

# ITEM 7a

## **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Draft Document for Consultation**

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### **Summary**

The Health Act 2009 places a statutory duty on NHS Derby City to produce and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The PNA plays an essential role in providing a framework to enable the strategic development and commissioning of community pharmacy services to help meet the needs of the local population.

### **The Document**

A draft PNA has been developed, taking into account evidence from community pharmacy satisfaction surveys and relevant comments gathered from the general public through other consultations and our Patient Advice and Liaison Service. The PNA contains all the requirements set out under the regulations, such as data on the health needs of the local population, current provision of pharmaceutical services, gaps in current provision and how NHS Derby City proposes to close these gaps. It also considers the future needs for services.

### **Key Findings**

Derby has a population of around 239,000, however around 290,000 people are registered with a GP practice in the city due to 17% of registered patients living in surrounding area. The PNA showed that:

- the city has adequate provision of essential pharmaceutical services for the current population and future planned developments
- there do not appear to be any gaps in the provision of enhance services
- the city is reliant on the current 100 hour pharmacies to provide a network of 'out of hours' provision.

### **The Consultation**

A comprehensive programme for communication and engagement has been developed. Copies of the draft PNA document with a letter inviting comments will be sent to those persons listed under Regulation 3F in the statutory guidelines. This includes the Local Medical Committee, Local Pharmaceutical Committee, local pharmacies and NHS trusts in the area. A public-friendly consultation about the PNA will be distributed locally through community organisations, networks and neighbourhood meetings. This will be accompanied by general awareness of the

consultation and there is an opportunity to comment online at [www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk/have-your-say/consultations](http://www.derbycitypct.nhs.uk/have-your-say/consultations)

### **Timescales**

The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will be available for consultation for a period of 60 days starting from the day the statutory consultees receive their individual copy of the PNA. The closing date for responses is 6<sup>th</sup> December 2010. The comments and consultation responses will then be collated and analysed and the final PNA presented to NHS Derby City's Trust Board in January 2011. The PCT has a statutory duty to publish the PNA by 1 February 2011.