

**24 July 2020**

**Agenda Item: 9**

## **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

### **UPDATE TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2018-21 AND COVID-19 UPDATE ON THE 2021-24 REFRESH**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the publication of a Supplementary Statement to update the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018-21 for Nottinghamshire, based on changes to services from October 2019 until March 2020.
2. To provide an update on the requirement to produce a refreshed PNA being delayed from April 2021 to April 2022, due to COVID-19.

#### **Information**

3. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018-21 for Nottinghamshire was published in April 2018 following approval by the Health & Wellbeing Board in March 2018.
4. The PNA describes available pharmaceutical services across Nottinghamshire County and assesses whether these services meet the needs of the population.
5. Pharmaceutical services include contracted 'essential services' such as providing prescription medicines and safe disposal of medicines. In addition, community pharmacies are important providers of supplementary health services to their communities such as medicines reviews, health promotion and self-care services (such as emergency hormonal contraception and minor ailments).
6. The PNA provides NHS England with robust and relevant information to support decisions around new and altered pharmaceutical services. The Health & Wellbeing Board is included in the consultation for these pharmacy applications.
7. The PNA is governed by Regulations issued by the Department of Health & Social Care. These Regulations require that periodic Supplementary Statements are prepared and published where there are changes to pharmaceutical services which do not warrant a complete review of the PNA.

8. Changes to pharmaceutical services from October 2019 until March 2020 are summarised in Appendix 1.
9. The majority of the changes relate to changes of supplementary hours which are those offered by pharmacies over and above the core hours required (i.e. 40 hours per week). There have been two closures of pharmacies during this period.
10. The PNA does not identify any significant gaps in pharmaceutical services for the Nottinghamshire County population and these changes do not impact on that assessment.

### **Pharmacy applications**

11. There have been no new pharmacy applications during this period.

### **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Refresh delayed from 2021 to 2022**

12. The current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was due to be refreshed and published by April 2021. As a result of COVID-19 this has been postponed to April 2022 following an announcement from the Local Government Association on 21 May 2020: *“Due to current pressures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health & Social Care has today announced that the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Need Assessments will be suspended until April 2022. Your Health & Wellbeing Boards will retain the ability to issue supplementary statements to respond to local changes and pharmaceutical needs during this time. The NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 will be updated in due course”*.
13. The Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City multi-agency PNA Steering Group established to deliver this work have since paused their current project plan and agreed to resume meetings in late 2020 to align with the new timescales.
14. A paper outlining the approach to the PNA refresh in more detail will be presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board in the middle of 2021, once the PNA Steering Group has resumed meetings and revised project plans have been developed. Quarterly Supplementary Statements will continue to be produced until the PNA refresh is completed.

### **Other Options Considered**

15. An assessment of need was undertaken during the preparation of the PNA 2018-21.

### **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

16. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a statutory responsibility of the Health & Wellbeing Board. Supplementary Statements are a requirement of the Regulations where changes do not warrant a full refresh of the PNA.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

17. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty,

safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

### **Financial Implications**

18. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) The Health & Wellbeing Board approves the Supplementary Statement to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-21, for the period October 2019 until March 2020.
- 2) The next Supplementary Statement for the period April 2020 to September 2020 is presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board for approval in January 2021.
- 3) The Health & Wellbeing Board approves the planned approach to the 2022-25 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment refresh with a more detailed paper outlining a project plan being presented to the Board in mid-2021.

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### **Constitutional Comments (SS 19/06/2020)**

19. This report is appropriately presented to the Health & Wellbeing Board.

### **Financial Comments (DG 19/06/20)**

20. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Nottinghamshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#)  
[www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk](http://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk)

[Approval of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#)

Report to the Health & Wellbeing Board

March 2018

[Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments: Information Pack for Local Authority Health & Wellbeing Boards](#)

Department of Health & Social Care

May 2013

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All.