
 Brent  <i>Clinical Commissioning Group</i>	Health and Wellbeing Board 27 March 2018
	Report from Director of Public Health
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment	

Wards Affected:	All
Key or Non-Key Decision:	N/A
Open or Part/Fully Exempt:	Open
No. of Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	None
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1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report informs the Health and Wellbeing Board on progress with the Brent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

2.0 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 The Board is asked to
- Note that the Brent PNA has been published in draft form and consulted upon
 - Note that the Brent PNA Steering Group intend to publish the final Brent PNA before 1 April 2018
 - Note the roles of NHS England, the CCG and Brent Council in maintaining the PNA
 - Agree the process for keeping the Brent PNA up to date by:
 - Delegating to the Director of Public Health (“DPH”), or the DPH’s nominee, the decision as to whether a revision of the PNA is required
 - Delegating to the DPH, or the DPH’s nominee, the publication of

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 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. The Brent Health and Wellbeing Board published its first PNA by

April 2015 in accordance with the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (the Regulations). The Regulations stipulate that HWBs need to publish a revised assessment within three years, which is by 1st April 2018.

- 3.2 At the June 2017 meeting the Board agreed to establish a PNA Steering Group to which it delegated the task of overseeing the conduct, consultation and publication of the revised Brent PNA.
- 3.3 PNAs are used by the NHS to make decisions on which NHS funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. PNAs are also used in decisions as to whether new pharmacies are needed in response to applications by businesses. NHS England has the responsibility to commission pharmaceutical services making decisions based upon PNAs.
- 3.4 The Council engaged the pharmaceutical consultancy Soar Beyond through a competitive tender to undertake the development of the PNA and thereafter to support the Health and Wellbeing Board in keeping the PNA up to date.
- 3.5 The PNA Steering Group, chaired by the DPH with input from the CCG, LPC and Healthwatch, agreed a draft PNA in 2017. This was consulted upon according to the regulations. The Steering Group have considered responses to consultation and agreed revisions to the text of the PNA. The final PNA will be published on the Brent Council Website in advance of the 1st April 2018 and in accordance the Regulations.
- 3.6 The Regulations require PNAs to be reviewed following publication to take into account any significant events / changes that impact on the need for pharmaceutical services in the Brent area. These changes may be such as to require a revision of the PNA sooner than the standard three years; for example as a result of demographic change, or if the current provision of pharmaceutical services change by closure of a pharmacy closes. However a full revision of the PNA is only required should this be a proportionate response to those changes.
- 3.7 Changes in pharmaceutical services may result from a pharmacy changing its opening hours, ownership or location. Such changes would be agreed by NHS England and should be notified to the HWB. Changes may also result from commissioning decisions by the CCG, the local authority or NHS England.
- 3.8 If a change in the provision of pharmaceutical services occurs which is not deemed to merit a full revision of the PNA, the HWB may publish a Supplementary Statement, pending the publication of statement of revised PNA
- 3.9 In order that the PNA is kept up to date the arrangements referred to in paragraphs 3.10 – 3.12 below will be put into place.
- 3.10 NHS England will provide information on a monthly basis on any changes to the pharmaceutical list for Brent. NHS England, Brent CCG and Brent Council public health will provide information on any changes to their commissioning that may result in a change in the need for pharmaceutical services.
- 3.11 The DPH or the DPH's nominee will determine if a revision of the PNA should be considered or if the publication of a Supplementary Statement will suffice. If the former, the PNA Steering Group will be reconvened. If the latter, the Supplementary Statement will be published on the Brent Council Website

3.12 The JSNA process will be used to determine if there is a significant change to the need for pharmaceutical services. In this event, Brent Council will reconvene the PNA Steering Group.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The cost of revising and maintaining the PNA is met by the Council's public health grant with contributions from the LPC and CCG in kind.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The development and updating of PNAs is subject to the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-services-regulations/> ("the Regulations").

6.0 Equality Implications

6.1 The PNA includes an equality impact assessment.

7.0 Consultation with Ward Members and Stakeholders

7.1 Sixty days consultation was carried out in accordance with the Regulations and the PNA amended to take account of consultation responses.

8.0 Human Resources/Property Implications (if appropriate)

8.1 There are no HR or property implications of this report.

Report sign off:

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