

Report to:	Health and Wellbeing Board
Relevant Officer:	Liz Petch, Public Health Specialist, Blackpool Council
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Cllr Eddie Collett, Cabinet Member for Public Health
Date of Meeting:	4 th March 2015

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

- 1.1 To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the work that has been undertaken locally in relation to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment after public consultation and to seek the approval of the board to publish the final version.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

- 2.1 To sign off the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, which has been amended after consultation
- 2.2 To agree that the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is published on the Health and Wellbeing Board and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment websites.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

- 3.1 The public consultation process followed all relevant legislation and legal requirements and substantial feedback was received from a varied group of stakeholders. No challenge was made to the key findings of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The Steering Group assessed all feedback and all necessary changes have been made to the document.

- 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:

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

4.0 Council Priority:

- 4.1 The relevant Council Priority is “Improve health and well-being especially for the most disadvantaged”

5.0 Background Information

- 5.1 From the 1st 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 its local population. This is known as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). It describes the needs of the population of Blackpool and enables commissioners to commission pharmaceutical services that are based on local priorities. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment includes information on local improvement services including smoking and sexual health, potential gaps in service provision and future needs of the population. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment covers chapters on the following: Process for the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, context for the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, current provision of NHS Pharmaceutical Services, health needs and locally commissioned services, future population changes and housing growth. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a working document and may need additional statements if there are changes to the population of Blackpool e.g. new housing developments. Pharmacies may challenge commissioning decisions and therefore the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment must be robust to ensure decisions are made on relevant evidence.
- 5.2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 3rd September 2014 prior to it going out for a 60 day public consultation. During this time the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was available on the Blackpool Joint Strategic Needs website, in six pharmacies throughout the borough and in all the libraries in Blackpool. It was also promoted via social media, in the Blackpool Fylde and Wyre Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) e-bulletin, on the Blackpool Council website and press releases were issued to the local media. A public consultation event took place on 23rd October 2014 where the purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was discussed, key findings were presented and feedback was sought. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was also presented to a group of Healthwatch members on 11th December 2014. The public consultation process followed all relevant legislation and legal requirements. The public consultation finished on Friday 19th December 2014.
- 5.3 During the public consultation Blackpool Health and Wellbeing Board received detailed feedback from the following:
- Boots Pharmacy
 - Whitworth Chemists

- Local Professional Network
- Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Healthy Living Pharmacy Strategic Lead
- NHS England
- NHS Blackpool Clinical Commissioning Group
- Healthwatch members

5.4 The feedback received was substantial and all comments have been formulated and put into a response log which is available if the Chair would like to review this. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering group met to discuss the feedback from the services. We have themed comments accordingly as some are formatting/data corrections whilst some are statements around future commissioning which do not need to be included in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment but need to be logged for future commissioning intentions. All necessary changes have been made to the document. From the comments received there were no significant changes to be made to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment . There was no dispute over the key findings which were:

- The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment should be the basis for all future pharmacy commissioning intentions
- Pharmacies provide a wide range of services above core contracts
- There was no identified need for additional pharmacies.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 7a: Blackpool Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015 – with post consultation amendments

6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None

7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None

8.0 Equalities considerations:

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out alongside this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. This process determined that, as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment does not directly impact the provision of services, a full Equality Impact Assessment was not necessary. However, organisations using this Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment to inform commissioning should undertake an Equality Impact Assessment when considering changing current service provision.

9.0 Financial considerations:

- 9.1 None

10.0 Risk management considerations:

- 10.1 The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 state that “each Health and Wellbeing Board must publish its first pharmaceutical needs assessment by 1st April 2015.” If the Board does not approve and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by this date it will be in breach of this regulation.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11. None

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

- 12.1 See section 5.0 – Background Information

13.0 Background papers:

- 13.1 None