

<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>	AGENDA ITEM No. 6
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<b>PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT</b>
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<b>R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S</b>	
<b>FROM:</b> Dr Liz Robin, Director of Public Health	<b>Deadline date:</b> N/A
<p>It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the findings of the PNA and approve the final PNA submitted by the multi-agency PNA Steering Group.</li> <li>2. Approve the monitoring protocol for keeping the PNA up to date between now and March 2021, including the delegated authority for approval of supplementary statements to the Director of Public Health, in discussion with the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Board.</li> </ol>	

**1. ORIGIN OF REPORT**

1.1 This report is submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board in light of the statutory requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to complete a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) every three years.

**2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT**

2.1 The purpose of this report is to present the final update of the Peterborough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The full report is attached, including an executive summary on pages 6-12. The report of the public consultation on the draft PNA is presented in **Appendix 6**. The response to consultation and a summary of changes made to the PNA are presented in **Appendix 7**. The monitoring protocol for keeping the PNA up to date between now and March 2021, when the PNA is next due to be updated, is also presented for approval.

2.2 This report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board ] to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 2.8.3.2

*To develop a shared understanding of the needs of the community through developing and keeping under review the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and to use this intelligence to refresh the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.*

### 3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	
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### 4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

#### 4.1 Background:

4.1.1 Since 1 April 2015, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area (the PNA). In 2015, the Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board published a PNA which describes the pharmaceutical needs for the population of Peterborough. The full report can be found here: <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/healthcare/public-health/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment/>. In order to meet the statutory requirements of publishing a revised PNA every three years, a revised PNA is due to be published in the spring of 2018.

4.1.2 The PNA is used by NHS England when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractor premises; or applications from current pharmaceutical providers to change their existing regulatory requirements. Of note, decisions on whether to open new pharmacies are made by NHS England, not by the Health and Wellbeing Board. As these decisions may be appealed and challenged via the courts, it is important that PNAs comply with regulations and that mechanisms are established to keep the PNA up to date.

4.1.3 The PNA also informs decisions by local commissioning bodies including local authorities (public health services from community pharmacies), NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups on which NHS funded services are provided locally and where pharmacies may be able to deliver commissioned services (such as Stop Smoking and Sexual Health Services).

#### 4.2 Process:

4.2.1 Using learning from the development of PNAs in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire in previous years, a multi-agency steering group was set up to oversee the production of the Peterborough PNA 2018. The group includes representation from Peterborough City Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch, the Local Medical Committee (a corresponding member), the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and NHS England.

4.2.2 In order to accurately describe the pharmaceutical needs in Peterborough, information from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and public health sources has been used to describe pharmaceutical provision throughout the county and local health needs that may be addressed through pharmaceutical services. In addition, all pharmacies and dispensing GP practices in Peterborough were asked to complete a questionnaire describing their service provision.

4.2.3 This information was used to produce a draft PNA report which was published for formal public consultation, a statutory requirement of the legislation, on 23 October until 23 December 2017. The results of this consultation were analysed and the draft report updated to produce the final PNA.

4.2.4 The legal team in Peterborough City Council reviewed both the draft and final report to ensure it is compliant with the regulations.

#### 4.3 Key Findings:

4.3.1 The key findings of the PNA are described in the executive summary of the full report. **In summary, the PNA concludes that there is currently sufficient pharmaceutical service provision across Peterborough. No need for additional pharmaceutical service providers was identified in the PNA.**

- 4.3.2 Peterborough has one pharmaceutical service provider per 4,409 people, equivalent to 23 pharmaceutical service providers per 100,000 resident population. This is the same as the national average and slightly lower than the East of England average (24 providers per 100,000 resident population).
- 4.3.3 92% of community pharmacies and also the one dispensing GP practice that responded to the questionnaire stated that they considered current pharmaceutical provision in Peterborough to be adequate and for there to be no need for additional pharmacies in Peterborough.
- 4.3.4 Taking into account current information from stakeholders, including community pharmacies and dispensing GP practices, the number and distribution of pharmaceutical service provision in Peterborough is sufficient.
- 4.3.5 Review of the locations, opening hours and access for people with disabilities, suggest there is adequate access to NHS pharmaceutical services in Peterborough. 89% of respondents to the public consultation thought that pharmacy services are available at convenient locations and 76% thought that pharmacy services are available at convenient opening hours.
- 4.3.6 91% of respondents to the public consultation agreed with the key findings described in the PNA, and 84% agreed that there are enough pharmacies across Peterborough.
- 4.3.7 The PNA recognises that community pharmacies are a key public health resource and recognise that they offer potential opportunities to provide health improvement initiatives and work closely with partners to promote health and wellbeing.

#### 4.4 **Future population changes and housing growth:**

- 4.4.1 Over the coming years the population in Peterborough is expected to both age and grow substantially in numbers. An increase in population size is likely to generate an increased need for pharmaceutical services, but on a local level changes in population size may not necessarily be directly proportionate to changes in the number of pharmaceutical service providers required, due to the range of other factors influencing local pharmaceutical needs. Several large-scale housing developments are in progress and considerations when assessing needs for local pharmaceutical service providers should be based on a range of local factors specific to each development site. These are further described in Section 6 of the PNA report.
- 4.4.2 To facilitate commissioning of pharmaceutical services responsive to population needs the Health and Wellbeing Board partners will, in accordance with regulations, monitor the development of major housing sites and produce supplementary statements to the PNA if deemed necessary, to ensure that appropriate information is available to determine whether additional pharmacies might be required. In accordance with the amended *NHS regulations* (Dec 2016), the Health and Wellbeing Board will also produce a supplementary statement when required, if two or more pharmacy sites consolidate into one, assessing any gaps in local pharmaceutical and health needs.
- 4.4.3 A monitoring protocol for keeping the Peterborough PNA up to date has been produced by the multi-agency PNA steering group. It describes how the steering group will monitor, assess and respond to changes in pharmaceutical needs in Peterborough until March 2021, when the next PNA update is due to be published.

## 5. **CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 In line with the regulations, the draft PNA report was published for a formal 60 day public consultation from 23 October to 23 December 2017 to mid-December 2017 to seek the views of members of the public and other stakeholders, on whether they agreed with the contents of the draft PNA and whether it addressed issues that they considered relevant to the provision of

pharmaceutical services.

- 5.2 There were 69 responses to the survey from individuals or groups. The feedback gathered in the consultation is described in the Consultation report (see **Appendix 6** of the PNA) and a summary of how the draft PNA was amended to produce the final PNA in response to the feedback received is included as **Appendix 7** of the PNA.

## **6. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES OR IMPACT**

- 6.1 The PNA will be used by NHS England when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractor premises; or applications from current pharmaceutical providers to change their existing regulatory requirements. The PNA also informs decisions by local commissioning bodies on which NHS funded services are provided locally and where pharmacies may be able to deliver commissioned services (such as Stop Smoking and Sexual Health Services).

## **7. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 7.1 The recommendations have been made to enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil its statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area (the PNA).

## **8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 8.1 Not appropriate (the above recommendations will enable the Peterborough Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil its statutory responsibility in relation to the publication of a PNA).

## **9. IMPLICATIONS**

### **Financial Implications**

- 9.1 None.

### **Legal Implications**

- 9.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a PNA for its area. The PNA is used by NHS England when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies or make changes to their existing regulatory requirements. Any decisions made by NHS England based on the PNA may be appealed and challenged via the courts; it is therefore important that PNAs comply with regulations and that mechanisms are established to keep the PNA up to date.

The PNA was produced by a multi-agency steering group on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, and the specific legislative requirements, as described in the *NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013* (and updated in 2016), in relation to the development of PNAs were duly considered and adhered to. The PNA report has been reviewed by the Peterborough City Council legal team to ensure it is compliant with the regulations.

### **Equalities Implications**

- 9.3 The PNA describes the number and distribution of pharmaceutical service providers across Peterborough, the opening hours of services and access for people with disabilities (see section 4 for further details). Of note, 12 out of 69 respondents who completed the public consultation questionnaire (17%) said they had a disability. 63 respondents answered the question 'Do you have any difficulties in accessing your local pharmacy or GP dispensary?' 59 of 63 respondents (94%) said that they did not have any difficulties in accessing their local pharmacy or GP dispensary. One respondent highlighted the need for pharmacies to follow the Accessible Information Standard (see Appendix 7 for further details). The Steering Group has shared this consultation response with all key stakeholders, including NHS England, the CCG and the

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), which represents all community pharmacies in Peterborough.

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 10.1 *NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013*  
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made>

**11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Peterborough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2018) – Full Report [Final Version]  
11.2 Peterborough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2018 – 2021) Monitoring Protocol

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