

## AGENDA ITEM

### REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD / PARTNERSHIP

25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014  
REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH

## DRAFT PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### SUMMARY

This paper presents the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Stockton Borough.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Stockton Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note and consider the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment prior to formal consultation.

### DETAIL

#### Background

1. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty under the Health and Social Care Act (2012) to sign off a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for its area. A previous paper has been presented to the Board on the scope of the PNA and process for its development. The Board previously agreed that the Director of Public Health would oversee production of the PNA according to their delegated responsibilities. The Tees Valley Public Health Shared Service is leading on production of the PNAs for all Tees Valley Local Authorities, on behalf of the Directors of Public Health. A Stockton Local Authority lead for the PNA has been identified from the Public Health team.
2. The PNA has been produced in draft form to enable the Board to see the shape, content and key recommendations of the document. The Board is asked not to circulate the document more widely, as final minor changes will be needed prior to consultation. The draft PNA sets out the population need and current service provision regarding pharmacy services in Stockton Borough. The draft PNA has been developed through initial consultation with a range of professionals, organisations, the public and service users. It makes recommendations to inform the decision-making process of NHS England, regarding the provision, commissioning and development of pharmacy services according to population need.

#### Consultation and Engagement

3. The initial engagement in consultation has been undertaken through two online surveys (using Survey Monkey): one for individuals responding in a professional capacity or on behalf of their organisation; and one for individuals responding as service users. The surveys were distributed through the following routes:
  - Corporate Management Team
  - Health and Wellbeing Board
  - Health and Wellbeing Partnership
  - Area Partnership Boards
  - Catalyst

- Synergy
- Stockton Youth Assembly
- Children and Young People's Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group
- Adults' Health and Wellbeing Commissioning Group
- Local Representative Committees,
- Local Professional Network (Pharmacy)
- North East Ambulance Service

Individual Community Pharmacy Contractors in the Borough have also been given the opportunity to contribute to a specific survey.

4. For Stockton Borough, 37 people responded to the professional / organisation survey; 130 people responded to the service user survey. The proportion of respondents in BME communities was lower than expected for the proportion of the Stockton population who are from BME groups. Young people were also under-represented among the respondents. A recommendation of the PNA may be to undertake further work to understand the needs of specific population groups. Other recent relevant consultations are also being considered in the preparation of the PNA e.g. the sexual health needs assessment.
5. A formal 60-day statutory consultation will be carried out regarding the draft PNA, in liaison with Local Authority engagement leads. The document will be circulated to a wide range of stakeholders, including the statutory list of consultees. The consultation is planned to commence at the beginning of October 2014.

#### Key themes in the draft PNA

6. Key findings from the draft PNA for Stockton Borough are:
  - There are no gaps in service provision that could not be addressed through existing contracts and infrastructure, as the range of service provision is currently well spread geographically
  - There are no areas in the Borough where consultation highlighted a current need for a new pharmacy.
  - The future need for and the nature of service provision in Port Clarence may need further consideration, due to the community's geographical isolation
  - There may be areas where improvements or better access could be considered through additional pharmaceutical services or locally contracted services
  - The impact of new housing developments in the Borough within the lifetime of the PNA (the next three years), has been considered
  - The majority of respondents were happy with the quality and accessibility of pharmacy services
  - Pharmacies provide a range of services and information / signposting; awareness of this range of services is low and work is recommended to better communicate regarding these services to stakeholders
  - Analysis is underway to understand whether additional services are needed in some pharmacies e.g. some elements of sexual health services; and / or whether awareness of existing services is low

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

8. There are no direct financial implications of this update. The PNA will be used to inform service development and commissioning decisions, which may have financial implications for NHS England.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9. There are no specific legal implications of this update.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

10. Consideration of risk will be included in service development / commissioning decisions arising from the work.

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS**

11. Using a consistent, evidence-based approach based on the latest available population data and consultation outcomes to develop and commission pharmacy services, will have a positive impact on coordinated activity to deliver both the Sustainable Community Strategy and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy themes.

## **CONSULTATION**

12. Consultation has been an integral part of generating the draft PNA. Further statutory consultation is planned.

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