

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Bromley is the formal document of the needs for pharmaceutical services in the area. It is intended to identify what is needed at a local level to guide the current and future commissioning of pharmaceutical services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers.
 - 1.2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) the statutory duty to develop and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1st April 2015. Requirements for a PNA are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These regulations cover the minimum information to be included in a PNA, 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.
 - 1.3. Following a recognised Council procurement process a provider has been appointed to deliver the PNA. (Primary Care Commissioning).
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2. REASON FOR REPORT GOING TO HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

- 2.1. The HWB received a report on the PNA giving an outline of the approach to be taken in March 2014. This report updates the current position including the milestones for Health & Wellbeing Board decisions as outlined in section 4.11.
 - 2.2. Since the last report it has become apparent that there will be a role for the Health & Wellbeing Board to review the PNAs of neighbouring boroughs, and the Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to agree the approach as outlined in section 4.7.
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3. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

3.1 Whilst the Public Health team within LB Bromley have the lead responsibility for completing the JSNA, a project steering group has been established with representatives from:

- Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Local Medical Committee
- CCG
- Healthwatch Bromley
- Voluntary Sector Strategic Network
- Communications, LBB
- NHS England

Health & Wellbeing Strategy

Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £41K
2. Ongoing costs: There will be an ongoing maintenance cost, bids were sought as part of the main tender process. The maintenance cost will be up to £5,000 pa.
3. Total savings (if applicable): Not applicable
4. Budget host organisation: London Borough of Bromley
5. Source of funding: Public Health Grant
6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings: Not applicable.

Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

4. COMMENTARY

Introduction

- 4.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) the statutory duty to develop and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1st April 2015. Requirements for a PNA are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These regulations cover the minimum information to be included in a PNA, 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. The PNA lasts three years, but must be kept up to date and supplementary statements published. If there is a change in circumstances that cannot be addressed through a supplementary statement, a new PNA must be written.
- 4.2. A PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet needs. A PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs. A PNA supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers.
- 4.3. The completed PNA will inform commissioning decisions by NHS England (Area Teams) on certain pharmaceutical services and may inform the Local Authority, and potentially the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), on services not legally termed 'pharmaceutical services' that may be commissioned from pharmacies.
- 4.4. The Health & Wellbeing Board needs a thorough and robust PNA that complies with the regulations and follows due process. This will ensure that community pharmacy services are provided in the right place and that commissioned services meet the needs of local communities.

Current position

- 4.5. Following a recognised Council procurement process a provider has been appointed to deliver the PNA. (Primary Care Commissioning) and a Steering Group has been established. The structure and framework of the PNA have been agreed by the Steering Group (Appendix A).

Communications

- 4.6. There are three strands to the communications for the Bromley PNA:
 - The first is a pharmacy contractor questionnaire which seeks information about pharmaceutical services currently delivered and services which could be delivered in the future. The content of this questionnaire has been agreed by the Steering Group and will be distributed online to contractors by the PCC with a deadline for response of 15th July.
 - The second is a patient survey which seeks information about the current usage and experience of pharmaceutical services and demand for future services. The content of this questionnaire has been agreed by the Steering Group and this survey will be distributed both online and in hard copy through promotion by members of the Steering Group and other stakeholders between mid-July and mid-August.
 - The third is the formal consultation on the PNA. The regulations state that certain persons (listed in the regulations) must be consulted at least once whilst producing the PNA. Those listed include the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), the Local Medical Committee

(LMC), Local Pharmacy Services Contractors, Healthwatch, other patient groups, Acute Trusts, NHS England Area Team and neighbouring Health & Wellbeing Boards. There must be at least 60 days given for responses. It is planned to run this consultation between mid-October and mid-December, and the Health & Wellbeing Board will be asked to agree the draft PNA for consultation at the meeting on 2nd October 2014.

PNAs of Neighbouring Boroughs

- 4.7. The Health & Wellbeing Board should be consulted on the draft PNAs of neighbouring boroughs, this must include consultation with Bromley’s LMC and LPC if these are different from the originating borough.
- 4.8. It is proposed that the Health & Wellbeing Board delegate this review to the PNA Steering Group.

Risks

- 4.9. The Health & Wellbeing Board have a statutory duty to publish the PNA by 1st April 2015, and we are on course to deliver this responsibility.
- 4.10. The PNA will be included on the Corporate Risk Register as there is a potential for legal challenge if the PNA is considered not to be compliant with regulations or not to have followed due process and not be sufficiently robust to allow for reasonable commissioning decisions to be made. The risk is being mitigated by the processes being followed.

Health & Wellbeing Board Decisions

- 4.11. The Health and Wellbeing Board will be asked to agree the draft PNA prior to the formal consultation at the meeting on 2nd October 2014, and to agree the final version of the PNA at the meeting on 29th January 2015 prior to publication.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The cost of the PCC contract to deliver the PNA is £41,000. There is an ongoing maintenance cost of up to £5,000 pa.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The Health & Wellbeing Board have a statutory duty to publish the PNA by 1st April 2015, and we are on course to deliver this responsibility.
- 6.2. There is a potential for legal challenge if the PNA is considered not to be compliant with regulations or not to have followed due process and not be sufficiently robust to allow for reasonable commissioning decisions to be made.

Non-Applicable Sections:	IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS, BOARDS AND PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ANY POLICY AND FINANCIAL CHANGES, REQUIRED TO PROGRESS THE ITEM; and COMMENT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Update on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 20th March 2014.