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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

7 July 2022

Report of the Director of Public Health

**Derby and Derbyshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)
2022-2025**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:
- a) Note the update of the 'Derby and Derbyshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment'.
 - b) Note that the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) will identify the needs of the population and support the decision-making process for pharmacy applications, as well as informing the planning of services that can be delivered by community pharmacies.
 - c) Agree that following statutory consultation, a final version of the draft, updated PNA will be shared with Board members remotely and if approved by a majority of Board members, will be published by 1 October 2022.

2. Information and Analysis

2.1 Legislative Background

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is covered by regulations issued by the Department of Health and Social Care, which set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs.

Under the 2013 Regulations, a person who wishes to provide NHS pharmaceutical services must apply to NHS England to be included on a relevant list.

Each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) must:

- assess the need for pharmaceutical services in its area
- publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment

The regulations contain the following requirements for PNAs

- It outlines the information that must be provided
- The extent to which the PNA must take account of likely future needs
- The date by which a Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) must publish their first PNA
- The circumstances in which a HWB must make a new PNA

In particular, the regulations determine:

- the pharmaceutical services to which a PNA must relate
- which specific persons and bodies must be consulted about specific matters when making an assessment
- the manner in which an assessment is made
- which matters a HWB must have regard to when making an assessment

HWBs must publish a revised assessment every three years. Revised PNAs were due to be produced by April 2021, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic, a delay was permitted until 1 October 2022.

2.2 **Developing the Derby and Derbyshire PNA**

The Derby and Derbyshire PNA will:

- identify the pharmaceutical needs of the local population
- support the decision-making process for pharmacy applications
- inform the planning of other services that can be delivered by community pharmacies to meet the health needs of the population

A task and finish group was established to direct the work programme to produce the PNA. The group is chaired by the Assistant Director of Public Health (Corporate) from Derby City Council and has representation from:

- Derbyshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- NHS England (Midlands)
- NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG (from 1 July 2022 NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board).
- Public Health, Derbyshire County Council

The work programme consists of four stages:

1. Collation of current and future health needs of the population and pharmacy data
2. Compilation of up-to-date pharmacy locations and services provided

3. Formal consultation with wider stakeholders
4. Production of the final report

The regulations stipulate that Health and Wellbeing Boards must consult formally for a minimum period of 60 days on a draft of their PNA before being finalised.

2.3 Update on Progress

Stages 1 and 2 above have now been completed and the formal consultation with stakeholders is taking place between 23 June and 22 August 2022.

The consultation is hosted on [Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation | Let's Talk Derby](#) along with the draft PNA.

The final PNA must be published by 1 October 2022. As the next HWB meeting is after this date, the final version will be sent virtually to all Board members in September 2022, and they will be asked to confirm if they agree to its publication.

3. Alternative Options Considered

- 3.1 Not agree a way to approve the development of a revised PNA by 1 October 2022, which would have reputational and legal implications for the Health and Wellbeing Board as it is a statutory document.

4. Implications

- 4.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

5. Consultation

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6. Background Papers

<https://observatory.derbyshire.gov.uk/pna/>

7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 - Implications

8. Recommendation(s)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

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- c) Agree that following statutory consultation a final version of the draft, updated, PNA will be shared with Board members and, if approved by a majority of Board members, will be published by 1 October 2022.

9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 9.1 The Pharmaceutical needs assessment is a statutory document which the Health and Wellbeing Board has oversight of the development of and therefore needs to be engaged throughout the process.

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Implications

Financial

1.1 Not applicable

Legal

2.1 Failure to produce a robust PNA could lead to legal challenges because of the PNA's relevance to decisions about commissioning services and new pharmacy openings, particularly in light of the pharmacy contract changes

Human Resources

3.1 Not applicable