

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
Report Title	Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018		
Contributors	Director of Public Health, London Borough of Lewisham	Item No.	5
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Strategic Context	The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).		

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to agree the revised Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).
- 1.2 Reasons stated for lateness: This item was not dispatched with the main agenda because the final date for responses to the statutory 60 day consultation was not until the 20 February.
- 1.3 Reasons for urgency: The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to sign off the PNA. It must be revised every three years and is due to be published by the 1st April 2018 or the council would face a substantial fine. As the board is not meeting again before the 1st April, it is necessary to come to the March 2018 meeting.

2. Recommendation/s

- 2.1 The board is recommended to approve the revised PNA.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 Every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has a statutory responsibility to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area (known as the PNA) and update it at least every three years, from 2015 onwards. The previous assessment was published on the 1st April 2015.

4. Background

- 4.1 PNAs are used by NHS England to make decisions on which 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. If there is a

notable change in the population or an area that warrants a review of pharmaceutical services then a PNA supplementary statement must be produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board. Such statements are now particularly relevant as the pharmacy landscape is changing rapidly.

4.2 A statutory 60 day consultation period was concluded on 20th February 2018 on the revised Lewisham PNA. The comments arising from this consultation have been addressed in the final report.

4.3 This PNA follows previous assessments published in 2005, 2011 and 2015.

5. The PNA

5.1.1 The document provides an assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within Lewisham; as well as outlining the current provision of such services and considering what may be required in the future. The decision was made to present the document as slides rather than a dense text document to make it more accessible.

5.2 Pharmacies in Lewisham

5.2.1 Currently Lewisham has 55 pharmacies and 1 Dispensing Appliance Contractor (DAC), distributed across the four neighbourhoods.

5.2.2 Pharmacies provide a range of services, including three core levels of services categorised as Essential, Advanced and Enhanced. The Advanced are commissioned by either Lewisham Council or the CCG and Enhanced services by NHS England. As a minimum all community pharmacies are required to provide Essential Services which include dispensing, signposting and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

5.3 Production of the PNA

5.3.1 The process began with information and data gathering, (including mapping of services). This was followed by a consultation with both service users and pharmacy providers to seek their views on how community pharmacies were performing in Lewisham. A multi-agency steering group was also established to inform the content, with representation from the CCG; Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), Local Medical Committee (LMC), Lewisham and Greenwich Trust (LGT) and Public Health. A draft was then produced, subject to a further 60 day statutory consultation, informing the final document.

6. Financial implications

6.1 There are no specific financial implications at this stage. If further discussions take place on commissioning services in the future the financial implications will be considered at that point.

7. Legal implications

7.1 The requirements to produce a PNA are set out above.

8. Crime and Disorder Implications

8.1 There are no Crime and Disorder implications from this report.

9. Equalities Implications

9.1 The services provided by community pharmacies help to address health inequalities. Equitable access is necessary to ensure the reduction of inequalities.

10. Environmental Implications

10.1 There are no Environmental implications from this report.

11. Conclusion

11.1 As described above the publication of a PNA is a statutory responsibility for the London Borough of Lewisham by 1st April 2018. The revised PNA will meet this responsibility and further inform priorities for the future.

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