

Title: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) formal sign off.
(consultation period: 17th November 2014 – 16th January 2015)

Wards Affected: All

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1. Purpose

The purpose of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is to enable NHS England (NHSE) to make an informed decision about the market entry of any additions to the market.

A PNA is a comprehensive assessment of the current and expected future pharmaceutical needs of the local population for community pharmacy, dispensing appliance contractors, and dispensing doctors in rural areas (where relevant). The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the responsibility to develop and update PNAs from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) from 1 April 2013. This means that Torbay's HWB has a legal duty to ensure the production of a PNA for Torbay going forward. HWBs are required to publish their first PNA by 1 April 2015 and publish a revised assessment within three years of its previous publication or sooner if changes to the need for pharmaceutical services are identified which are of significant extent.

The PNA for Torbay 2015-2018 presents a picture of community pharmacy need and provision in Torbay and links to the South Devon and Torbay 2014/15 Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA).

This PNA will be used by the NHSE Area Team for Devon, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly to inform:

- Decisions regarding which NHS funded services need to be provided by community pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors in Torbay e.g. Medicine Use Review Service and Appliance User Review Service.
- Whether new pharmacies or expansion of services are needed.
- Decision-making about the relocation of existing pharmaceutical premises in response to applications by providers of pharmaceutical services.
- The commissioning of locally enhanced services from pharmacies.

Providers of pharmaceutical services will be able to make use of the PNA to inform their applications to provide pharmaceutical services by demonstrating that they are meeting the pharmaceutical need as identified in the PNA.

The PNA has been written in partnership with the Public Health teams in the local authorities of Devon, Plymouth and Torbay and working closely with NHS England and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee to agree a consistent but locally relevant format which complies with the regulations.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that the Torbay HWB endorse the Torbay PNA for publication. By endorsing the PNA at this meeting, the Torbay HWB will take the final opportunity to meet local governance arrangements and therefore comply with national regulations and mandated timescales for sign off by March 31st 2015. (Please note that the 09th March 2015 HWB meeting is the last formal opportunity before the statutory date of final publication. Failure to endorse at this time will result in the need for an extraordinary meeting to be called to meet corporate governance requirements).

3. Supporting Information

The PNA report is attached to the HWB papers.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update PNAs from PCTs to Health and Wellbeing Boards. Responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list transferred from PCTs to NHS England from 1 April 2013.

The NHS Act (the “2006” Act), amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out the requirements for HWBs to develop and update PNAs and gives the Department of Health (DH) powers to make regulations:

(i) Each Health and Well-being Board must in accordance with regulations—

- (a) assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area, and
- (b) publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment.

(ii) The regulations must make provision—

- (a) as to information which must be contained in a statement;
- (b) as to the extent to which an assessment must take account of likely future needs;
- (c) specifying the date by which a Health and Well-being Board must publish the statement of its first assessment;
- (d) as to the circumstances in which a Health and Well-being Board must make a new assessment.

(iii) The regulations may in particular make provision—

- (a) as to the pharmaceutical services to which an assessment must relate;
- (b) requiring a Health and Well-being Board to consult specified persons about specified matters when making an assessment;
- (c) as to the manner in which an assessment is to be made;
- (d) as to matters to which a Health and Well-being Board must have regard when making an assessment

The Torbay Health and Wellbeing Board is central to overseeing the commissioning of services which address public health and other relevant health and wellbeing outcomes.

4. Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

There is a strong relationship between the PNA and the JSNA this was used extensively in understanding the resident population needs across Torbay. Considerable sections of the health and demographic needs analysis replicate the content of the JSNA, however, data is presented in a format and geography area suited for the PNA. The JSNA is clearly referenced in the PNA for further supporting information and evidence.

5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

This is the first PNA written under the responsibility of the HWB, thus there is, at present no direct relationship between the PNA and the joint health and wellbeing strategy.

6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

The JSNA will continue to inform future versions/iterations of the PNA.

HWBs will be required to publish a revised assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment; and

HWBs will be required to publish a revised assessment as soon as is reasonably practical after identifying significant changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its PNA unless it is satisfied that making a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes.

Appendices

None

Background Papers:

The following documents/files were used to compile this report:

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