

## Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 27 January 2015

### Agenda item: 5

Wards: All.

### Subject: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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#### Recommendations:

- A. Note that the statutory 60 day consultation of the draft PNA has been completed and responses are being collated.
  - B. The final draft PNA will be sent to HWB members in mid February for comment, in advance of its finalisation.
  - C. That the HWB agree to receive the completed PNA at its March 2015 meeting for adoption; in advance of the statutory deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
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#### 1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to update the HWB on the progress of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and set out plans to finalise and adopt the document in advance of the statutory deadline.

#### 2 DETAILS

- 2.1. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 includes a requirement that the Health and Wellbeing Board publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- 2.2. A PNA is a tool for identifying current and future needs at a local level to 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 local authorities meet the needs of the community that it serves.
- 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. Merton's PNA will also look at the public health services commissioned by locally by Public Health and recommend areas for improvement, expansion and opportunities for the future.
- 2.5. **Progress to date**

- 2.6. Following a competitive process, Merton Public Health commissioned Primary Care Commissioning (PCC) to produce the PNA. This commissioning was undertaken jointly with Sutton Council, realising savings of around £5,000 for Merton.
- 2.7. A joint Sutton and Merton PNA steering group was initially set up to oversee the joint contract, however this evolved and each borough now has its own steering group. The Merton steering group has representatives from Merton Council Public Health, Merton Clinical Commissioning Group, Merton Sutton and Wandsworth Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Sutton and Merton Local Medical Council.
- 2.8. **Consultation**
- 2.9. In order to complete this process the HWB has consulted with those parties identified under regulation 8 of the 2013 regulations, to establish if the draft PNA addresses issues that they considered relevant to the provision of pharmaceutical services. Examples of consulted parties include:
- Sutton, Merton and Wandsworth LPC
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  - Healthwatch Merton
  - NHS Trusts
  - Neighbouring HWBs, and
  - Contractors on the pharmaceutical list for the area of the HWB.

In addition, other local stakeholders were invited to consult on the draft. These included commissioners such as Merton CCG, patient groups and local residents. The consultation ran from 29 October until 31 December 2014.

- 2.10. The consultation received a total 11 responses; four from pharmacies/dispensing appliance contractors, two on behalf of organisations, one personal response and four that didn't respond to the question.

### **3 NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1. The Merton PNA Steering group is meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 to consider the responses made to the consultation and develop a final draft PNA. This will then be sent to HWB members in mid February for comment.
- 3.2. Once finalised, it is our intention that the final PNA will be adopted by the HWB at its March 2015 meeting; in advance of the statutory deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

#### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Publishing a PNA is a statutory requirement 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 2015.

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

- 7.1. Commissioning PCC to produce the PNA has costed £32,500 from the Public Health budget.

#### **8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. 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**

- 9.1. 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**

- 10.1. None.

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

#### **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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