

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD		AGENDA ITEM No. 7(a)
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Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S	
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<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the NHS Peterborough PNA has concluded that there has not been any substantial change to the pharmaceutical needs of the local population since publication of the PNA in February 2011. 2. As a result it is recommended that producing a new PNA would be a disproportionate response, at this time. 3. The HWB is required to publish a fully revised PNA by 1st April 2015. This is a significant undertaking involving at least 60 days consultation and board level sign off. It is recommended the process starts at least 12 months ahead of the publication date. 4. That in the mean time, as a separate piece of work, opportunities to further involve community pharmacies in the development and support of the Urgent Care Pathway are explored. 	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

This report is to update the Board on its statutory responsibility to maintain and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The full background to this was presented in a previous report to the HWB in June 2013.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

From April 1st 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board has statutory responsibility for the PNA for its area.

- NHS Peterborough published the current PNA in February 2011
- In order to meet its statutory requirements the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to review the current PNA, identify any changes to the need for pharmaceutical services in its area and assess whether any changes are significant.
- Decide whether producing a new PNA at this time is a disproportionate response, or not.

3. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PNA REVIEW

- The key messages from NHS Peterborough's PNA are reproduced in Appendix 1 to provide background to this review.
- With the support of the public health team we considered the following aspects

The health needs of the population of Peterborough
 Numbers and type of pharmacy services provided
 The commissioning of public health enhanced services eg stop smoking
 New housing developments planned or started since the PNA
 Changes to location and nature of GP premises and primary care facilities

Review of these areas did not identify any substantial change to the pharmaceutical needs of the population.

- NHS Peterborough’s PNA demonstrated that there was adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in February 2011. Appendix 2 provides the background to this conclusion.

A key indicator as to whether complete revision of the PNA is required is changes to community pharmacy provision since February 2011. This was considered to identify whether gaps in service have developed since the PNA was published. The following changes were identified.

Change	Numbers	Comment
Pharmacy Closures	0	
Pharmacy Openings	2	Both mail/internet pharmacies
Changes in Opening Hours	12	Six increases in supplementary/core hours Six decreases in supplementary/core hours

In all cases changes in community pharmacy opening hours were minor (eg changes in lunch breaks) and have not affected the overall provision of pharmaceutical services.

Particular concerns had been raised about access to pharmaceutical services and dispensing of prescriptions outside of normal working hours. Board members may wish to focus on this area as a separate strand of work as part of the review and development of the Urgent Care Pathway.

The conclusion of this review is that there has not been any substantial change in access to pharmaceutical services since February 2011.

- A second key indicator to consider is whether, or not, new housing developments have started, or been planned, since publication of the PNA. The Housing Development Plan for Peterborough UA 2013 makes the following statements

“In this monitoring period Peterborough has continued to see housing growth, although like all other parts of the region, the level of growth is lower than that experienced between 2005 and 2010 as a result of the contraction within the construction industry in this economic climate.

From 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013 there were 772 net completions within the authority area. Of these 338 (43.8%) were built in urban extensions, 367 (47.5%) were built in the rest of the urban area, and 67 (8.7%) were built in the rural area.”

Growth in housing, and any associated increase in pharmaceutical provision was considered as part of the PNA in 2011. Growth in housing has been slower than anticipated and in addition no housing developments have been planned that were not originally considered within NHS Peterborough’s PNA.

4. CONSULTATION

During the process of developing a PNA the HWB must consult organisations identified in regulations at least once. There is a minimum period of 60 days for consultation responses.

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- Decision that the current PNA is up to date and meets requirements.
- Agreement by commissioning partners to consider increased involvement of community pharmacists within the Urgent Care Pathway.
- Development and publication of fully revised PNA by 1st April 2015

6. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Statutory requirement.

7. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

There are no alternative options.

8. IMPLICATIONS

- Resource to revise and publish updated PNA by 1st April 2015. Based on previous experience, and national guidance, it can take up to 12 months to develop a PNA that meets regulatory requirements.
- Failure to comply with regulatory requirements about production of a PNA, and produce a robust PNA, could lead to legal challenges because of the PNA's relevance to decisions about commissioning services and new pharmacy openings. The risk of challenge is significant and the HWB is advised to add the PNA to their risk register.

9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments – Information pack for local authority health & wellbeing boards (DH)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>

NHS Peterborough PNA (2011)

http://www.lpc-online.org.uk/bkpage/files/46/nhs_peterborough_pna_final_board_approved.pdf

Appendix 1

Key Messages from the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Peterborough, 2011

- 1.17 As NHS Peterborough move towards world class standards of commissioning, we recognise that our local pharmacies offer dispensing services along with a range of 'additional and enhanced services'. We wish to support and encourage the move towards greater provision of clinical services from community pharmacy while maintaining good access to provision of medicines.
- 1.18 Pharmacists help and support patients to understand their medicines. This reduces the problems associated with taking too much or too little or not getting the best from medicines. The advanced service Medicines Use Review (MUR) has the potential to improve understanding and use of medicines, particularly in priority areas such as cancer, respiratory and cardiovascular disease. However, it is under-utilised.
- 1.19 Most community pharmacies provide the local minor ailment enhanced service (Pharmacy First), which provides easy access to a range of medicines and avoids the need for GP, Walk In Centre or A/E visits, particularly in areas of Peterborough with higher levels of deprivation.
- 1.20 Services for those who need them such as stop smoking services, needle exchange, supervised consumption are readily available, however, there is potential for these to make a greater contribution. We have difficult issues to address regarding sexual health and in particular, teenage pregnancies. NHS Peterborough will undertake further work over the next 2 years to identify the best and most cost-effective means to deliver sexual health services.
- 1.21 Community pharmacies offer advice on healthy lifestyle, being active, eating well, drinking sensibly and stop smoking. However, respondents to our patient survey would like to see blood pressure monitoring, cholesterol testing and weight management programmes being provided in the future. This links with our strategic intentions.
- 1.22 Pharmacies offer convenient location and extended opening times. Prescriptions can be dispensed and medicines are available to buy over the counter, throughout the normal working week and well into late evenings and during weekends. We have 41 pharmacies, which is 1 pharmacy for every 4,350 people within Peterborough. Throughout England there are, on average, 20 pharmacies per 100,000 populations. Peterborough has 23 per 100,000 population.
- 1.23 Over 98% of those responding to our patient survey indicated that access to pharmacy services was either 'easy or ok'. Even taking into consideration our less urban areas, you are never more than 20 minutes from a pharmacy in NHS Peterborough. This, along with the above average number of pharmacies in Peterborough, demonstrates we already have adequate provision of pharmaceutical services.
- 1.24 Co-location of pharmaceutical services with other primary care service providers offers both patient and service delivery benefits. The future pharmaceutical services commissioning model will be co-location with other primary care service providers. Where it is of mutual interest and within regulations, we recommend relocation of existing pharmacies.

Appendix 2

Current Service Provision

There are 41 community pharmacies within NHS Peterborough (figure 1).

There are three dispensing doctor practices (Ailsworth, Thorney and Fletton practices), providing dispensing services to a total of 2,500 patients, one hospital pharmacy, one community care centre pharmacy and two dispensing appliance contractors (figure 2).

The two national dispensing appliance contractors (DACs) which together with a number of community pharmacies who also provide appliances, meet the need for this type of service within NHS Peterborough.

There are five pharmacies which are open for 100 hours or more per week (figure 2). These pharmacies are

Asda (Rivergate)
Pharmacy First (Lincoln Road)
Sainsbury (Bretton)
Boots (Bretton)
Alfa Chemists (Park Road)

Pharmaceutical services are available from these five pharmacies from 7am until midnight (Mon-Sat). On Sunday access is available for 23 hours and throughout the night until pharmacies open on Monday mornings. There are, therefore, only 36 hours per week (not including Bank Holidays) where there are no pharmaceutical services available within Peterborough. These are between the hours of midnight to 7am (Mon-Fri) and between 4-5pm on Sunday.

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