

Leicester Health and Wellbeing Board
26 MARCH 2015

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present the final Leicester Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for sign-off and to set out the ongoing responsibilities for the Health and Wellbeing Board with respect to the PNA for approval.

Background

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to prepare a PNA for Leicester and publish it by March 2015.
3. The purpose of the PNA is to:
 - a) Identify the pharmaceutical services currently available and assess the need for pharmaceutical services in the future;
 - b) inform the planning and commissioning of pharmacy services by identifying which services should be commissioned for local people, within available resources, and where these services should be;
 - c) inform decision making in response to applications made to NHS England by pharmacists. The organisation that will make these decisions is NHS England.
4. The Board delegated the responsibility for developing the PNA to the Joint Integrated Commissioning Board which approved the development of a PNA Project Team to work across Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland to oversee the work.
5. The draft Leicester PNA was approved by the Joint Integrated Commissioning Board on 18 September 2014 and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on 9 October 2014.
6. The consultation closed 12 December 2015, since when the PNA has been revised, through:
 - a) the development of an equalities statement - based on the needs assessment, the responses from the engagement work in July and the consultation responses; and
 - b) through a final circulation to the PNA project team and the Joint Integrated Commissioning Board for comments on the post-consultation draft.

7. While there has been clarification of expression there have been no substantive changes to the recommendations made in the consultation draft.
8. The PNA concludes that the existing pharmacy services are sufficient to meet the needs of the Leicester population up to 2020.
9. After it has published its first pharmaceutical needs assessment, each HWB must publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years. The HWB is advised to review the PNA by March 2018.
10. The PNA identifies issues that will be addressed by NHS England, Leicester City CCG and Leicester City Council.
11. The Health and Wellbeing Board has an ongoing commitment with the pharmaceutical regulations to keep a published map of pharmaceutical services up to date. It is advised that the Joint Integrated Commissioning Board will ensure that this happens on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Terms of Reference of the JICB will be amended to reflect this.

Existing Framework / Previous Decisions

12. The Health and Wellbeing Board agreed the Terms of Reference for the PNA Project Team in July 2014.
13. The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the draft PNA for consultation on the 9 October 2014.

Consultations

14. The PNA was subject to a 60-day statutory consultation which ended on 12 December 2014, and the full report on this is available on the PNA webpages as an appendix to the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Equality Impact Assessment

15. The final PNA for Leicester includes an equalities impact assessment.

Recommendations

16. It is recommended that the Board -
 - a. Approves the final PNA report for publication;
 - b. Notes the need to update the PNA by March 2018, as set out in the Pharmaceutical Regulations;
 - c. Notes and approves the ongoing responsibilities with respect to the publication of an up-to-date map of all pharmacy provision and the arrangements that have been proposed to ensure that this takes place.

Background Papers

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, Report to Leicester City Health and Wellbeing Board, 3 July 2014.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Draft for Consultation, Joint Integrated Commissioning Board, Thursday 18th September 2014.

Health and Wellbeing Board, Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - presentation of Consultation Draft and Summary, Thursday, 9 October 2014.

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Appendix

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board, March 2015