

Title	Proposal for refresh of 2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
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Purpose of this report:

This report presents the proposal for refreshing the 2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Summary of main issues:

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) for their areas by 1st April 2015. Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board published their PNA in March 2015. Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to publish a revised assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment; **by end March 2018**.

Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013¹. These cover the minimum information to be included, the matters which must be considered, and the process to be followed. This process includes formal consultation with specific stakeholders for a minimum of 60 days.

The PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet local needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs. It supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers. The PNA will inform commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and clinical commissioning groups². The PNA is also a key document used in decisions around applications to open new and close pharmacy premises.

Buckinghamshire needs a thorough and robust PNA that complies with the regulations and follows due process. This will ensure that community pharmacy services are provided in the right place and that commissioned services meet the needs of local communities. This PNA update needs to be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board by March 2018.

¹ http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/pdfs/ukxi_20130349_en.pdf

² <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>

It is proposed that a steering group is established to complete the 2018 PNA. The proposed membership of the steering group is:

- Jane Butterworth - Associate Director Medicines Management and Long Term Conditions, CCG
- Emily Youngman – Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Buckinghamshire County Council
- Clinical Director Medicines Management, CCG
- Buckinghamshire Local Medicines Committee representative
- Buckinghamshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee representative
- Buckinghamshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee representative
- NHS England Thames Valley Area Team representative
- Local Pharmaceutical Network representative
- Healthwatch Bucks representative

Recommendation for the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Note and approve the process for carrying out a fit for purpose pharmaceutical needs assessment for Buckinghamshire as set out in this paper.
2. Consider a progress report on this work in September 2017.

Background documents:

The 2015 PNA is available to view here:

<https://www.buckscc.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment/>