

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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Summary

The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to produce a pharmaceutical needs assessment. This report presents the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and a proposal to consult on the draft for 60 days.

1. Budget and policy framework

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to produce a pharmaceutical needs assessment by April 2015 and to consult with key stakeholders as defined in the regulations for a minimum of 60 days from the first day of publication.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is used by the Pharmaceutical Services Regulations Committee of NHS England to make decisions on new applications for pharmacies and changes of service provision or location by existing pharmacies. Any person wishing to provide NHS pharmaceutical services must apply to NHS England to be included on the pharmaceutical list for that area. This process controls entry to the market.
- 2.2 The PNA has been developed by a Kent and Medway PNA Steering Group which was established by the Kent and Medway Health and Wellbeing Boards to oversee the production, consultation and publication of the Kent PNA and Medway PNA.
- 2.3 Following the consultation period a final version of the PNA will be brought to the HWB for approval prior to publication by 1 April 2015.

3. Legal and financial implications

- 3.1. There are no significant additional financial implications arising directly from this report. The costs of the consultation are estimated to be small and will be funded within existing budgets.
- 3.2. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty under section 128 (A) of the National Health Service Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) to assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area, and to publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment.
- 3.3. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the persons and bodies who must be consulted by the Board in connection with the assessment, and prescribe a minimum consultation period of 60 days.

4. Risk management

Risk	Description	Action to avoid or mitigate risk	Risk rating
Challenge to the PNA	Where a pharmaceutical service provider believes that the HWB has not complied with the regulations and this has resulted in it being unfairly disadvantaged it may appeal to the NHS or seek redress through the courts	Engagement with key stakeholders in production of PNA and consultation with all stakeholders on the draft.	D2

5. Recommendations:

- 5.1 To consider the findings and recommendations of the draft PNA:
- 5.1.1 Overall there is good pharmaceutical service provision in the majority of Medway.
- 5.1.2 Where the area is rural, there are enough dispensing practices to provide pharmaceutical services to the rural population.
- 5.1.3 There are proposed major housing developments in Medway, the main one being Lodge Hill. There is also a proposed development in Peters Park which is in Kent but close to the Medway border in Wouldham. This will mean that these areas will need to be reviewed on a regular basis to identify any increases in pharmaceutical need.

- 5.1.4 The current provision of “standard 40 hour” pharmacies should be maintained especially in rural villages and areas such as the Hoo peninsula.
- 5.1.5 The current provision of “100 hour” pharmacies should be maintained
- 5.2 To agree that the current draft PNA should be used as the consultation document for the purposes of the statutory consultation and to approve a consultation on the draft PNA with the relevant stakeholders for a period of 60 days from publication.

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Background documents:

<http://www.kmpho.nhs.uk/reports-and-strategies/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments/>