

Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title of Report Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

Meeting Date: 4 December 2014

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

Presented by: Muriel Scott

Action Required:

1. That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the consultation responses to date for the PNA and agrees any further arrangements to meet the deadline for signing off the final PNA.
2. That the Board delegates to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the authority to approve the PNA for submission by 1 April 2015.

Executive Summary

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| 1. | <p>The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the developing and updating of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments from Primary Care Trusts to Health and Wellbeing Boards in April 2013.</p> <p>An updated PNA for Central Bedfordshire is required by April 2015, following a period of public consultation.</p> <p>There are no significant issues emerging from the consultation to date.</p> |
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Background

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| 2. | <p>From 1 April 2013 the Central Bedfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) became responsible for the PNA and is required to refresh the existing PNA (published by NHS Bedfordshire in 2011) by 1 April 2015.</p> <p>The purpose and contents of the PNA were outlined in the October Board papers.</p> |
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3.	The recommendations within the published PNA will be used by NHS England's Local Area Team to inform commissioning decisions, in order to fill gaps in service provision and address local health needs. The PNA may also be used by Central Bedfordshire Council to influence the development and delivery of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy by considering the added value Community Pharmacies can bring to delivering Health & Wellbeing.
Detailed Recommendation	
4.	<p>That the Health and Wellbeing Board notes the consultation responses to date for the PNA and agrees any further arrangements to meet the deadline for signing off the final PNA.</p> <p>The emerging issues from the consultation are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need to look at pharmacy services and their accessibility to residents with learning disabilities. • The accessibility of pharmacies for residents in rural areas.
5.	As there are no public meetings of the HWB planned between the end of the consultation period and statutory sign off date, it is recommended that the Board delegates to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman the authority to approve the PNA for submission. The final PNA will be brought to the April Board meeting.

Issues	
Governance & Delivery	
6.	Following the formal signoff and publication of the PNA the full HWB will be notified.
Financial	
7.	There are no additional resource implications for the HWB at this time.
Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED)	
8.	The PSED requires public bodies to consider all individuals when carrying out their day to day work – in shaping policy, in delivering services and in relation to their own employees. It requires public bodies to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations between in respect of nine protected characteristics; age disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

	Are there any risks issues relating Public Sector Equality Duty	Yes
9.	The PNA includes recommendations on which NHS England will make commissioning decisions. The PNA steering group, alongside the Central Bedfordshire Equality Impact Officer, has produced an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) to ensure that no groups are disadvantaged in the process of producing the PNA or as a result of the recommendation. The EIA accompanies this paper.	

Source Documents	Location (including url where possible)
Health and Social Care Act 2012	http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/section/206/enacted
The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations) 2013	http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-services-regulations/
NHS Bedfordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, January 2011:	http://www.bedford.gov.uk/health_and_social_care/bedford_borough_jsna/pharmacy_needs_assessment.aspx

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