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| <b>MEETING</b> | <b>B&amp;NES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD</b> |
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| <b><u>Report Summary Table</u></b>   |   |
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| <b>Report title</b>                  | <b>Bath and North East Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21</b>   |
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| <b>List of attachments</b>           | Appendix One: Draft Bath and North East Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21  |
| <b>Background papers</b>             | N/A   |
| <b>Summary</b>                       | <p>The Bath and North East Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board has a legal obligation to produce and publish a refreshed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for the area by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.</p> <p>The existing Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, and the key findings were approved by the Bath and North East Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board during March 2015.</p> <p>The refreshed 2018-21 draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is currently out for consultation – for a period of 70-days from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, ending on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.</p> |
| <b>Recommendations</b>               | <p>The Board is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider and comment on the key findings set out in the current draft Bath and North East Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21 (Appendix One).</li> <li>• Agree for the two Co-Chairs of the Health and Wellbeing Board to have delegated power to approve the final version of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21 following the end of the consultation period in February, and any further amendments made in March 2018.</li> <li>• Agree the proposed arrangements for maintaining and keeping the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment up to date.</li> </ul>             |
| <b>Rationale for recommendations</b> | It is a statutory requirement to publish a refreshed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Bath and North East Somerset by 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2018.  |
| <b>Resource implications</b>         | <p>The Bath and North East Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21 has been managed within existing Council capacity and budgets.</p> <p>The key findings contained within the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will help inform the future commissioning and delivery of local pharmacy services by NHS England, Clinical</p>  |

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|  | Commissioning Group and Council.  |
| <b>Statutory considerations and basis for proposal</b> | <p>The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Health and Wellbeing Boards and transferred responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to HWBs.</p> <p>The requirements for a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (as amended).</p>   |
| <b>Consultation</b>                                    | <p>In order to test the findings set out in the draft Bath and North East Somerset Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21, a 70-day consultation period is currently being undertaken – commenced on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017, and is due to end on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018.</p> <p>A range of methods are being used to promote the consultation period including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter to key stakeholders inviting feedback (including HWB members, Wellbeing Policy Development and Scrutiny Panel members, neighbouring authorities, CCG colleagues, dispensing doctors and those on the pharmaceutical list, Ward Councillors, Connecting Community Forum Chairs, key officers, providers and community groups)</li> <li>• An online questionnaire and promotion through Twitter</li> <li>• A number of local e-bulletins, newsletters and websites</li> </ul> |
| <b>Risk management</b>                                 | A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.  |

## THE REPORT

### Background – purpose of the PNA

- 1.1 Responsibility for developing and updating Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) was transferred to Health & Wellbeing Boards in 2012 as a result of the Health and Social Care Act - previously a responsibility of Primary Care Trusts. The Bath and North East Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory obligation to refresh the current PNA for the area by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
- 1.2 The PNA is a statement from the Bath and North East Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board which describes the provision of pharmaceutical services across Bath and North East Somerset, as well as assess whether there are any significant gaps in the provision of local pharmaceutical services. The PNA also considers whether the level of pharmacy provision will be right for local communities over the next three years.
- 1.3 The PNA will be used by NHS England when making decisions on pharmacy applications, articulating what the pharmacy needs look like across B&NES so that there is a clear understanding of what service provision is required (for example - whether there is a need for a new pharmacy in a proposed location, or whether current provision is adequate). However, it is the role of NHS England through the application process and not the PNA, to assess what the best delivery mechanism for a pharmacy service would be. For example, the new pharmacy in Station Road, Keynsham (opened 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017) was granted on appeal due largely to the current PNA identifying a gap in easily accessible local pharmaceutical services beyond 18:30

Monday to Saturday. The current PNA also identified a gap in easily accessible local pharmaceutical provision on a Sunday in Keynsham, which was met by the opening Boots in the High Street from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015.

- 1.4 The PNA will also contribute to the delivery of local strategic priorities set out in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Clinical Commissioning Group plans, highlighting opportunities where pharmaceutical services can be better targeted to meet local need and enable greater health independence, self-care and self-management, as well as help to reduce health inequalities. Findings from the PNA will also be used to help inform future plans and strategies.
- 1.5 The PNA will also inform interested parties of the pharmaceutical needs in the area so that services can be planned, developed and delivered in the most suitable way for local people.

## **Health and Wellbeing Board responsibilities**

### **1.6 Publishing the refreshed PNA by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018**

A draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21 for Bath and North East Somerset is attached as Appendix One.

The draft consultation document identifies a number of key findings, which the Board is asked to consider and comment on:

- Key Finding 1: there are no significant gaps in the current provision of easily accessible local community pharmaceutical services that serve all three PNA areas in Bath and North East Somerset.
- Key Finding 2: within the existing pharmaceutical provision there are a number of pharmacies that do not have wheelchair accessible 'closed' consultation rooms. We have identified this as a gap in the existing local pharmaceutical provision.
- Key Finding 3: it is anticipated that current pharmaceutical provision from existing pharmacies will be able to cope with the demand from new populations during the period of this PNA, i.e. 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2021. This will be reviewed, at the latest, during 2020/21.
- Key Finding 4: there are no known planned relevant local NHS services that could significantly alter the need for pharmaceutical services in Bath and North East Somerset.

Until 18<sup>th</sup> February, members of the Board also have an opportunity to formally respond to the current consultation; either by completing the on-line questionnaire, or by responding in writing (e-mail, letter, etc.), or responding verbally (telephone, etc.).

The PNA Steering Group is due to meet on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to consider the responses received during the current consultation period. Also at this time, suggestions will be made as to whether there needs to be any additional analysis undertaken, as well as whether any of the current interim key findings need to be amended.

### **1.7 Maintaining and keeping the PNA up to date**

If the Health and Wellbeing Board identifies any significant changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services following publication of its refreshed PNA, it is required to make the necessary updates (either through revision to the PNA if deemed appropriate or through a supplementary statement). As a minimum, a refreshed PNA must be published every three years.

In addition, the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to keep a map up to date of the provision of NHS pharmaceutical services within the area.

To meet this requirement, it is recommended that the PNA Steering Group will meet as required during 2018 and 2019 to ensure any changes are taken in to account and that in 2020/21 the PNA group will meet regularly to oversee a range of work to ensure the document as a whole is refreshed.

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