

London Borough of Bromley

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Report Title: Progress on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015-18

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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. In preparation for consultation a draft of the PNA has been prepared.

2. REASON FOR REPORT GOING TO HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

- 2.1. The HWB are asked to approve the draft PNA for statutory consultation, which will run from 17th October to 22nd December.

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
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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.
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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. The PNA Steering Group, together with the commissioned provider (PCC – Primary Care Commissioning) has prepared a draft PNA ready for statutory the consultation which is scheduled to run for 60 days between 20th October and 22nd December 2014. The draft PNA has been circulated to members of the Board as an Information briefing.

Consultation

- 4.6. Formal consultation on the PNA is a statutory requirement. 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, neighbouring Health & Wellbeing Boards. There must be at least 60 days given for responses. It is planned to run this consultation between 17th October and 22nd December.
- 4.7. The draft PNA for consultation will be published on the My Life website.

Risks

- 4.8. 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.
- 4.9. 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

- 4.10. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to agree the draft PNA prior to the formal consultation at this meeting, 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, 20 th March 2014 Progress on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015-18, 24 th July 2014