

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Liz Petch, Public Health Specialist, Blackpool Council
Relevant Cabinet Member	Clr Eddie Collett, Cabinet Member for Public Health
Date of Meeting	3 rd September 2014

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To receive a summary report on the Blackpool Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment prior to the finalisation of the document for formal consultation which will run from 20th October to 19th December 2014.

The Board is asked to consider and comment on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) within the prescribed timescales and agree the process for sign off.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To note the background papers with a summary of the main content and considerations in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment document (plan on a page).

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 It is a statutory requirement for all Health and Wellbeing Boards to produce an updated statement of need for pharmaceutical services. The Board is responsible for ensuring the production of such an assessment by the deadline of April 2015.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

- 3.3 Other alternative options to be considered: Not to sign for the next twelve months.

None, Health and Wellbeing Boards must produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is a:

‘Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged’

5.0 Background Information

5.1 From 1 April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area, referred to as a ‘pharmaceutical needs assessment’ (PNA). The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will help in the commissioning of pharmaceutical services in the context of local priorities.

5.2 A pan-Lancashire group has been established to co-ordinate production of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments for Blackpool, Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen and representatives from each local Council has been working closely with NHS England in order to ensure delivery of the project plan to the agreed timescales.

5.3 Decisions on whether to open new pharmacies are not made by the HWB. Pharmacies must submit a formal application to NHS England. The relevant NHS England Area Team will then review the application and decide if there is a need for a new pharmacy in the proposed location. When making the decision NHS England is required to refer to the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. As these decisions may be appealed and challenged via the courts, it is important that Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment comply with regulations and that mechanisms are established to keep the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment up-to-date. In accordance with these regulations, the Blackpool Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will be updated every three years.

5.4 This Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment describes the needs for the population of Blackpool Local Authority.

5.5 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment includes information on:

- Pharmacies in Blackpool and the services they currently provide, including

dispensing, providing advice on health, medicines reviews and local public health services, such as stop smoking, sexual health and support for drug users.

- Other local pharmaceutical services, such as dispensing GP surgeries.
- Relevant maps relating to Blackpool and providers of pharmaceutical services in the area.
- Services in neighbouring HWB areas that might affect the need for services in Blackpool.
- Potential gaps in provision that could be met by providing more pharmacy services, or through opening more pharmacies, and likely future needs.

5.6 In conclusion of this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, it identifies that there is adequate service provision of pharmacies for the residents of Blackpool with a wide range of commissioned services available. This Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment does not identify any gaps in service provision.

5.7 A 60 day consultation period will be undertaken from 20th October to 19th December 2014 to seek the views of members of the public and other stakeholders, on whether they agree with the contents of this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and whether it addresses issues that they consider relevant to the provision of pharmaceutical services. Alongside the 60 day consultation a further stakeholder event will be held in Blackpool in order to promote the public consultation and identify views from key stakeholders (e.g. pharmacies).

Feedback gathered in the consultation will be reported and reflected in the final revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report.

5.8 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.9 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 6a What is a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Appendix 6b Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment on one page

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 None

13.0 Background papers:

13.1 Full draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment