

**Wiltshire Council**

**Health and Wellbeing Board**

**31 July 2014**

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**Wiltshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

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**Executive Summary**

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the developing and updating of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) to Health and Wellbeing boards (HWBs) from PCTs.

The draft Wiltshire PNA is currently being finalised by the multidisciplinary Wiltshire PNA steering group and will be available to members of Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing board for review from July 18<sup>th</sup> 2014.

**Proposal(s)**

It is recommended that the Board notes the contents of the draft Wiltshire PNA and approves the document to be published and made available for the specified 60 day consultation.

**Reason for Proposal**

Health and wellbeing boards must publish their first PNA by 1 April 2015, with a requirement to:

- Assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area, and
- Publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment.

This should be followed by a revised assessment within three years of publication of the first assessment. There is a legal requirement to consult for a minimum of 60 days during the production of a PNA.

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#### Purpose of Report

1. To inform the Health and Wellbeing board (HWB) about the development and production of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Wiltshire. A multi agency steering group from across Wiltshire has been working together in partnership to prepare the draft needs assessment, ready for consultation following the approval from the HWB. The PNA steering group membership includes the NHS England Local Area Team, Wiltshire CCG, Healthwatch Wiltshire, Local Pharmaceutical Network, and Public Health.

#### Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the developing and updating of PNAs to HWBs from Primary Care Trusts. The first Wiltshire PNA which was developed and published in 2011 was led by the Public Health directorate within the PCT. The purpose of a PNA is to identify the need in a specified area for pharmaceutical services, it should be noted that this is not always the same as an assessment of general health needs in an area.
3. Wiltshire's first PNA was well received by key partner agencies and has provided valuable evidence for NHS England in relation to applications for new pharmacies within the area. The consultation with residents in the first PNA was done using a randomised sample of the population to request their views on pharmaceutical provision and access. This provided robust and detailed information to inform the PNA but did not manage to engage with younger people across Wiltshire. During the development of the new draft PNA five engagement events were held across the Wiltshire College campus's with the student body to identify the needs and views of younger people within the county. These were very well received by the students and provided valuable insight and information to further strengthen the evidence used to develop the draft Wiltshire PNA.
4. PNAs will be key documents for NHS England as they will inform its decisions on applications to open new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractor premises. PNAs will also inform the commissioning of

enhanced services from pharmacies by NHS England. Enhanced services are services such as anti-coagulation monitoring, the provision of advice and support to residents and staff in care homes in connection with drugs and appliances, on demand availability of specialist drugs, and out-of-hours services.

5. There are a number of different areas within a PNA which a HWB should consider which include but are not limited to, the demography of the area, different needs within localities, whether there is sufficient choice with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services and likely future needs.
6. Ultimately a PNA should enable NHS England to commission pharmaceutical services that meet the diverse pharmaceutical needs of people within a health and wellbeing board's area. It is worth noting that any decisions made by NHS England, based upon the information provided in a PNA, which relate to the opening of new pharmacies, are appealable and can be challenged through the courts. For example, where a party believes that they have been disadvantaged following the refusal by NHS England of their application to open new premises. This possibility has already been added to the Wiltshire health and wellbeing board risk register.
7. There is a requirement for Health and Wellbeing Boards to consult with certain bodies at least once during the process of developing the PNA. This requirement is covered in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013: Regulation 8 and includes bodies such as:
  - The Local Pharmaceutical Committee for its area.
  - The Local Medical Committee for its area.
  - Persons on its pharmaceutical lists and its dispensing doctors list.
  - Any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust.
  - Any relevant local involvement network.
  - Any neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards.
8. The minimum period for consultation responses is 60 days, and in Wiltshire it is planned that this will take place throughout the months of October and November 2014. As members of the Wiltshire PNA steering group, Healthwatch Wiltshire have provided valuable insight into how the consultation process can be made more robust and will be working closely with other members of the PNA steering group during this time to facilitate a robust and inclusive consultation process.
9. The final PNA for Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing board will be produced by Wiltshire Council Public Health following the consultation period, in line with the required timescale of April 2015, and will involve final approval from the HWB in February 2015. This is being done in partnership with NHS Wiltshire CCG, NHS England local area team, Wiltshire and Swindon Local Pharmaceutical Network and Wiltshire Health Watch.

## **Main Considerations**

10. To approve the draft Wiltshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for publication and consultation in line with the legal requirement for production of pharmaceutical needs assessments.

## **Financial Implications**

11. There are no financial implications for the Wiltshire Health and Wellbeing board.

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## **Background Papers**

Published documents:

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Information Pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards can be accessed by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>

The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this report:

None

## **Appendices**

None