

Health and Wellbeing Board

7th March 2018

Report of Fiona Phillips, Assistant Director of Public Health, City of York Council

City of York Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Summary

1. The Board are asked to note the contents of the updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) [*Annex A refers*] for the City of York and approve it for publication.

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the developing and updating of PNAs to Health and Wellbeing Boards. If a person (a pharmacist, a dispenser of appliances, or in some circumstances and normally in rural areas, GPs) wants to provide NHS pharmaceutical services, they are required to apply to the NHS to be included on a pharmaceutical list. Pharmaceutical lists are compiled and held by NHS England. This is commonly known as the NHS “market entry” system.
3. Under the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (“the 2013 Regulations”), a person who wishes to provide NHS pharmaceutical services must generally apply to NHS England to be included on a relevant list by proving they are able to meet a pharmaceutical need as set out in the relevant PNA.

Main/Key Issues to be Considered

4. The production of the PNA for the City of York has been led by the Public Health Team, through a joint steering group established with North Yorkshire County Council who are simultaneously producing their refreshed PNA.

5. There has been representation from the key stakeholders on this group. The PNA has been carried out in accordance with Regulations 3-9 and Schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
6. Overall, the PNA found that pharmacy services appear to be well spread across the main population centres of York, although the more central locations are better served than the outer villages. The only area where a potential gap was identified was for the student population of the University of York as the number of students increases on the Heslington East Campus. However, at present all of the York population live within a moderate driving distance of a pharmacy.
7. A recent application for a pharmacy within the Heslington East Campus development has been approved by NHS England, based on evidence within this draft PNA.

Consultation

8. The draft PNA was subject to a 12 week consultation, which ended on 5th January 2018. The comments from this consultation have been considered by the PNA steering group and the PNA amended where necessary. The draft PNA has been discussed at the Health and Wellbeing Board Steering Group and any necessary amendments made.

Options

9. There are no specific options within this report. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to approve the publication of the PNA.

Analysis

10. Publishing the PNA will enable the Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil their mandatory function of having an up to date assessment of pharmaceutical needs for the population of the City of York.

Strategic/Operational Plans

11. The production of the PNA is part of the Health and Wellbeing Board's overall responsibility to produce a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for the City of York.

Implications

12. There are no risks identified for any of the following categories: financial, human resources, equalities, legal, crime and disorder, Information technology, or property.

Risk Management

13. There are no risks identified regarding the recommendations below.

Recommendations

14. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider approving the PNA report for publication and dissemination

Reason: To fulfil their mandatory duty to have an up to date assessment of pharmaceutical need for the population of the City of York.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – York Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 - 2021