

| HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD | | | |
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| Report Title | Update on revision of Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment | | |
| Contributors | Director of Public Health | Item No. | 3 |
| Class | Part 1 | Date: | 23 September 2014 |
| Strategic Context | The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Aligns with health and social care integration and delivery of Health and Wellbeing Board strategic priorities around smoking, sexual health and reducing admissions for people with long term conditions | | |
| Pathway | Update on previous report to the Health and Wellbeing Board. Draft revision of PNA should be considered by Healthier Communities Select Committee before final approval by Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2015. | | |

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Board on progress and planned timetable for revision of the Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

2. Recommendation/s

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note the progress made and the planned timetable for completion of a revised PNA.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 From 1st April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA).

4. Background

- 4.1 PNAs are used by the NHS to make decisions on which NHS funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. These services are part of local health care and public health and affect NHS budgets. PNAs are also relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed, in response to applications by businesses, including independent owners and large pharmacy companies.

- 4.2 Applications are keenly contested by applicants and existing NHS contractors and can be open to legal challenge if not handled properly. “*Healthy lives, healthy people*”, the public health strategy for England (2010) says: “Community pharmacies are a valuable and trusted public health resource. With millions of contacts with the public each day, there is real potential to use community pharmacy teams more effectively to improve health and wellbeing and to reduce health inequalities.”
- 4.3 Community pharmacy is an important investor in local communities through employment, supporting neighbourhood and high street economies.

5. The Current Lewisham PNA

- 5.1 Lewisham Primary Care Trust undertook the first PNA in 2005. This original PNA was reviewed, and after consultation, a revised PNA was published in 2011. The regulations required the PCT to consider the need for pharmaceutical services in terms of:

- Services currently commissioned that are **necessary** to meet a current demand.
- Services that are currently commissioned which are **relevant** but do not constitute a “necessary service”.
- Services not currently commissioned that may be **necessary** in specified future circumstance.
- Services not currently commissioned that would secure **improvements or better access** to pharmaceutical services.

- 5.2 The 2011 PNA concluded that all existing national and locally commissioned services were necessary and relevant, and made the following recommendations regarding the future development of pharmacy services in Lewisham:

- Further extension of sexual health services considering
 - Chlamydia screening
 - Extension to the current range of oral contraceptives
 - Administration of longer acting contraceptives
- Support of the current chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) pathway
 - Screening to allow earlier intervention
 - Improvement in concordance with current therapy
- Support of influenza vaccination for at risk groups where current provision is limited
- Support through raising awareness and where relevant screening, for the range of public health issues including obesity, alcohol use etc.

- Support for the pathway redesign process which will allow patients to access relevant therapies, services or equipment from appropriately trained healthcare professionals more locally.

5.3 All of these recommendations have been implemented to a greater or lesser extent. In addition to these services, the Local Authority and CCG have jointly commissioned the Healthy Start Vitamin D scheme for mothers and babies from community pharmacies. Another development has been the establishment of the Healthy Living Pharmacy Programme, which develops the pharmacy workforce around health improvement and making every contact count. Lewisham is at the forefront of this initiative nationally.

6. Planned Timetable for revised PNA for 2014/15

6.1 On behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Director of Public Health has convened a PNA steering group with representation from the CCG and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC). The group has begun to update the data collected for the previous PNA, and has commenced a review of recent policy guidance and evidence.

6.2 A visioning/stakeholder event is planned for late September/early October at the Civic Suite. In addition to the LA, CCG and LPC, the event will include Healthwatch, the Local Medical Committee, NHS England, and Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust. At the event, the data on current provision, policy/evidence review, and most recent developments in primary care and health and social care integration will be presented, and the patient/user view will be shared.

6.3 Following the visioning event, priorities for the future development of pharmacy services will be generated, and these will inform the first draft revised PNA. This will be followed by a 60 day consultation between October and December 2014.

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7. Financial implications

7.1 It is not possible to assess the financial implications at this point.

8. Legal implications

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9. Equalities Implications

9.1 An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out as part of the PNA.

10. Conclusion

- 10.1 In order to fulfil its statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in Lewisham, the Director of Public Health has convened a PNA steering group with representation from the CCG and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC). The group has begun to update the data collected for the previous PNA, and has commenced a review of recent policy guidance and evidence. A visioning/stakeholder event is planned for late September/early October, after which priorities for the future development of pharmacy services will be generated, and these will inform the first draft revised PNA. This will be followed by a 60 day consultation between October and December 2014, and a final draft PNA will be produced for consideration by the Board in January 2015.

Background Documents

The current 2011 PNA can be found at <http://lewishamjsna.org.uk> under 'reports'.

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