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Purpose: For Approval

# Committee report

Committee	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b>
Date	<b>28 MAY 2015</b>
Title	<b>PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT</b>
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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 report follows the presentation of the draft PNA to the March HWB and seeks approval for this, the final iteration of the PNA.

### 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 was produced for formal public consultation (statutory 60 days). The consultation closed on 30 March 2015.
9. The draft PNA was available 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 was updated taking into consideration the results of the consultation resulting in the attached final PNA (Appendix A).

#### 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. The equality impact assessment (Appendix B) has been carried out and informed by the consultation and data analysis in the PNA.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT

13. Approval of the final PNA will mean the HWB is compliant with its statutory duty.

#### RECOMMENDATION

14. That the board approves the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

#### APPENDICIES ATTACHED

[Appendix A](#) Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

[Appendix B](#) Equality Impact Assessment

## FURTHER INFORMATION

15. 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>

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