft PNA published on the Barnsley Council website.

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