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Bristol Health & Wellbeing Board

Bristol Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015

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Report for Action	

1. Purpose of this Paper

This paper asks Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the attached Bristol Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015 for publication.

2. Context

The HWB has a legal obligation to produce Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) at intervals of no less than every 3 years. It must produce a revised assessment or supplementary statement after notification of significant changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its PNA. The first PNA must be published no later than 1 April 2015.

3. Development of the PNA

The HWB has previously received reports on the need to produce this PNA, the project plan and an update on progress and consultation in November 2014. This paper now presents the final PNA, following approval by the Bristol PNA Steering Group.

4. Key risks

The key risks in producing a PNA are

- failure to follow the process required by legislation;
- failure to publish the PNA by the national deadline of 1 April 2015.

The production of this PNA has been to the agreed remit and project plan. These included mitigations of the risks identified relating to the above.

As a needs assessment, this PNA does not present new policy or plans for implementation. It is advisory to decision making by NHS England. No new risks are identified relating to the final recommendations of the PNA, in particular it does not commit new financial resources.

5. Conclusions

The enclosed final PNA is ready to receive approval of the HWB. Following HWB approval, the PNA will be published on the Bristol Health and Wellbeing website.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that the HWB approves the 2015 Bristol PNA for publication.