

BRIEFING PAPER FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

1.	Date of meeting:	15 November 2017
2.	Title:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
3.	Directorate:	Public Health

4. Introduction

4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA). Legislation requires that Health and Wellbeing Boards publish revised assessments at least every three years. The Health and Wellbeing Board will need to publish a revised assessment by 1 April 2018.

4.2 Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The PNA will need to include information, consider matters and follow the process set out by these regulations. This process includes formal consultation with specific stakeholders for at least 60 days.

4.3 The PNA is a commissioning tool to make sure that areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet local needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and makes recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs. These services include:

- essential services such as dispensing medicines, giving advice on self care and promoting healthy lifestyles
- advanced services such as giving flu vaccinations, reviewing a patient's use of medicines or appliances and additional support for patients with long-term conditions who have been newly prescribed a medicine, and
- locally commissioned services, such as needle exchange schemes, emergency hormonal contraception or help with minor ailments.

4.4 The PNA informs commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and CCGs by mapping need against services provided. NHS England uses the PNA to inform decisions around applications to open pharmacy premises.

4.5 This report outlines plans to enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the 2018 Rotherham PNA by 1 April 2018, the date it is legally due for renewal.

5. Summary of the approach

5.1 The four South Yorkshire local authorities are working together, led by RMBC, to produce the four separate PNAs covering South Yorkshire. A South Yorkshire PNA steering group was established to take this forward, led by a Public Health Registrar and comprising the relevant PNA lead from each local authority.

5.3 Each Health and Wellbeing Board retains the duty to sign off the PNA for its area. By working together across South Yorkshire the production of the PNAs will be more efficient. This approach retains local oversight in that there will still be a PNA specific to Rotherham but at the same time it maximises efficient use of resources.

5.3 The South Yorkshire Local Pharmaceutical Network (LPN) is supportive of this approach. The LPN is acting as a source of professional advice to the project. The LPN comprises representatives from Local Pharmaceutical Committees, CCGs, NHS England, Healthwatch, Local Medical Committees, local authority public health and pharmacy (community and hospital) from across the area.

6. Key actions and relevant timelines

6.1 The project has collated information detailing the services provided by Community Pharmacies. This information uses the NHS England Pharmaceutical list as a base. Further information from CCGs and local authorities has been included.

6.2 The provision of community pharmacy services is being mapped using Public Health England's (PHE) SHAPE mapping tool. PHE are providing advice to support the mapping of information on the SHAPE tool. A demonstration of the SHAPE tool will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board.

6.3 A draft PNA is currently in development. This is being shared with key local stakeholders in preparation for formal consultation.

6.4 The PNA is subject to a 60 day statutory consultation period. This will run from 17 November 2017 to 19 January 2018. Those consulted will be directed to a draft PNA published on the Rotherham Council website.

Regulations specifies that the Health and Wellbeing Board must consult with the following as a minimum. Additional local stakeholders including the CCG, Yorkshire Ambulance Service and Voluntary Action Rotherham will be included in the consultation:

- The Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- The Local Medical Committee
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors lists 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 areas
- Any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust in its area
- NHS England
- Any neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Board

6.5 Following the consultation the PNA will be finalised and a version submitted to the March 2018 Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off.

7. Recommendations to HWBB

- 7.1 To note and approve the planned timetable for consultation and for the final document to be brought back to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 7.2 To consider whether there are any additional consultees, especially specific patient, consumer or community groups that should be included in the consultation.

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