

Leicester Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Commission

Tuesday 4 November 2014

Consultation on draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

1. Introduction

From 1 April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep an 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).

The principal purposes of the PNA are:

- to map current pharmaceutical services, identify any gaps and explore possible future requirements;
- to examine provision against the backdrop of current and future health and wellbeing needs of the population
- to provide a basis for determining market entry to NHS pharmaceutical services provision (i.e. to inform the decision making process when the NHS England Area Team considers pharmacy applications.

The first PNA must be issued by the Health and Wellbeing Board by 1st April 2015. Subsequently the PNA must be kept up to date by means of supplementary statements detailing any changes.

The PNA has been developed in cooperation with a range of partners, including the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, Local Professional Network for Pharmacy, Healthwatch, Leicester City CCG and NHS England Area Team.

2. Consultation

The consultation on the PNA opened on 29 September 2014 and will close on 12 December 2014. (please note that the original closing date of 28 November has been extended to ensure that those consulted get the benefit of the statutory 60 day consultation period in which to submit views).

Attached for consideration is the public consultation document "Have Your Say – Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment". The full draft PNA is available at www.leicester.gov.uk/pna.

Also attached is a slide pack showing relevant maps and charts extracted from the full PNA.

The Commission is asked to consider the PNA. Its views will be submitted to the consultation and taken into consideration in the revision of the draft PNA. A separate report will be produced on the consultation, the issues raised and how these have been addressed within the final report which will accompany the final draft PNA to be submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

3. Action requested

The Commission is asked to consider particularly Section 13 - conclusions and draft recommendations - on page 13 of the Summary document and to give views on these and any matters within the scope of the PNA.

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