

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2020:  
CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

*To:* **Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board**

*Meeting Date:* **30th January 2020**

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*Recommendations:* **The Board is asked to:**

- a) **Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair to approve the consultation draft of the Cambridgeshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for public consultation.**

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 The purpose of this paper request the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to delegate to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair to approve the consultation draft of the Cambridgeshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for public consultation.

## **2.0 Background**

2.1 All HWBs have a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area, referred to as a 'pharmaceutical needs assessment' (PNA).

2.2 The PNA has two key purposes:

- Firstly, it presents a summary of the number and distribution of pharmaceutical providers in Cambridgeshire and the access and services they provide in the context of local priorities. This information 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.
- Secondly, it provides an overview of locally commissioned services and potential future opportunities for pharmaceutical providers to contribute to improving the health and wellbeing of local residents. This can be used to inform commissioning decisions by local commissioning bodies including local authorities (public health services from community pharmacies), NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

## **3.0 MAIN ISSUES**

3.1 A PNA was undertaken for Cambridgeshire during June-December 2016 and published by the Board on 6th July 2017. The PNA was undertaken in accordance with the requirements set out in regulations 3-9 Schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

3.2 Guidance from NHS England require each Health and Wellbeing Board "to publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years of its previous publication of a pharmaceutical needs assessment having published its first pharmaceutical needs assessment by 1st April 2015, therefore the next revised assessment needs to be published no later than July 2020.

3.3 The previous PNAs have been brought to the HWB Board for approval at the consultation stage seeking approval to consult the public and stakeholders on that version. Due to the restricted time available and the need to have a draft ready for consultation by mid-March 2020 it will not be possible to bring a consultation version of the PNA to the HWB Board for approval to consult. The final version of the Cambridgeshire PNA will be brought back to the board for approval at its July meeting.

### **Process for producing the Cambridgeshire PNA 2020**

- 3.4 The development of the revised PNA for 2020 will be overseen by a multiagency steering group, with representation from the County Council, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch, the Local Medical Committee (a corresponding member), the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and NHS England.
- 3.5 The statutory 60 day public consultation on a draft PNA report will be undertaken from mid-March 2020 to mid-May 2020. In the process of undertaking the PNA and the public consultation, the Steering group on behalf of the Cambridgeshire HWB will seek the views of a wide range of stakeholders including but not limited to the public sector and the third sector organisations working with children, older people, people with disabilities, people with long term conditions, community support groups, Homelessness organisations to identify issues that affect the commissioning of pharmaceutical services and how pharmaceutical providers can help to meet local health needs and priorities.
- 3.6 All pharmacies and dispensing GP practices in Cambridgeshire will be asked to complete a questionnaire describing their own service provision and their views on local pharmaceutical provision.
- 3.7 Posters to advertise the PNA Consultation to the general public will be sent to all community pharmacies, GP practices and local libraries. Respondents will be encouraged to complete the questionnaire online, although some paper copies with freepost envelopes will be available in these venues and additional paper copies can be requested from the Public Health department. Letters informing stakeholders of the PNA consultation and specifically inviting responses will be sent to neighbouring HWBs, Parish and Town Councils, District Councils, local MPs, local NHS providers, the Local Medical Committee and a wide range of voluntary sector organisations.
- 3.8 A range of views will be sought on the provision and accessibility of pharmacy services in Cambridgeshire, including any local intelligence on perceived gaps in provision particularly linked to new settlements.
- 3.9 The feedback gathered in the consultation will be used to review and revise the PNA and a final version will be presented to the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board in July 2020 for formal adoption.
- 3.10 As the Health and Wellbeing Board will not be meeting at a suitable time to comment or agree the draft of the Cambridgeshire PNA for consultation an advance draft will be circulated to board members for comment prior to the formal consultation, and the decision to approve the draft for consultation will rest with the Director of Public Health with Chair and Vice Chair.

## **4 LINKS TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY PRIORITIES**

- 4.1 The PNA for Cambridgeshire is undertaken in the context of the needs of the local population. Health and wellbeing needs for the local population are

described in the Cambridgeshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). The PNA does not duplicate these detailed descriptions, and should be read alongside the JSNA.

- Priority 1: Ensure a positive start to life for children, young people and their families.
- Priority 2: Support older people to be independent, safe and well.
- Priority 3: Encourage healthy lifestyles and behaviours in all actions and activities while respecting people’s personal choices.
- Priority 4: Create a safe environment and help to build strong communities, wellbeing and mental health.
- Priority 5: Create a sustainable environment in which communities can flourish.
- Priority 6: Work together effectively.

## 5 IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 The final PNA document will be reviewed by the CCC legal team before it is published, to ensure that the PNA complies with regulations.

## 6 SOURCES

Source Documents	Location
The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made</a>
The Cambridgeshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2017	<a href="https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Cambridgeshire-Pharmaceutical-Needs-Assessment-2017-FULL-DRAFT-REPORT-FOR-CONSULTATION-v2_0.pdf">https://cambridgeshireinsight.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Cambridgeshire-Pharmaceutical-Needs-Assessment-2017-FULL-DRAFT-REPORT-FOR-CONSULTATION-v2_0.pdf</a>