



**Health and Wellbeing Board**  
10 November 2015

**Report from the Director of Public Health**

For information

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Update on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

**1.0. Summary**

- 1.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 conferred the duty for publishing and keeping up to date a statement of the population needs for pharmaceutical services in their area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), onto Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs).
- 1.2. The Brent HWB delegated to a PNA Steering Group the authority to conduct, consult on and publish a revised Brent PNA. At its March 2015 meeting the HWB noted that this had been carried out.
- 1.3. The Brent PNA was published on the Brent Council Website in accordance with the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations).
- 1.4. The Regulations require that HWBs produce a statement of its revised assessment within three years of its previous publication of a PNA, or sooner should the HWB determine there has been a significant change in pharmaceutical needs in the area. At its March 2015 meeting, the HWB agreed the process for keeping the PNA up to date and delegated to the Director of Public Health (DPH), or the DPH's nominee, the decision as to whether a revision of the PNA is required before April 2018.
- 1.5. In the absence of a need to revise the PNA, it is still necessary that the published PNA is kept up to date and reflects any change to pharmaceutical services in Brent. This is done through the publication of Supplementary Statements to the PNA. At its March 2015 meeting the HWB delegated to the DPH, or the DPH's nominee, the publication of Supplementary Statements to the PNA

- 1.6 This paper provides an update to the HWB on how the PNA has been kept up to date since its publication in March 2015.
- 1.7 The DPH has determined that there has been no significant change to the need for pharmaceutical services or to the provision of pharmaceutical services in Brent since March 2015 and that a revision of the PNA has therefore not been required.
- 1.8 The DPH has published two Supplementary Statements on the Council website. The statements were issued in August 2015 and October 2015. The statements reflect changes to the opening hours of a pharmacy and changes to an appliance contractor's address. The supplementary statements and further details of the above changes can be found at:

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/your-council/partnerships/health-and-wellbeing-board/>

## **2.0. Recommendations**

The Board is asked to

- Note that no revision of the Brent PNA has been required in the six months since its publication
- Note the publication of Supplementary Statements on the Council website

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## Appendix One

### Extract from The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

#### Part 2 Regulation 6: Subsequent assessments

6. (1) After it has published its first pharmaceutical needs assessment; each HWB must publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years of its previous publication of a pharmaceutical needs assessment.

(2) A HWB must make a revised assessment as soon as is reasonably practicable after identifying changes since the previous assessment, which are of a significant extent, to the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, having regard in particular to changes to:

- (a) the number of people in its area who require pharmaceutical services;
- (b) the demography of its area; and
- (c) the risks to the health or well-being of people in its area, unless it is satisfied that making a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes.

(3) Pending the publication of a statement of a revised assessment, a HWB may publish a supplementary statement explaining changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its or a Primary Care Trust's pharmaceutical needs assessment (and any such supplementary statement becomes part of that assessment), where:

- (a) the changes are relevant to the granting of applications referred to in section 129(2)(c)(i) or (ii) of the 2006 Act; and
- (b) the HWB
  - (i) is satisfied that making its first or a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes, or
  - (ii) is in the course of making its first or a revised assessment and is satisfied that immediate modification of its pharmaceutical needs assessment is essential in order to prevent significant detriment to the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area.