

Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title of Report Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) – Position Statement

Meeting Date: 18 July 2013

Responsible Officer(s) Muriel Scott, Director of Public Health

Presented by: Muriel Scott, Director of Public Health

Action Required:

- 1. Note the Health & Wellbeing Board's new responsibilities for the development of the Central Bedfordshire PNA;**
 - 2. Agree the process and timescales for the development of the Central Bedfordshire PNA by April 2015**
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Executive Summary

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| 1. | <p>From 1st April 2013, the Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility¹ 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)</p> <p>The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 sets out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs and can be found at:
http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-services-regulations</p> |
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Background

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| 2. | <p>PNAs are used to make decisions on which NHS and Public Health funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. These services are part of local health care and public health and affect NHS and CBC budgets.</p> <p>PNAs are also relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed, in response to applications by businesses, including independent owners and large pharmacy companies. Applications are keenly contested by applicants and existing NHS contractors and can be open to legal challenge if not handled properly.</p> |
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3.	Community pharmacies are a valuable and trusted public health resource. The number of contacts with the public each day makes community pharmacy teams important partners in improving health and wellbeing and reducing health inequalities.
4.	The Board has not previously considered this proposal; the last PNA was produced by NHS Bedfordshire, covering both local authorities, Central Bedfordshire and Bedford Borough, in January 2011

Detailed Recommendation

5.	The Board has a legal duty to check the suitability of existing PNAs, compiled by primary care trusts (PCTs), and publish supplementary statements explaining any changes. The Board will need to publish its own revised PNA by 1st April 2015. This will require board-level sign-off and a period of public consultation beforehand.														
6.	<p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note its new responsibilities for the development of the Central Bedfordshire PNA and agree the process and timescales for the development of the PNA as set out below:</p> <p>Proposed timescales are as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="352 1137 1326 1550"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="357 1137 842 1173">Milestones</th> <th data-bbox="842 1137 1321 1173">By when</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 1173 842 1209">Development of revised PNA</td> <td data-bbox="842 1173 1321 1209">October 2013 to June 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 1209 842 1285">Draft PNA to come to Health and Wellbeing Board</td> <td data-bbox="842 1209 1321 1285">Autumn 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 1285 842 1321">Statutory 60 day consultation</td> <td data-bbox="842 1285 1321 1321">November to December 2014</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 1321 842 1397">Draft PNA revised in light of consultation feedback</td> <td data-bbox="842 1321 1321 1397">January 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 1397 842 1473">PNA to come to Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off</td> <td data-bbox="842 1397 1321 1473">February/March 2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="357 1473 842 1550">Central Bedfordshire PNA published</td> <td data-bbox="842 1473 1321 1550">April 2015</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Milestones	By when	Development of revised PNA	October 2013 to June 2014	Draft PNA to come to Health and Wellbeing Board	Autumn 2014	Statutory 60 day consultation	November to December 2014	Draft PNA revised in light of consultation feedback	January 2015	PNA to come to Health and Wellbeing Board for sign off	February/March 2015	Central Bedfordshire PNA published	April 2015
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Issues

Strategy Implications

7.	<p><u>Legal Issues</u> Failure to produce a robust PNA could lead to legal challenges because of the PNA's relevance to decisions about commissioning services and new pharmacy openings</p>
8.	<p><u>Resource Implications</u> Capacity of existing Public Health team members</p>

