

**CAMBRIDGESHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2017**

**To: Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Meeting Date: 6 July 2017**

**From: Dr. Liz Robin, Director of Public Health  
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**Recommendations: The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:**

- 1. To note the findings of the Cambridgeshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2017 and approve the final PNA report submitted by the multi-agency PNA Steering Group.**
- 2. To approve the monitoring protocol for keeping the PNA up to date between now and July 2020, 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.**

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## 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present the final update of the Cambridgeshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2017 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 July 2020, when the PNA is next due to be updated, is also presented for approval.

## 2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 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). This PNA updates the 2014 Cambridgeshire PNA and describes the pharmaceutical needs for the population of Cambridgeshire.
- 2.2 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. 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.
- 2.3 The PNA will also inform 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).

## 3. MAIN ISSUES

### 3.1 Process

- As in 2014, the specific legislative requirements in relation to development of PNAs were duly considered and adhered to. The final PNA report and monitoring protocol have been reviewed by the LGSS legal team and are compliant with the regulations.
- The development of the revised PNA for 2017 was overseen by a multi-agency 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. In the process of undertaking the PNA, the Cambridgeshire Health and Wellbeing Board sought the views of a wide range of stakeholders to identify issues that affect the commissioning of pharmaceutical services and to meet local health needs and priorities.
- Information from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Public Health sources were used to describe pharmaceutical provision throughout

the county and local health needs that may be addressed through pharmaceutical services. All pharmacies and dispensing GP practices in Cambridgeshire were asked to complete a questionnaire describing their service provision. 93 of 110 (85%) community pharmacies and 34 of 43 (79%) dispensing GP practices in Cambridgeshire responded to the questionnaire.

- A public consultation was undertaken from 30 January to 30 April 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. A good response was received to the public consultation, with 354 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.

### 3.2 Key findings:

- 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 Cambridgeshire. No need for additional pharmaceutical service providers was identified in the PNA.**
- Cambridgeshire has one pharmaceutical service provider per 4,258 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).
- All community pharmacy and GP dispensing practices who responded to the questionnaire considered local provision to be 'adequate' or better, with 30% of pharmacies and 56% of dispensing GP practices reporting provision as 'excellent' and 55% of pharmacies and 41% of dispensing GP practices as 'good'.
- Taking into account current information from stakeholders, including community pharmacies and dispensing GP practices, the number and distribution of pharmaceutical service provision in Cambridgeshire is sufficient.
- Review of the locations, opening hours and access for people with disabilities, suggest there is adequate access to NHS pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire. 91% of respondents to the public consultation thought that pharmacy services are available at convenient locations and opening hours.
- 86% of respondents to the public consultation felt that the draft PNA adequately described current pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire. 83% agreed with the key findings about pharmaceutical services in Cambridgeshire as outlined in the PNA.

- 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.

### 3.3 Future population changes and housing growth

- Over the coming years the population in Cambridgeshire 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.
- 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.
- A monitoring protocol for keeping the Cambridgeshire 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 Cambridgeshire until July 2020, when the next PNA update is due to be published.

## **4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

### 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked:

1. To note the findings of the PNA and approve the final PNA submitted by the multi-agency PNA Steering Group.
2. To approve the monitoring protocol for keeping the PNA up to date between now and July 2020, 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.

## **5 ALIGNMENT WITH THE CAMBRIDGESHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY**

### 5.1 The PNA is relevant to all six priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy:

- 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 6: Work together effectively.

## 6 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 This PNA has been 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*, in relation to the development of PNAs were duly considered and adhered to. The final PNA report and monitoring protocol have been reviewed by the LGSS legal team and are compliant with the regulations.

Source Documents	Location
The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/pdfs/uksi_20130349_en.pdf">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/pdfs/uksi_20130349_en.pdf</a>