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## **Publication of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

### **Purpose**

- 1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on progress of the requirement to prepare and publish a revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1 October 2022.
- 1.2 To inform the HWB that the approved version of the PNA was published by 1 October as per statutory responsibility and can be accessed:  
<https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/healthand-socialcare/jsna/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-2022.pdf>.

### **Recommendation**

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note the publication of the PNA by 1 October 2022.

### **Reason**

- 3.1 To assure the HWB that it has met its statutory responsibility to prepare and publish a revised PNA by 1 October 2022.

### **Supporting information**

- 4.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the National Health Services Act 2006 and transferred the responsibility for developing and revising Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). The production of a PNA became the responsibility of Derby Health and Wellbeing Board from 1 April 2013.
- 4.2 The pharmaceutical services to which each pharmaceutical needs assessment must relate are all the pharmaceutical services that may be provided under arrangements made by NHS England.
- 4.3 Responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list transferred from PCTs to NHS England from 1 April 2013.

- 4.4 In accordance with regulations, each Health and Wellbeing Board must:
- Assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area.
  - Publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment.
- 4.5 The development of a PNA is a separate duty to that of developing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). PNAs are to inform commissioning decisions of local authorities (public health services from community pharmacies), NHS England and Integrated Care Boards (ICBs).
- 4.6 Schedule 1 Regulation 4(1) of The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 sets out the minimum information that must be contained in a PNA which in summary is:
- Necessary services: current provision.
  - Necessary services: gaps in provision.
  - Other relevant services: current provision.
  - Improvements and better access: gaps in provision.
  - Other NHS services.
  - How the assessment was carried out.
  - Map of provision.
- 4.7 As per requirements, the draft Derby and Derbyshire PNA was out for consultation for 60 days between 23 June and 21 August 2022. Responses received through the consultation have been incorporated within the final document.
- 4.8 The HWB received and approved a final version of the revised Derby and Derbyshire PNA at its meeting in September 2022.
- 4.9 The approved final version of Derby and Derbyshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025 was published by 1 October 2022 and can be accessed <https://www.derby.gov.uk/media/derbycitycouncil/contentassets/documents/healthandsocialcare/jsna/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-2022.pdf>.

## Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 It is required that the draft PNA is consulted upon for a minimum period of 60 days. The Derby and Derbyshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025: Draft for Consultation is open for public consultation between 23 June and 21 August 2022.

## Other options

- 6.1 The production of two separate PNAs covering each of the HWB of Derby and Derbyshire was considered. This would require an unnecessary duplication of effort both in terms of those preparing the documents and those required to be involved and consulted on as part of the process. This option was therefore disregarded.

## Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None.

## Legal implications

- 8.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the National Health Services Act 2006 and transferred the responsibility for developing and revising Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). The production of a PNA became the responsibility of Derby Health and Wellbeing Board from 1 April 2013.

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## Climate implications

- 9.1 None.

## Other significant implications

- 10.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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