

## AGENDA ITEM

### REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 Update

### SUMMARY

This report serves to notify the Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) that as part of the statutory review of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) the 60 day consultation has been completed. The updated PNA is due to be published by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

In the interim, the HWB is required to keep the PNA up to date by maintaining the map of pharmaceutical services, assessing any on-going changes which might impact pharmaceutical need or require publication of a Supplementary Statement.

Since the board was last updated in March 2022, we have been advised by NHS England and NHS Improvement that a further pharmacy will close.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the completion of the 60-day consultation on the draft PNA 2022.
2. To note that a final draft PNA 2022 will be brought to the HWB for approval (July or September 2022).
3. To note the changes in pharmaceutical services and that these will be taken into account in the final PNA 2022.

### DETAIL

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board published its first Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment on 25 March 2015, in accordance with the statutory duty to do so by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The document was subsequently reviewed and a new version published 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.
2. The legislation that describes the HWB's duties in this regard is *the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013* (as amended). As well as describing what each PNA was required to consider when they were first developed and published, these 2013 Regulations also describe how each local Assessment must be maintained by the HWB.
3. In accordance with this, a full revised assessment of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was due to be renewed and published by Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this was deferred, and the regulations updated to require an updated PNA to be published by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

4. The regulations identify that the following organisations must be consulted; the local pharmaceutical committee, the local medical committee, pharmacy and appliance contractors included in the pharmaceutical list for the HWB area, dispensing doctors in HWB area, Healthwatch, NHS trusts or NHS foundation trusts in HWB area, NHS England and NHS improvement and neighbouring Health and Well Being Boards.
5. The 2013 regulations require a report of the consultation to be included in the final version of the pharmaceutical needs assessment.
6. The statutory consultation period for the Stockton-on-Tees HWB draft PNA was 6th April 2022 - 6th June 2022 ensuring that all statutory consultees had at least 60 days to be able to respond.

There were 14 responses received via the online consultation form. This is in line with the number of responses received in previous consultations and also reported by neighbouring health and wellbeing boards.

- 5 responses were from Pharmacy contractors
- 3 from members of the public
- 1 ICS/CCG representative
- 1 NHS Trust
- 1 Pharmacist
- 1 Health and Social Care Professional
- 1 Healthwatch
- 1 Neighbouring HWB

7. A summary of responses to the consultation responses is provided below.
  - Was the purpose of the (draft) PNA explained – 13 /14 respondents agreed that it was 1/14 was unsure.
  - Did the PNA accurately described the range of pharmaceutical services available in Stockton-on-Tees -11/14 respondents agreed that it did; 3/14 were unsure.
  - Did the PNA adequately reflect local pharmaceutical needs 12 / 14 respondents agreed that it did; 2 /14 were unsure.
  - Was there any current pharmaceutical need that has not been identified by the Health & Wellbeing Board in the Borough? 11/14 respondents said no; 3/14 were unsure.
  - Is there any future need for pharmaceutical services that has not been identified by the Health & Wellbeing Board in the Borough? 10/14 respondents said no ;4 /14 were unsure.
  - 8/14 respondents were not aware of any pharmaceutical services that were not included in the PNA. 3/14 did answer yes to this question but did not provide any details when given the opportunity to do so.
  - 13/14 respondents thought that the process followed in developing the PNA was appropriate; 1/14 was unsure rather than did not agree.

One consultee highlighted a lack of consistency of name used to refer to the council and the area which will be addressed in the final draft. They also highlighted a number of changes to local NHS structures and the planned closure of one local pharmacy that had occurred subsequent to the draft being finalised for the consultation. These will be updated in the final PNA 2022.

8. Boots Pharmacy, High Street, Stockton will close on 16th July 2022. A formal notification will be sent to the HWB 21 days before the closure. Following this change there will be 39 community pharmacies (including one distance selling pharmacy) across Stockton each serving an average of 5062 patients. Access in the town centre is above average with more pharmacies per patient. Stockton Town Centre ward has 9 other pharmacies, 4 of which are open 100 hours. This information having been reviewed by the PNA Steering Group does not alter the statement of need in the draft PNA 2022, however, the maps and document will need to be updated to reflect this change.
9. Since the draft PNA was produced, NHS England and NHS improvement advised of a number of changes to supplementary hours in Stockton-on-Tees pharmacies. These will also be reflected in the final document

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

10. No direct financial implications

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. The NHS Act (the “2006” Act), amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out the requirements for HWBs to develop and update PNAs and gives the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) powers to make Regulations.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

12. See legal implications above.

## **COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS**

13. The aim of the PNA is to assess the pharmaceutical services required to meet the needs of the local population, taking account of demographic change and the current and future health needs in Stockton-on-Tees.

## **COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES**

14. The PNA will be reviewed with due consideration of the Stockton-on-Tees Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Council Plan.

## **CONSULTATION, INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

15. The review of the PNA includes a formal consultation requirement which is defined in the regulations. All relevant local stakeholders will be consulted as part of this process.

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<sup>i</sup> Available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349> and hereafter referred to as the Regulations