

<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>Relevant Officer:</b>	Liz Petch, Public Health Specialist / Stephen Boydell, Public Health Intelligence
<b>Relevant Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Graham Cain, Deputy Leader (Children)
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	29 January 2020

## UPDATE OF PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 This paper informs the Blackpool Health and Wellbeing Board that the process of creating the 2021 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is about to get underway.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to consider the approach recommended and give approval to initiate the project.

### 2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To agree to the production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, as in previous years, that covers all three areas of Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire.

2.2 To agree that it remains appropriate to consider the use of locality areas within the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and recommend that the Steering Group continues to use the 12 Lancashire districts and 2 unitary authorities as localities, giving a total of 14 localities.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure the new Pan-Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is published by the statutory deadline of 1 April 2021. To allow effective and efficient joint working. The approach has been recommended by the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group.

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

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

**4.0** Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

**5.0 Council priority:**

5.1 The relevant Council priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”.

**6.0 Background information**

6.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards have a duty to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every three years, and the next version is due to be published in March 2021 to meet the duty to be in place by 1 April 2021. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) are used for a number of purposes including consideration of applications for new pharmacies in an area as well as by commissioners to identify local health needs that could be addressed by pharmacy services. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment describes current pharmaceutical provision, health needs that could be mitigated by pharmaceutical services, future population changes, and is ultimately used to inform decision making regarding future market entry. In previous years, the Health and Wellbeing Board has agreed to develop a joint Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment with Blackburn with Darwen and Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Boards, this process ensures consistency over the area but has been combined with locality areas to ensure a balanced approach. It is recommended that a similar approach be taken in

6.2 The process of developing the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment takes approximately a year and a steering group has been set up to manage this. This group will include representatives of the three upper tier local authorities, NHS England, Community Pharmacy Lancashire, NHS commissioners and other parties as required. Action notes from the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group and progress against the project plan will be published online to allow the tracking of progress.

6.3 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

**7.0 List of Appendices:**

7.1 None.

**8.0 Legal considerations:**

8.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a duty to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by 1 April 2021. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

**9.0 Human resources considerations:**

9.1 None.

**10.0 Equalities considerations:**

10.1 None.

**11.0 Financial considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Risk management considerations:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Ethical considerations:**

13.1 None.

**14.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:**

14.1 None.

**15.0 Background papers:**

15.1 None.