

TITLE	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Delivery Plan
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health & Wellbeing Board on 15 June 2017
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR/ KEY OFFICER	Judith Wright - Interim Director of Public Health for Berkshire

Reason for consideration by Health and Wellbeing Board	Since April 2013, every Health & Wellbeing Board in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish, and keep up to date, a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in their area. This is referred to as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Each Health & Wellbeing Board had to publish their first PNA by 1st April 2015, and is required to undertake a revised assessment at least every 3 years. All Berkshire Authorities need to public their next PNA by April 2018.
Relevant Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priority	The provision of pharmacy services is relevant to all four priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020.
What (if any) public engagement has been carried out?	Public Engagement is crucial to the preparation of the PNA, and this paper highlights the need for and opportunities for this in the development of the PNA for 2018-2021.
State the financial implications of the decision	None to the Board or the Council. The recommendations of the PNA relating to the need to increase, decrease or redistribute community pharmacy provision may lead to financial implications for the providers of these services.

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

That the population of Wokingham Borough, and visitors and workers alike, have access to high quality community pharmacy services to both meet their needs for prescription and non-prescription medicines and devices; and for any other health service s which may be provided through community pharmacy.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Health and Wellbeing Board note the content of this report and that constituent organisations work with the Public Health Team at Wokingham Borough Council to facilitate the public consultation required to complete the assessment.

In October 2017, the Health and Wellbeing Board Chairman will sign off the draft for public consultation. From October to December 2017, the Health and Wellbeing Board will support public consultation on the draft PNA. By 31 March 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board will agree the final PNA at its public meeting, including any recommendations and this will be published in formal papers, and the PNA made available on the Council website.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report outlines the plans being put in place to deliver the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021 for Wokingham Borough.

Background

The PNA is a key priority in the Shared Public Health Team's 2017/18 Business Plan, under the direction of Judith Wright, Interim Strategic Director of Public Health.

The major components of the PNA will be informed by the results of two surveys: one of residents using local pharmacy services; and the other of pharmacy staff in each borough. In 2017 it is proposed that these surveys will be carried out in June, July and August. They will be electronic and managed through the usual dissemination channels for a public survey of the member organisations of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the requirements for PNAs and detail the minimum information to be contained. These also state that there should be a minimum period of 60 days for public consultation on the draft PNA, before they can be adopted and signed-off by the Health & Wellbeing Board. The proposal is to carry out the public consultation between October and December. While the PH Shared Team will lead on the development and delivery of the PNA on behalf of HWBBs, certain actions need to be undertaken at a local level to ensure success of the project including promotion to local residents.

- Initial Support – This paper seeks support from the Health and Wellbeing Board for the PNA project as outlined above
- Communication and promotion of PNA with residents - A Communication Plan for the dissemination of the electronic survey in Wokingham Borough will be developed by the Shared Team, in collaboration with our Public Health team.
- Consultation - The public consultation period for the PNA will be between October and December 2017. Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to add this to their corporate consultation schedule for this period and to identify any processes that need to be completed to ensure this consultation occurs.

Analysis of Issues

Wokingham Borough Council through its Core Strategy (Local Plan) has made provision for over 13,500 new homes being built in the plan period to 2026. The growth in population and the redistribution of settlements and population density including four new strategic development locations; makes it essential that the PNA addresses these future population needs as well as those of the existing population.

Since the last PNA was published in 2015, there have been 570 new homes completed in the Borough, and a further 1,368 to be completed in the PNA plan timescale. For the new 2018-2021 PNA timescale, there are current planning consents for 3,781 new homes in the Borough. Previous forward planning estimates for primary healthcare services has estimated the occupancy of new homes in the Borough to be 2.52 people per unit. This equates to a population growth estimated as 4,884 people for the current PNA period; and 9,528 people for the new 2018-2021 PNA period.

Partner Implications
<p>The PNA will set out the needs for pharmacy provision for our population during the 2018-2021 period. This will impact upon Council services providing health and social care including Optalis the council's care provider, as many clients of these services will have prescriptions for medicines and medical devices provide through community pharmacy. The move through the Councils 21st Century Council transformation programme to more resident self-service; may provide a model for how council service clients access pharmacy services in the future.</p> <p>As the owner of property assets across the Borough, and the planning authority, the Council has further interests in the provision and re-provision of pharmaceutical services in these areas.</p>

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
No Applicable

List of Background Papers
<p>Wokingham Borough Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020. Wokingham Borough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015-2018. Wokingham Borough Core Strategy. Meeting the Health Needs Of Wokingham Borough Council's Major Growth Areas, 2014.</p>

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