

Item No. 12.	Classification: Open	Date: 29 January 2015	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Southwark Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Consultation	
Wards or groups affected:		All	
From:		Dr Ruth Wallis, Director of Public Health	

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The board is requested to note that:
 - a) the draft Southwark PNA is available for consultation to the public and key stakeholders from 19 December 2014 until midnight on 28 February 2015
 - b) the draft PNA for consultation and associated appendices can be found on our website via the following link: www.southwark.gov.uk/pna
 - c) all feedback received by midnight on the 28 February 2015 will be collated for consideration by the HWB in the March board meeting – including the final PNA report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Southwark's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has a statutory responsibility for developing a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) as set out under the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013 No. 349). A PNA is a document which records the assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within a specific area. The same Regulations require NHS England to use the PNA to consider applications to open a new pharmacy, move an existing pharmacy or to commission additional services from pharmacy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. Southwark's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is developing a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). This is a statutory HWB responsibility, as set out under the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013 No. 349).

A PNA is a document which records the assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within a specific area. As such, it sets out a statement of the pharmaceutical services which are currently provided, together with when and where these are available to a given population. The same Regulations require NHS England to use the PNA to consider applications to open a new pharmacy, move an existing pharmacy or to commission additional services from pharmacy.

Southwark's HWB established a PNA Steering Group to oversee the development of the new PNA. This group includes membership from our partner organisations and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee.

As part of the development process, the Regulations require that the HWB undertakes a formal consultation on a draft of its PNA. This is running from 19 December 2014 until midnight on 28 February 2015. The draft PNA for consultation and associated appendices can be found on our website via the following link: www.southwark.gov.uk/pna A paper version of the PNA can be obtained by contacting Claudia Craig via email Claudia.Craig@southwark.gov.uk who will arrange to provide this within 14 days of your request.

All responses to the consultation have been requested in writing, using the standard questionnaire which has been developed to facilitate comment and feedback. The feedback consultation questionnaire can be downloaded on our website www.southwark.gov.uk/pna. A return email and address has been provided.

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

4. As part of the consultation we are asking respondents to consider whether:
 - the purpose, scope and local context of the PNA been explained sufficiently within the draft PNA document
 - there is a reasonable description of what is currently provided by pharmacies currently and if anything is missing from the document that is currently provided
 - the accuracy of understanding of the pharmaceutical needs of the population clearly reflected in the draft PNA
 - respondents agree with the conclusions reached and any additional information required
 - sufficient information has been provided for market entry and how service commissioners may wish to commission services from pharmacies in the future.

Policy implications

5. Not applicable

Community and equalities impact statement

6. The PNA identifies and describes the pharmaceutical services in Southwark and their accessibility (location and opening times) to the local population. The PNA seeks to ensure better access to pharmacy services across Southwark. Equalities impact statements are described with the draft PNA in section 3.

Legal implications

7. From the 1st April 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to assess the needs for pharmaceutical services in Southwark. There is a legal requirement for Southwark's Health & Wellbeing Board to publish a new PNA by the 1st April 2015. The PNA report will assist the board in fulfilling this requirement.

Financial implications

8. There are no direct financial implications contained within this report. However, the PNA will inform the services commissioned in pharmacies by the local authority (Public Health), NHS England and NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Draft PNA	www.southwark.gov.uk/pna	Claudia Graig 020 7525 0280

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Dr Ruth Walls, Director of Public Health	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
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Strategic Director of Finance and Corporate Services	No	No
Strategic Director of Children's and Adults' Services	No	No
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