

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
(Appendices 1 and 2 refer)

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Executive Summary

The draft Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) outlines present and future needs of citizens for pharmacy services.

The main findings of the assessment as set out in the draft are:

- That there is adequate service provision of pharmacies for the residents of Lancashire
- That the PNA does not identify the need for any additional pharmacies in Lancashire

Recommendation

The Board is asked to

- i. Consider the draft PNA and approve the draft document (subject to any amendments the Board may propose)
- ii. Agree that the County Council should commence a statutory 60 days consultation of the draft Lancashire PNA beginning on 20th of October 2014
- iii. Delegate responsibility to the HWB chair to approve the publishing of the PNA before 1st of April 2015, after amendments made based on the consultation.

Background and Advice

The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on the work that is progressing locally in relation to the PNA and to invite the Board to comment on the draft attached to this report and approve the process for publishing a final version of the Lancashire PNA.

Background and rationale

Local Government took on a new role when Public Health transferred from the NHS in April 2013. The document "Community Pharmacy - Local Government's new public health role" identifies the new roles and responsibilities that local Government took on including the production of a Pharmacy Needs Assessment.

The PNA is the key tool for identifying what is needed at a local level to ensure provision of high quality pharmaceutical services to local people. It is designed to identify gaps in service provision, support commissioning and/or decommissioning and ensure that the needs of the residents of Lancashire are met.

A steering group has been set up across Lancashire to produce the PNA. Although the process is Pan-Lancashire the products are localized and the present document relates to the area pharmacy needs of Lancashire County Council's citizens.

From the 1st April 2013 every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for its local population. This is known as the Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA). It describes the needs for the population of Lancashire and enables commissioners to commission pharmaceutical services that are based on local priorities. A copy of the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is attached at Appendix 1 and the PNA 'Plan-on-a-page' is attached at Appendix 2

FORMAT

The draft PNA covers chapters on the following:

- Process followed when the PNA was constructed
- Background and context for the PNA
- Current provision of NHS Pharmaceutical Services
- Health needs and locally commissioned services
- Future population changes and housing growth

PROCESS AND DEADLINES

It is proposed that the HWB review and feedback comments and suggestions by 18th of October 2014. If necessary amendments will be made to the PNA and this will be followed by a 60 day public consultation commencing on the 20th of October involving key stakeholders. If necessary further amendments will be made after the public consultation. The final version of PNA will go to the Chair of HWB for final sign off subject to the Board's approval to this proposed process.

In order to promote the public consultation a stakeholder event will be arranged.

60 days further consultation will commence on the 20th of October 2014. The 2013 Regulations list those persons and organisations that the HWB must consult. This list includes:

- Any relevant local pharmaceutical committee (LPC) for the HWB area.
- Any local medical committee (LMC) for the HWB area.
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing GP practices in the HWB area.
- Any local Healthwatch organisation for the HWB area, and any other patient, consumer and community group which in the opinion of the HWB has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area.
- Any NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in the HWB area.
- NHS England.
- Any neighbouring HWB.

Results of the consultation will be summarized and made part of the final Lancashire PNA.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

The Health & Wellbeing Board is under a statutory duty to publish a PNA before the 1st of April 2015 | Failure to meet this requirement is likely to result in legal challenges and potential reputational damage.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
Draft Lancashire PNA	16/10/2014	ASHW
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		