

Report for: Health and Wellbeing Board: 26 February 2018

Title: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

Report

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1. Purpose

This paper presents Haringey's updated PNA (currently out to consultation to the HWB) and proposes a process for sign off.

2. Describe the issue under consideration

Each Health and Wellbeing Board has a legal duty to publish an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every 3 years. Haringey published its first PNA in February 2015 and therefore needs to publish an updated PNA early in 2018. This paper presents the draft PNA currently out to consultation to the HWB and proposes a process for sign off.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The HWB is asked to note progress made to date with respect to developing the revised PNA, in particular, the consultation on the PNA (at appendix 1);

3.2 The HWB is asked to approve the timetable and arrangement set out in Paragraph 4 of the Report for consulting on, approving and publishing the revised PNA; and

3.3 The HWB is asked to delegate to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair of the HWB the authority to approve for publication the final PNA following consultation.

4. Background

4.1 The provision of NHS Pharmaceutical Services is a controlled market. Any pharmacist, dispensing appliance contractor or dispensing doctor (rural areas only), who wishes to provide NHS Pharmaceutical Services, must apply to be on the Pharmaceutical List.

4.2 The NHS Pharmaceutical Services & Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 (and amended in 2014, 2015 and 2016) set out the system for market entry for pharmacies. Under these regulations, market entry decisions are informed by the PNA for a given Health and Wellbeing Board area. The PNA is a document that sets out a statement of the pharmaceutical services that are currently provided, together with when and where these are available to a given population.

4.3 A PNA is a document that includes a count of local pharmacies and the services they already provide, including dispensing, medicines reviews and local public health services, such as stop smoking, sexual health and support for drug users. A PNA often includes other services, such as dispensing by GP surgeries, and services available in neighbouring HWB areas that might affect the need for services in its own area. A PNA also describes the demographics of its local population, across the area and in different localities, and their needs. It should look at whether there are gaps that could be met by providing more pharmacy services, or through opening more pharmacies. It should also take account of likely future needs. The PNA should contain relevant maps relating to the area and its pharmacies.

4.4 Each area needs to update its PNA every 3 years to take into account changing demographics, as well as a changing strategic landscape and changing expectations on primary healthcare services (e.g. evening and weekend access).

4.5 A PNA normally takes at least 9 months to develop because of the complexity of the process and the statutory requirement to undertake a formal consultation, which must run for a minimum of 60 days. A multi-agency Steering Group is overseeing production of Haringey's updated PNA.

4.6 The PNA has been produced and circulated for 60 days consultation (<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-pna>)

4.7 The proposed timeline for finalising the PNA is:

- PNA consultation to close on 6th April;
- Consultation responses to be incorporated into the final document by 14th April;
- PNA Steering Group to sign-off the final PNA document in the week commencing 16th April;
- The Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair of the HWB will approve for publication the final PNA following consultation in the week commencing on 23rd April;
- PNA to be published by 10th May 2018.

5. Contribution to strategic outcomes

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is the document that NHS England uses when deciding if new pharmacies are needed and to make decisions on which NHS funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies.

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment can be used as part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to inform future commissioning strategies.

6. Statutory Officer Comments (Legal and Finance)

Legal

6.1 Under Section 128A of the NHS Act 2006, amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the Health and Well-being Board (HWB) must in accordance with regulations assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area and publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment. This report relates to the publication of the revised assessment.

6.2 The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the requirements relating to the production of pharmaceutical needs assessments (“PNAs”). The HWB must publish its first PNA by 1st April 2015 and the revised assessment within 3 years of publication of their first assessment. The PNA must contain the prescribed information set out in Schedule 1 of the Regulations. This includes

a) a statement of the pharmaceutical services that are provided in the area and which are necessary to meet the need for pharmaceutical services (i.e. necessary services: current provision);

b) a statement of the pharmaceutical services that are not provided in the area but which the HWB is satisfied need to be provided (i.e. necessary services: gaps in provision);

c) a statement of the pharmaceutical services that are provided in the area and which, although they are not necessary to meet the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, nevertheless have secured improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services in its area (i.e. other relevant services: current provision);

d) a statement of the pharmaceutical services that are not provided in the area but which the HWB is satisfied need to be provided in order to meet a current and/or future need for pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specified type, in its area; (i.e. improvements and better access: gaps in provision);

e) a statement of any NHS services provided or arranged by a local authority, the NHSCB, a CCG, an NHS trust or an NHS foundation trust to which the HWB has had regard in its assessment (i.e. other NHS services)

f) an explanation of how the assessment has been carried out: a) how it has determined what are the localities in its area; b) how it has taken into account (where applicable) the different needs of different localities in its area, and the different needs of people in its area who share a protected characteristic; and c) a report on the consultation that it has undertaken. (i.e. how the assessment was carried out); and

g) a map that identifies the premises at which pharmaceutical services are provided in the area (i.e. map of provision).

6.3 There is a consultation requirement that must be complied with before the revised PNA is completed and published. Regulation 8 “Consultation on pharmaceutical needs assessment” provides a list of bodies that HWB must consult about the contents of the revised assessment it is making. This include any Local Pharmaceutical Committee, any Local Medical Committee, any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area, any Local Healthwatch organisation for its area, and any neighbouring HWB. They must together be consulted at least once during the process of developing the PNA. The bodies consulted must be given a minimum period of 60 days for making their response to the consultation. Those being consulted can be directed to a website address containing the draft PNA but can, if they request, be sent an electronic or hard copy version.

6.4 Regulation 9 sets out the matters HWB must consider when developing their PNA. This include: a) the demography of its area; b) whether in its area there is sufficient choice with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services; c) any different needs of different localities within its area; d) the pharmaceutical services provided in the area of any neighbouring HWB which affect the need for pharmaceutical services in its area; e) any other NHS services provided in or outside its area which affect the need for pharmaceutical services in its area. The HWB must also take account of likely future needs. This is intended to address and compliments the prescribed information in Schedule 1 at Paragraph 7.2 above.

Chief Finance Officer

There are no additional financial liabilities to the council arising from the production of the updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) schedule.

The PNA will be used by the London Borough of Haringey and NHS Haringey CCG in the development of commissioning strategies to ensure the provision of effective Pharmaceutical Services, which will play a pivotal role in improving the health and wellbeing of the population and form part of the demand management strand of the Priority 2 MTFS budget management strategy.

7. Resident and Equalities Implications

The Council has a Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act (2010) to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share those characteristics and people who do not.

The three parts of the duty applies to the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy/maternity, race, religion/faith, sex and sexual orientation. Marriage and civil partnership status applies to the first part of the duty.

The PNA has taken into explicit consideration the needs of people with protected characteristics of the population, including the needs of older people, younger people, mothers, people of different races and ethnicities and people with disabilities).

In the forthcoming consultation, Haringey will make efforts to reach people from the protected groups to ensure that their concerns are reflected in the final assessment.

8. Appendices

The draft PNA document is attached as an appendix to this document and additional appendices to the PNA can be accessed here:

[http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/pharmaceutical-needs- assessment-pna](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/health/public-health/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-pna)