



Bristol Clinical Commissioning Group

Bristol Health & Wellbeing Board

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment	
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Report for Information	

1. Purpose of this Paper

The purpose of this paper is to advise the Health and Wellbeing Board of the need to update the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (last produced Feb 2015), and update on progress so far.

2. Context

Production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory duty that transferred to the local authority under the Health and Social Care Act 2012. The current PNA was published in February 2015 and can be accessed through the link below.

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/documents/20182/35028/Bristol%20PNA%20February%202015.pdf/13b04b16-5b3b-4cb9-be83-01c149a183bf>

The statutory requirement is to update every three years which means we need to refresh by March 2018. Production of the PNA necessitates some significant steps, including a minimum 60 day consultation period, so it is prudent that early planning takes place.

3. Purpose and content of the PNA

The PNA is primarily to inform the process of market entry for pharmaceutical providers (which NHS England must approve) although it is not bound by any content. The NHS Litigation Authority's Family Health Services Appeal Unit will refer to the PNA when hearing appeals of NHS England's decisions. The

courts may refer to the PNA as part of a judicial review. The content sets out the location of, and services provided by, Bristol's community pharmacies. It assesses whether these services match the patterns of need based on the JSNA. It also assesses likely future trends in population, and whether additional services may be required to meet needs within the three year period of the PNA.

4. Progress so far

A PNA Stakeholder Group has been set up to include appropriate membership from across Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Somerset to oversee the process, agree a common approach to the layout and content of the PNA and to share resources where appropriate. This group mirrors the footprint of NHSE, who will be the primary user of the PNA as described above. The group includes membership from all four local authorities, NHSE, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Public Health England (PHE). A working group has also been set up to take the work forward.

The latest data available in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment will be used to inform the production of the PNA and Avon Local Pharmaceutical Committee have agreed to provide data on all of the services provided by local pharmacies across BNSSG and details of opening days / times. Our local intelligence teams will provide mapping to demonstrate the accessibility of current pharmacy locations.

5. Key risks and Opportunities

A number of issues will have arisen in the last three years which need to be taken into account in the revision of the PNA as follows:-

- The NHS 5 Year Forward View, and the BNSSG Sustainable Transformation Plan, proposes increasing the importance of prevention and self-management of conditions, which is likely to give pharmacies a larger role in the 'health economy'
- The Department of Health has introduced a new contract for community pharmacies which will reduce the funding available for pharmacies and may result in reduced numbers of pharmacies in the future. This needs to be acknowledged in the PNA where issues are likely to arise. The new contractual arrangements can be viewed here:-

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/561495/Community_pharmacy_package_A.pdf

- New and future housing developments in the area where significant increases in populations will have an effect on the access requirements for primary care services, of which, pharmacies is one.

6. Implications (Financial and Legal if appropriate)

A small budget has been identified to take the work forward. This will be funded from the Public Health Ring-fenced Grant. The production of a PNA is a statutory duty for the Health and Wellbeing Board and will require full consultation with the public.

7. Recommendations

The Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to note that the production of the updated PNA is underway and to participate in the consultation.

9. Appendices

None