

Item No. 14.	Classification: Open	Date: 19 December 2013	Meeting Name: Southwark Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment: the role of the Health and Wellbeing Board	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All wards	
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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Assign a Health and Wellbeing Board member to lead on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).
2. Agree to put the PNA as a recurring item on the agenda of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. This is the first briefing to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the PNA. No previous decisions have been taken on this topic.
4. The purpose of the briefing is to:
 - provide a brief summary of the May 2013 Department of Health guidance;
 - notify the board of their responsibilities for PNAs;
 - suggest a process through which the Board can monitor progress of the PNA
5. If a person (a pharmacist, a dispenser of appliances or in some circumstances and normally in rural areas, GPs) wants to provide NHS pharmaceutical services, they are required to apply to the NHS to be included on a pharmaceutical list. This application must demonstrate that they are able to meet a pharmaceutical need as set out in the relevant PNA. There are exceptions to this such as applications for needs not foreseen in the PNA. Pharmaceutical lists are compiled and held by the NHS Commissioning Board, now known as NHS England. This is commonly known as the NHS “market entry” system.
6. A PNA should inform both the commissioning of community pharmacy services by NHS England and local pharmacy decisions and market entry.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

7. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for developing and updating of PNAs to Health and Wellbeing Boards (from PCTs).
8. The PNA is a separate responsibility to that of developing the JSNA.
9. The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to produce its first PNA by 1 April 2015 (this does not preclude earlier publication).

10. The last PNA was published jointly by Southwark PCT and Southwark Council in February 2011. In this document it is stated that the PNA will be refreshed in February 2014.
11. The Health and Wellbeing Board must publish a revised PNA within three years of publication of the first assessment and publish revised assessments as soon as reasonably practical after identifying significant changes to pharmaceutical services (unless it is satisfied that making a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes).
12. The Board is required to have a consultation on the PNA of at least 60 days.

INFORMATION TO BE CONTAINED IN PNAs

13. The current provision of pharmaceutical services.
14. The gaps in provision of pharmaceutical services to meet current and future needs.
15. The current provision of other relevant services that provide improvements to the provision or better access for the public.
16. The gaps in provision of other relevant services that provide improvements to the provision or better access for the public whether at the current time or in the future.
17. The services provided/arranged by the HWB, NHS England, CCG or NHS trust which impact upon the need for pharmaceutical services or which would secure improvements in, or better access to, pharmaceutical services (current and future);
18. How the assessment was carried out. An explanation of how localities were determined; how different needs across localities and the needs of those with protected characteristics were taken into account; and how the consultation was undertaken.
19. The PNA should not only include providers and premises within the HWB area, but also those that may lie outside in a neighboring HWB area but who provide pharmaceutical services to the population within the HWB area. It will therefore be necessary to inform, and work collaboratively with, neighboring Health and Wellbeing Boards and other organisations.

Resource Implications

20. A comprehensive PNA should involve:

Partners	Role
Health and Wellbeing Board members	Strategic and Governance
Southwark CCG Board members	Strategic and Governance
NHS England (London)	Strategic
Medicine Management	Tactical and Operational
HealthWatch	Tactical and Operational

Partners	Role
Public health management and other public health staff	Tactical and Operational
Community pharmacists	Tactical and Operational
GPs	Tactical and Operational
Communication teams.	Tactical and Operational
Admin support	Operational

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments Information Pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards' (May 2013)	Available on line	Department of Health
Link https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

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