



Committee report

Committee	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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Title	PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Since 1 April 2013, every health and wellbeing board (HWB) in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep 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). This noting report explains the relevance of this for the Isle of Wight HWB and the plans to ensure that it complies with its statutory duty while producing a PNA which is useful to inform the NHS Commissioning Board with regard to pharmacy services on the Island.

BACKGROUND

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update PNAs from primary care trusts (PCTs) to HWBs. The PNA is used by NHS England as the basis for determining opening of new pharmacies or extension to hours.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

3. There are no direct financial implications, however, the development of the PNA will inform commissioning decisions by the council (public health services from community pharmacies) and by NHS Commissioning Board (also called NHS England) and the clinical commissioning group (CCG) with regard to pharmaceutical services on the Island.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 states that;

Each health and wellbeing board must in accordance with regulations:

(a) assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area; and

(b) publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment.

5. Regulations state that each HWB will need to publish its own PNA for its area by 1 April 2015. This will require board-level sign-off and a statutory period of formal public consultation beforehand (60 days).
6. The HWB will need to ensure that the NHS Commissioning Board and its area teams have access to the PNA. Failure to produce a robust PNA could lead to legal challenges because of the PNA's relevance to decisions about commissioning services and new pharmacy openings.

CONSULTATION

7. As per the national guidelines, a steering group was established consisting of representatives from the council, CCG, NHS England and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee.
8. The draft PNA (Appendix A) has been produced for the formal public engagement (statutory 60 days). This consultation is now live and will close on 30 March 2015.
9. The PNA is currently available for consultation on iwight.com. Emails with the link were sent directly to all pharmacies on the Island and dispensing GP practices in accordance with the legislation.
10. The draft PNA will be updated taking into consideration the results of the consultation. The outcome of the consultation and the revised PNA will be presented to the HWB for their consideration and approval.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

11. The Isle of Wight Council has a legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to seek to eliminate discrimination, victimisation and harassment in relation to age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and marriage and civil partnerships.
12. An initial equality impact assessment will be undertaken on the PNA and data gathered during the statutory consultation period will feed into this as appropriate and this will be made available to the HWB for them to consider when deciding the content of the final PNA

RISK MANAGEMENT

13. The process will ensure the publication of an Island PNA in line with the HWB statutory duty.

PARTNERSHIP ISSUES

14. Partners on whom the PNA will have a direct effect are part of the steering group i.e. the council, CCG, NHS England, Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

15. That the board notes the steps taken and make any comments they wish to be taken into account in the development of the pharmaceutical needs assessment.

FURTHER INFORMATION

16. Department of Health Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment; information pack for local authority health and wellbeing boards.
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>

APPENDICES ATTACHED

[Appendix A](#) – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015 - 2018

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