

## **Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Date: 19 September 2017**

Agenda item:

Wards:

## **Subject: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

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Forward Plan reference number:

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That Health and Wellbeing Board members note the collaborative, cost saving approach being taken to re-refresh the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).
  - B. That the HWB agree to receive the completed PNA at its March 2018 meeting for adoption; in advance of the statutory deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
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### **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to set out the approach to the re-refresh of the PNA in line with statutory guidelines.

### **2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. From 1 April 2015 it became a statutory requirement that Health and Wellbeing Boards publish a PNA and publish a revised assessment within 3 years.
- 2.2. A PNA is a tool for identifying current and future needs at a local level, explore the potential and improve quality and effectiveness of pharmaceutical services. It uses robust, up to date evidence to ensure that pharmacy services are provided in the right place and that services commissioned from pharmacies by local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups meet the needs of the community that they serve.
- 2.3. It is used by NHS England when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractor premises. Such decisions are appealable and decisions made on appeal can be challenged through the courts.
- 2.4. The regulations set out that the following should be included in the PNA: current provision, gaps in provision, other relevant NHS services, recommendations for improvements and better access, methodology as to how the assessment was carried out and maps of provision.

### **3 DETAILS**

- 3.1. Merton's current PNA, published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, was developed by an organisation called Primary Care Commissioning (PCC) who delivered the

PNA on time and in line with the regulations. This contract was awarded to PCC following a competitive procurement exercise and was valued at £32,500; fully funded by the Merton Public Health budget.

- 3.2. Due to the pressures on the Public Health Grant, discussions have taken place across South West London to identify cost-effective solutions to re-fresh the PNAs using a light touch approach. These discussions have been positive and Kingston, Wandsworth, Richmond and Merton have agreed to collaborate on the re-fresh of their PNAs.
- 3.3. This collaboration has meant that all four boroughs will develop the PNA 'in-house' using the expertise available within their experienced and qualified Public Health teams, effectively saving a pooled budget of c£130k (at 2015 prices).
- 3.4. A steering group has been set up, covering Kingston, Wandsworth, Richmond and Merton, that will guide the development of the PNAs and provide challenge from critical friends, giving assurance that the final PNA will meet the regulations.
- 3.5. Each borough has agreed to take the lead in at least one critical area of the PNA. Wandsworth and Richmond are leading on the background, statutory context and methodology sections, Kingston are leading on the development of maps and Merton are leading on the development of the Contractor Survey which has been sent to all providers.
- 3.6. Key milestones for the development of the PNA are as follows

Date	Milestone
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2017	South West London PNA Strategic Development Meeting.
15 <sup>th</sup> August 2017 to 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2017.	Consultation with contractors, via survey
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Kingston, Wandsworth, Richmond and Merton Steering group meeting.
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 to 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	Formal consultation on draft PNA (see 5.1).
March 2018	HWB approval

#### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Publishing a PNA is a statutory requirement of Health and Wellbeing Boards under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

#### **5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 5.1. The consultation on the PNA is clearly set out with regulations for the consultation to last at least 60 days and to consult with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, the Local Medical Committee, persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors in the area, the LPS chemist in its area, the Local Healthwatch, any NHS Trust or NHS

Foundation Trust, NHS England, neighbouring HWB's and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area who has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in the area.

## **6 TIMETABLE**

- 6.1. The deadline for the HWB to publish a revised assessment is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

## **7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. The approach set out has no financial implications. It has been estimated that to commission a PNA will require investment of approximately £40,000.

## **8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

Publishing a PNA is a statutory requirement under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

## **9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

The PNA is concerned with delivering a balanced and equitable provision of service throughout the borough. In order to address health inequalities it is important that there is access to accurate data which reflects real needs.

## **10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

None

## **13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 13.1. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

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