

**Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

**Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

**Context**

1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) for their areas by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015. Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These cover the minimum information to be included, the matters which must be considered, and the process to be followed.
2. The PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs. It supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers. The PNA informs commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups.<sup>1</sup>

**Current situation**

3. The Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board reviewed and approved the PNA for Oxfordshire in March 2015. The PNA was then published on Oxfordshire Insight along with the supplementary maps. It can be found here:  
<http://insight.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment>
4. Since publication the PNA has been updated by the posting of a supplementary statement which can also be seen through the web link above. NHSE have circulated details of any approved changes in pharmacy provision as those approvals have been made (e.g. ownership of pharmacies, opening hours etc) and updated the pharmaceutical list accordingly. This information is summarised in periodic supplementary statements.
5. It is a statutory requirement that the PNA itself is revised every three years. This revision will incorporate all the approved changes made over the last three years but also incorporate up to date information on the population and new housing growth.
6. An updated version of the Oxfordshire PNA has to be received by the Health and Wellbeing Board and published by the end of March 2018.

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<sup>1</sup> Pharmaceutical needs assessments. Information pack for local authority Health & Wellbeing Boards.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>

7. Officers from Public Health at the County Council have taken advice from partners in the Clinical Commissioning Group and NHS England on the process for revising and renewing the PNA. The consensus is that, as the current PNA is a comprehensive document that was subject to extensive consultation in 2014-15, a pragmatic and proportionate approach can be taken to revising the document in 2017-18. A proposal for this is set out in the next section.

### **Proposed process for updating the PNA**

	<b>Action</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Lead</b>
1	Convene a steering group to oversee the process, including representatives from the CCG, NHSE, Local Pharmaceutical Committee and local authorities	May 2017	Public Health on behalf of the HWB
2	Confirm or revise priorities for pharmacy services in Oxfordshire	By Sept 2017	All partners
3	Collate all supplementary information and approvals made since publication of the PNA in March 2015 and update information on location and opening hours of all pharmacy services.	By Sept 2017	NHSE (tbc)
4	Update maps and demographic information including housing developments and plans for development. Include information on the NHS Healthy New Town initiatives in Bicester and Barton.	By October 2017	Local authorities
5	Review and include information on sites for major employment in Oxfordshire – including current and proposed sites, relocation etc	By October 2017	Local authorities
6	Circulate the revised PNA to stakeholders for comment and undertake public consultation if appropriate	Completed by January 2018	Public Health on behalf of HWB
7	Prepare a final draft for consideration by the HWB in March 2018	March 2018	Steering Group

If members of the Health and Wellbeing Board have any comments on this proposal or would like any more information please contact [jackie.wilderspin@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.wilderspin@oxfordshire.gov.uk)