

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD (CROYDON)</b> <b>26 March 2014</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Update</b>
<b>BOARD SPONSOR:</b>	<b>Dr Mike Robinson, Director of Public Health</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b> This report is for information only	

## **1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The health and wellbeing board is asked to note the contents of the report. Any questions should be directed to the report author outside of the meeting.

## **2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This paper provides an update to Croydon's health and wellbeing board) of the development of Croydon's new pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA).

## **3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 From 1st April 2013, every health and wellbeing board in England has been given a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA). The NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (the 2013 Regulations), which came into force on 1 April 2013, require each health and wellbeing board to make a revised assessment as soon as is reasonably practicable after identifying changes to the need for pharmaceutical services which are of a significant extent; and publish its first PNA by 1 April 2015.
- 3.2 PNAs are used by the NHS to make decisions on which NHS funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. These services are part of local health care and affect NHS budgets. PNAs are also relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed, in response to applications by businesses, including independent owners and large pharmacy companies. Applications can be keenly contested by applicants and existing NHS contractors and can be open to legal challenge if not handled properly.
- 3.3 Health and wellbeing boards need to ensure that the NHS England and its Area Teams have access to their PNAs. The revised PNA will require board-level sign-off and a period of public consultation beforehand.
- 3.4 A PNA should include information on local pharmacies and the services they already provide. These will include dispensing, providing advice on health, medicines reviews and local public health services, such as stop smoking, sexual health and support for drug users. It should look at other services, such

as dispensing by GP surgeries, and services available in neighbouring areas that might affect the need for services in the local area.

- 3.5 The PNA should examine the demographics of the local population, across the area and in different localities, and their needs. It should look at whether there are gaps that could be met by providing more pharmacy services, or through opening more pharmacies. It should also take account of likely future needs. The PNA should also contain relevant maps relating to the area and its pharmacies. The PNA must be aligned with other plans for local health and social care, including the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

#### 4. NEXT STEPS

- 4.1 At the board meeting on 4 December 2013 HWB, the board
- Agreed to the publication of the current PNA (Appendices NHS PNA 2011 on the council website)
  - Agreed that the three supplementary statements (PNA2011\_3,4 & 5) to this report be published alongside the current PNA on the council website
  - Approved the two further supplementary statements (PNA2011\_1 and PNA2011\_2) as set out at 3.7 in the report.

(All papers are accessible via the link below)

- 4.2 Croydon Council has appointed Cynthia Folarin, assistant director of public health DPH and Matt Phelan, interim public health principal to lead on the development of the new PNA.
- 4.3 Croydon Council are currently working with Croydon Clinical Commissioning Group and Croydon Local Pharmaceutical Committee to agree a steering group to support the PNA development.
- 4.4 Croydon Council is working with partner organisations in writing a specification to appoint a provider to develop the PNA with the intention to appoint by end of April 2014.
- 4.5 Initial timescales for the development of the PNA can be viewed in the programme plan in Appendix A.
- 4.6 Croydon Public Health will provide an update to the HWB once a provider has been appointed and a working group has been established to update on how the PNA development is progressing.

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#### BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Link to current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, published following the December 2013 HWB Meeting: [Papers under A69/13](#)

