

9 June 2021**Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****UPDATE ON THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS
ASSESSMENT 2022-25 REFRESH****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on the requirement to produce a refreshed Nottinghamshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which had been delayed from April 2021 to April 2022 and then subsequently granted a further extension to October 2022 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
2. To provide an update on the external commissioning of the Nottinghamshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025 to Primary Care Commissioning Community Interest Company (PCC CIC), due to Covid-19 pressures impacting on Public Health capacity.

Information

3. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021 (PNA) for Nottinghamshire was published in April 2018 following approval by the Health and 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. 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. In November 2020, the Board agreed that PNA Supplementary Statements are published in the Chairs Report. Therefore the most recent changes to pharmaceutical services from January 2021 until March 2021 are summarised in the Chairs Report.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Refresh suspended until October 2022

9. The current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was due to be refreshed and published by April 2021. However, as a result of COVID-19, in May 2020, this was postponed to April 2022. This has now recently been followed by another 6-month extension to October 2022 after the Department of Health and Social Care made the following statement:

*“Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) are due to be renewed and published by Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards in April 2022. Due to ongoing pressures across all sectors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments will be **suspended until October 2022**. Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards will retain the ability to issue supplementary statements to respond to local changes and pharmaceutical needs during this time. Updated PNAs guidance will be published this summer. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 will be updated to reflect this change in due course”.*

10. Due to the impact of Covid-19 on Public Health capacity for the project management of the refreshed PNA, in March 2021 both Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council signed agreements with Primary Care Commissioning Community Interest Company (PCC CIC) to commission this external provider for the refresh of their respective PNAs. This provider has been approached due to their extensive experience in developing PNAs and similar work at local, regional and national level.
11. PCC CIC will be responsible for full project management and development of the refreshed Nottinghamshire PNA, including managing the required public consultation and producing the final PNA that will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
12. A Nottinghamshire County and Nottingham City multi-agency PNA Steering Group will still be established to inform and guide the work PCC CIC undertakes, meetings will start in late 2021 to align with the new October 2022 timescale.
13. A paper outlining the approach to the Nottinghamshire 2022-25 PNA refresh in more detail, will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board towards the end of 2021 once the PNA Steering Group has resumed meetings and a revised project plan has been developed. Quarterly Supplementary Statements will continue to be produced and published in the Chairs Report until the PNA refresh is published in October 2022.

Other Options Considered

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

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

15. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Supplementary Statements are a requirement of the Regulations for PNA to update the assessment where changes do not warrant a refresh of the PNA.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked-

- 1) To approve the revised planned approach to the Nottinghamshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-25 refresh and identify any further points to consider in progressing the work.
- 2) To receive a more detailed paper towards the end of 2021, including the full Nottinghamshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment project plan developed by the PNA Steering Group, in order for the Board to review and suggest any further actions.

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Constitutional Comments (EP 18/05/21)

18. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DG 17/05/21)

19. There are no direct financial implications arising from 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](#)

Nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk

[Approval of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#)

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board, March 2018.

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

Department of Health and Social Care, May 2013.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All