

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Report of the Acting Director of Public Health, Julie Hotchkiss, City of York Council

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Summary

1. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory document that all Health and Wellbeing Boards must produce and publish by March 2015. The York PNA will be ready for public consultation in the next few weeks.

Background

2. 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 to do so, and to prove they are able to meet a pharmaceutical need as set out in the relevant PNA. There are exceptions for those selling online or by mail order, but in general those wishing to supply pharmaceutical goods will need to be authorised to do so in conjunction with reference to the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.
3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update PNAs from the former Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). Responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list transferred from PCTs to NHS England from 1 April 2013.

Main/Key Issues to be Considered

4. The York PNA, which has been developed in conjunction with North Yorkshire County Council, will be available shortly for consultation. It will list the authorised pharmaceutical services for each area, and may be used to influence commissioning decisions.

Consultation

5. A 60-day period of consultation will begin on the publication date of the York Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The documents will be available to download from the City of York council website, in the healthyork (JSNA) section <http://www.healthyork.org/what-its-like-to-live-in-york/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment.aspx>
6. The findings of the public consultation will be incorporated into the final version of the PNA which will be adopted by the Health and Wellbeing Board at a subsequent meeting prior to March 2015.

Options

7. Not applicable.

Analysis

8. Not applicable.

Strategic/Operational Plans

9. The development of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will assist with the delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy, but as a statutory duty is independent of strategic plans.

Implications

10. The following implications have been noted:
 - **Financial** - None
 - **Human Resources (HR)** - None
 - **Equalities** - None

- **Legal** – There are legal implications if the Health and Wellbeing Board should fail to comply with its duties under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- **Crime and Disorder** - None
- **Information Technology (IT)** - None
- **Property** - None
- **Other** - None

Risk Management

11. Failure to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment would present a reputational risk for the Health and Wellbeing Board as well potential legal implications.

Recommendations

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the contents of this report, and that they will be informed separately at the point when the consultation documentation is available for comment.

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Wards Affected:

All

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Background Papers:

The regulations concerning Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments can be obtained from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>