



Report of: **Director of Public Health**

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SUBJECT: PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1. Synopsis

This is Islington Health and Wellbeing Board's (HWB) first Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) under new regulations and requirements.

The draft PNA was approved prior to consultation at the HWB meeting in October 2014, and the mandatory consultation period ran from October to December 2014. The attached consultation report details the consultation responses received, and how these responses have been or will be addressed within the final PNA. This consultation report is also included as an appendix in the PNA.

Unfortunately, not all of the information required in order to address all of the comments received from NHS England was available at the time of preparing this report to the HWB. The outstanding amendments to the PNA that are required in order to fully respond to all comments received during the consultation are clearly highlighted in the attached consultation report. Consequently, the attached version of the PNA is a near final version. The Islington PNA will be finalised once the outstanding data are received from NHSE in early January 2015. In order to meet the statutory deadline for publication of Islington's PNA by 1st April 2015, it is recommended that approval of the final PNA, incorporating these final few amendments, is delegated to the Chair of the HWB.

2. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- NOTE the report on the PNA consultation and how the draft PNA has been amended to respond to the comments received;
- NOTE the outstanding changes required to the PNA, contingent on receipt of final pharmacy details and opening hours information from NHS England; and
- DELEGATE responsibility for approval of the final PNA to the HWB Chair.

3. Background

The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the requirements of the PNA, as well the process for market entry of pharmacies into an area. The PNA, as part of this process, assesses the need for pharmaceutical services in Islington's population, identifying any gaps in service delivery and any areas for improvement. The PNA will be used by NHS England when determining whether to approve applications for pharmacies in the area to join the pharmaceutical list, and to inform NHS England's commissioned services.

Previously, PNAs were the responsibility of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to produce. The first PNAs were published in 2005, as the basis for deciding market entry of pharmacies to PCTs. The publication of the White Paper Pharmacy in England: Building on strengths – delivering the future proposed a review of the requirements of PNAs in order to make the process more robust, and make PNAs more effective in assessing the need for services. The Health and Social Care Act (2012) transferred this responsibility to local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs), and further widened the scope of the PNA.

The PNA regulations require that each Local Authority HWB publish a PNA covering their area. The HWB is responsible for the following:

- Publishing the first PNA by 1 April 2015, ensuring that all required information and assessments are included;
- Ensuring an up-to-date map of services is included in the assessment;
- Publishing any statements or revisions within 3 years of the previous publication;
- Ensuring that other HWBs have access to the PNA;
- Consulting stakeholders and other areas about the content of the assessment for the minimum 60-day period;
- Responding to a consultation from a neighbouring HWB;
- Ensuring that once published, the PNA is kept up-to-date and any supplementary statements or full revisions are published as soon as possible following any changes.

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In total, feedback was received from four individuals and eight organisations during the consultation period. The organisations that submitted a response were: the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, NHS England, Islington Clinical Commissioning Group, Breathe Easy Islington, and three pharmacies. In general, respondents agreed with the conclusions and recommendations described in the draft PNA. The attached consultation report groups the responses received under the following four themes/areas:-

- Accuracy of the pharmaceutical list and data shown
- Current and future provision of pharmaceutical services
- Final assessments of pharmaceutical services
- General comments.

In order to be able to respond fully to all of the comments received from NHS England, further information is required from NHS England relating to accurate pharmacy details and opening hours. NHS England have indicated they will provide this information by early January 2015. Consequently, the attached PNA is a near final version. In order to meet the statutory deadline for publication of Islington's PNA by 1st April 2015, it is recommended that HWB members comment on this 'near final' version of the PNA, and delegate approval of the final PNA, incorporating the final few outstanding amendments, to the Chair of the HWB.

4. Implications

4.1. Financial implications

None identified

Any improvement recommendations and the delegation of authority should not cause a pressure for the council and should be carried out, if applicable, within available resources.

4.2. Legal Implications

Section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the responsibility for publishing and updating a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments ("PNAs"), from PCTs to Health and Wellbeing Boards.

Regulation 5 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 specifies that each Health and Wellbeing Board must publish its first PNA for its area by 1 April 2015. The PNA will require board-level sign-off following a period of public consultation.

4.3. Equalities Impact Assessment

As this is a needs assessments, equalities were included in assessing pharmacy services. Protected characteristics were also considered, as required by the regulations.

4.4. Environmental Implications

The report will be available online, with printed versions only on request, as required by the regulations.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

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Background papers: None

Attachments:

Appendix 1 - Islington Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Appendix 2 - Islington Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation Report

Final Report Clearance

Signed by



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