

<b>Title of meeting:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> February 2018
<b>Subject:</b>	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment: For approval
<b>Report by:</b>	Director of Public Health
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	No
<b>Full Council decision:</b>	No

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### **1. Purpose of report**

1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). It must be published every three years with the next PNA due to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. A paper was brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2017 where the draft PNA was approved for consultation.

1.2 The regulations state that the HWB must undertake a consultation on the content of the PNA and it must run for minimum of 60 days. The consultation took place from 23<sup>rd</sup> October to 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Consultation findings (appendix 1) have been considered and have not changed the conclusion of the PNA. This paper presents the final Portsmouth PNA 2018 (appendix 2) and seeks approval of the report for publication on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

### **2. Recommendations**

2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Approve the final Portsmouth Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 for publication on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

### **3. Background**

3.1 The PNA is a report on the local needs for pharmaceutical services. It is used to identify gaps in current services or improvements that could be made to current or future service provision. The specific content of the PNA is set out in schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical & Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. It is a statutory requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to publish a revised assessment within three years of its previous PNA. The refreshed Portsmouth PNA must be published by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

3.2 There is a regulatory duty (NHS (Pharmaceutical & Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 No 349: Part 2: Reg 8) to have a 60 day consultation about the contents

of the assessment it is making and to consult with those specified. As part of the Portsmouth PNA refresh, the consultation ran from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

3.3 The draft Portsmouth PNA 2018 which underwent consultation concludes that there are 41 community pharmacies, one distance selling pharmacy and one dispensing appliance contractor. The location, number, distribution and choice of pharmaceutical services serving the Portsmouth residents meets the needs of the population. There is currently no identified need for improvements and better access to pharmaceutical services in Portsmouth.

#### **4. Reasons for recommendations**

##### **4.1 Summary**

Consultation findings showed satisfaction with the PNA. Consultation findings have been considered but there will be no notable changes to the document before formal publication on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018. A full report on the consultation findings is enclosed with this paper (appendix 1).

##### ***4.2 How was the consultation undertaken?***

###### **4.2.1 Consultation questions**

The set of six questions used for the consultation of the Portsmouth PNA 2015 was used (with minor amendments). For each question a response was asked for and an opportunity given for respondents to add free text comments.

###### **4.2.2 Consultation with professional stakeholders**

All professional stakeholders as specified in the Regulations were contacted by email by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017. All contractor pharmacies within the city were contacted by a message on PharmOutcomes (software system used by pharmacies) and by email on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 giving details of the consultation process. A letter was also posted to each community pharmacy on the same date.

###### **4.2.3 Consultation with the public**

The public consultation was supported by the Portsmouth City Council (PCC), Healthwatch Portsmouth and NHS Portsmouth Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Further detail is given in the consultation report (appendix 1).

##### ***4.3 Summary of consultation findings***

###### **4.3.1 Response**

Seventy-eight responses to the consultation were received; eight responses from professional stakeholders and 62 responses from members of the public. Overall responses to the consultation questions were as follows:

###### ***4.3.1.1 Has the purpose of the PNA been explained clearly?***

- 100% (8/8) of professional stakeholders strongly agreed or agreed that the purpose of the PNA had been clearly explained.
- 85.5% (53/62) members of the public who responded strongly agreed, agreed or were neutral that the purpose of the PNA had been clearly explained (one disagreed and eight chose not to respond).

**4.3.1.2 Do you know of any relevant information that we have not included that may affect the conclusion of this document?**

- 100% (8/8) of professional stakeholders did not know of any further relevant information that should have been included that would affect the document's conclusions.
- 69.4% (43/62) members of the public who responded did not know of any further relevant information that should have been included that would affect the document's conclusions (16 chose not to respond). The three respondents to the survey who stated there was further relevant information provided a further rationale but none of which were considered to have a bearing on the conclusion of the PNA.

**4.3.1.3 From the information in the pharmaceutical needs assessment and my personal experience, I believe the pharmaceutical needs of myself (or my patients and/or the people I represent) are being met.**

- 100% (8/8) of professional stakeholders strongly agreed, agreed or were neutral that the pharmaceutical needs of local residents were being met.
- 46.8% (29/62) members of the public who responded strongly agreed, agreed or were neutral that the pharmaceutical needs of local residents were being met (10 (16.1%) disagreed and another 23 (37.1%) chose not to respond).

**4.3.1.4 From the information in the pharmaceutical needs assessment and my personal experience, I believe that my future pharmaceutical needs for myself (or my patients and/or the people I represent) for the next four years will be met.**

- 87.5% (7/8) of professional stakeholders strongly agreed, agreed or were neutral that the pharmaceutical needs of local residents are likely to be met over the next four years (one chose not to respond).
- No members of the public responded to this question.

**4.3.1.5 Do you think there is a need for additional pharmacy sites within Portsmouth?**

- 62.5% (5/8) of professional stakeholders disagreed or were neutral that there is a need for additional pharmacy sites in Portsmouth. Two indicated there is a need and one chose not to respond. Of the two respondents stating there is a need, only one comment was given to provide further explanation stating that more patients are being prescribed medicines on a daily basis.
- 43.5% (27/62) members of the public disagreed or were neutral that there is a need for additional pharmacy sites in Portsmouth. Nine (14.5%) respondents to the public survey considered there to be a need for additional pharmacy sites (26 (41.9%) chose not to respond). There were twenty-one written comments from members of the public with 14 indicating sufficient pharmacy sites, six indicating a need for more and one comment being unsure of what the general experience of pharmacy provision by other residents in the city is.

**4.3.1.6 Do you have any further comments you would like to make about pharmaceutical services in Portsmouth? This can include good or bad experiences, any concerns, questions or just general comments you might have.**

- There were a small number of additional comments from professional stakeholders. Additional comments from members of the public could be broadly themed into

issues relating to access and quality of service. The comments given are not considered to have a bearing on the conclusion of the PNA.

**5. Equality impact assessment**

5.1 An equality impact assessment has been conducted (appendix 3).

**6. Legal implications**

6.1 There is a statutory duty requiring the Health and Wellbeing Board to undertake and publish this needs assessment under section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 and regulations made under that section, namely the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical & Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 ("the 2013 Regulations")

6.2 Regulations 3 to 9 and Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations set out the detailed requirements as to the content of needs assessments and the manner in which the assessment is to be made and published.

6.3 Regulation 8 of the 2013 Regulations, in particular, prescribes those specified persons who must be consulted about the content of the assessment and the manner in which they must be consulted about specified matters.

**7. Director of Finance's comments**

7.1 The PNA report has been reviewed and there are no financial implications to note.

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Signed by: Dr Jason Horsley, Director of Public Health

**Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Consultation report

Appendix 2: Portsmouth Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Report 2018

Appendix 3: Equality Impact Assessment

**Background list of documents: Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972**

The following documents disclose facts or matters, which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:

Title of document	Location

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/ approved as amended/ deferred/ rejected by ..... on .....

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Signed by: