

REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Date of Meeting:	8 March 2018
Subject:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018
Responsible Officer:	Carole Furlong, Designate Director of Public Health, LB Harrow
Public:	Yes
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment final report

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

Completion of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory duty for Health and Wellbeing Boards to undertake at least every 3 years. The PNA, which has completed the statutory consultation, does not identify any gaps in current provision of pharmaceutical services in Harrow and does not anticipate any gaps within the next three years.

Recommendations:

The Board is requested

- To agree that the final PNA is approved as an accurate statement of pharmaceutical needs of the borough.
- To note the plan for the maintenance of the PNA over the next three years in order to comply with the regulations.

Section 2 – Report

Background

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a special assessment of pharmaceutical services provision in an area. The PNA includes information on current pharmaceutical service provision, information on health and other needs, and an assessment on whether current provision meets current or future needs of the area.

The PNA is used to identify any gaps in current services or improvements that could be made in future pharmaceutical service provision. To prepare the report, data is gathered from pharmacy contractors, pharmacy users and other residents and from a range of sources (commissioners, planners and others). The report also includes a range of maps that are produced from data collected as part of the PNA process.

Since April 2013, the responsibility for producing the PNA has been a mandated function of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB). The HWB must update the PNA at least every 3 years. The last Harrow PNA was produced in 2015 and covers the period 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2018.

Process for PNA delivery

The Health and Wellbeing Board has previously approved the process for producing the Harrow PNA 2018-21. The draft report has now completed a 60 day consultation and the results have been incorporated into the final version. Once approved, the report will be published on the council website no later than 31st March 2018 to comply with the regulations.

The report does not identify any gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services within the borough and does not anticipate any gaps to occur as a result of changes in the borough's population or housing plans within the forthcoming three years.

Recommendation 1

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to agree that:

- The final PNA is approved as an accurate statement of pharmaceutical needs of the borough.

One of the comments received as part of the consultation asked questions about the work being done locally on suicide prevention and how pharmacists could be engaged in this work. This was outside of the scope of the PNA and so has not been addressed within the report. However, the Health and Wellbeing Board may wish to consider this as a topic for a future meeting.

In order to comply with the regulations, the report needs to be maintained and updated periodically through the three year periods between the assessments. If

any changes are identified, they are assessed as to whether they make a significant impact on pharmaceutical needs in the borough. Minor changes as a result of an application by someone to be included on the pharmaceutical list or for additional premises from which they provide services to be included on to the list and that do not result in additional need, can be dealt with by publication of a supplementary statement. Significant changes may require an accelerated time period for the next PNA. In addition to meeting the regulations, this process is anticipated to make future updates of the PNA quicker and simpler to undertake. As part of the tendering of the PNA, providers were asked to include an option to maintain the PNA. Funding for this was included in the total identified from the reserves. The current provider, Soar Beyond, will undertake a six monthly review of the PNA at a cost of £6,300 for 3 years.

Recommendation 2

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the plan for the maintenance of the PNA over the next three years in order to comply with the regulations.

Financial Implications/Comments

Although the PNA is the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board, following the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act in 2012, the process of producing the PNA has been managed by the Public Health team. Whilst the funding for the production of the 2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment had not been included within the annual budget plan, given the cyclical nature of its production, funding was identified within the specific Public Health reserve from the Public Health ring-fenced grant. This funding covered the production of the PNA and the maintenance of the document over the next three years.

Future funding (with associated Public Health resources) will need to be identified within the available funding envelope and as part of the overall council financial budget setting process for the next PNA report which will become due in 2021.

Legal Implications

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for developing and updating PNAs to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). Section 128A of the National Service Act 2006 provides that the Health and Wellbeing Board must in accordance with regulations assess need for pharmaceutical services in its area and publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment. The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs. According to Regulation 6 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 the HWB must update the PNA at least every 3 years.

According to the Council's constitution Part 3A Terms of Reference the Health and Wellbeing Board produced a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and revises it

every three years as one of its key functions. Another one of its functions is to consider how best to use the totality of resources available for health and wellbeing.

Risk Management

None

Equalities implications

An Equality Impact Assessment is included in the final report. The report did not identify any equalities implications.

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The PNA contributes to all of the four categories of making a difference.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance (Council and Joint Reports)

Name: Donna Edwards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer
Date: 26 February 2018		
Name: Noopur Talwar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	on behalf of the Monitoring Officer
Date: 15 February 2018		

Ward Councillors notified:	NO
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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None