

# CUMBRIA HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

**Meeting date: 17 June 2022**

**From: Director of Public Health**

## **PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 that came into force 1st April 2013 meant that each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) had to publish a copy of its approved Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The purpose of the PNA is to assess local needs for pharmacy provision, to identify any gaps in service or unmet needs, and to highlight any services that community pharmacies could provide to address these needs.
- 1.2 In line with published guidance from Department of Health and Social Care and specifications of the NHS regulations, the PNA steering group have collated and analysed a wealth of data that has been considered and reported. The draft PNA for 2022 can be found at Appendix 1. There are also a significant number of appendices that can be found at Appendix 2.
- 1.3 The analysis would suggest there is currently adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in Cumbria. Details of where improvements to provision could be made are given within the draft PNA for each district.
- 1.4 HWBs must consult specified bodies as set out in Regulation 8 of NHS Regulations at least once during the process of developing the PNA with a minimum of 60 days for responses. It is recommended this PNA draft (appendix 1 and 2) is approved by Cumbria HWB for progression to consultation with public and those specified bodies.
- 1.5 It is recommended the sign off for publication is delegated to the Director of Public Health, with consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs (if appointed) of the Board, in case a final version is not available for the next HWB meeting. This will ensure the PNA can be published by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 as set out in the regulations.

## **2.0 LINKS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY**

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 amended the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 to introduce duties and powers for HWBs in relation to Joint Strategic Needs Assessments and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategies. HWBs are also required to undertake Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) following Section 128A of the NHS Act 2006, as amended by Section 206 of the 2012 Act.
- 2.2 This assessment will be the basis for determining future pharmaceutical service provision and market entry to support local health need.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 ***It is recommended this PNA draft (appendix 1 and 2) is approved by Cumbria HWB for progression to consult with the public and bodies specified in the regulations.***
- 3.2 ***It is recommended the sign off for publication is delegated to the Director of Public Health, with consultation with the Chair and Vice Chairs (if appointed) of the Board, in case a final version is not available for the next HWB meeting. This will ensure the PNA can be published by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 as set out in the regulations.***

## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (the NHS Regulations) that came into force 1st April 2013 meant that each HWB must publish a copy of its approved PNA on or before 1st April 2015.
- 4.2 The last PNA agreed by Cumbria HWB was published March 2018. HWBs are required to publish a revised assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment. However, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent pressure on resources NHS England has extended the deadline for publication of the PNA to 1st October 2022.
- 4.3 In line with published guidance from Department of Health and Social Care and specifications of the NHS regulations, the PNA steering group has collated and analysed a wealth of data that has been considered and reported. The draft PNA for 2022 can be found at Appendix 1. There are also a significant number of appendices that can be found at Appendix 2.
- 4.4 The analysis would suggest there is currently adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in Cumbria. Details of where improvements to provision could be made are given within the draft PNA for each district.
- 4.5 HWBs must consult specified bodies as set out in Regulation 8 of NHS Regulations at least once during the process of developing the PNA with a minimum of 60 days for responses. It is recommended this draft (appendix 1 and 2) is approved by Cumbria HWB for progression to consultation.

- 4.6 The consultation is proposed to run from 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 to 23 August 2022. The timings of papers means that a revised PNA incorporating any required updates or amendments to consultation responses may not be available for the next HWB meeting on 9th September 2022. Therefore it is recommended the sign off for publication is delegated to the Director of Public Health in case a final version is not available for the next HWB meeting. This will ensure the PNA can be published by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022 as set out in the regulations.
- 4.7 Under the 2013 regulations, a person who wishes to provide pharmaceutical services must apply to NHS England and NHS Improvement to be included in the relevant pharmaceutical list by proving they are able to meet a need for, or improvements or better access to, pharmaceutical services as set out in the relevant pharmaceutical needs assessment. This assessment will be the basis for determining future pharmaceutical service provision and market entry to support local health need. This is the responsibility of several organisations including NHS England.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – PNA draft  
Appendix 2 – PNA draft Appendices

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Department of Health Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments Information Pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards, produced October 2021  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1029805/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-information-pack.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1029805/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-information-pack.pdf)

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