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To: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board – 17 September 2014

Subject: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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Summary

Health and Wellbeing Boards in England have a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date, a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, otherwise referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Each Health and Wellbeing Board is required to publish its own revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for its area by 1st April 2015.

Last November the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board agreed for a joint Kent and Medway PNA Steering group to be set up to oversee development of the PNA. That group has met on a number of occasions and we are coming back to the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board to gain approval to begin the formal consultation phase of the PNA.

A draft form of the Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is now ready for consultation and can be found on the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory website.

<http://www.kmpho.nhs.uk/reports-and-strategies/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments/>

We have provided this Board an overview and background plus the key recommendations the steering group have agreed. The PNA is separated into the main document for Kent (attached) and an individual assessment for the seven localities matching the Clinical Commissioning Group areas. These documents, appendices, datasets and maps will be loaded on the Kent and Medway Public Health Observatory site for easy access.

These are working documents which will be continually reviewed particularly in the light of formal consultation and as circumstances change (for example where NHS England determines existing applications) and will remain as draft until final publication date at end of March 2015.

The consultation will be for a minimum of 60 days from the first date of publication and those being consulted will be directed to a website address containing the draft PNA but can, if they request, be sent an electronic or hard copy version.

We will be seeking formal approval for the PNA in the new year (2015) following consultation.

Recommendations

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to:

- 1) Note the development of a draft Pharmaceutical Needs assessment.
- 2) Note the key findings and recommendations to be formally consulted on.
 - a) Overall there is good pharmaceutical service provision in the majority of Kent.
 - b) Where the area is rural, there are enough dispensing practices to provide basic pharmaceutical services to the rural population.
 - c) There are proposed major housing developments across Kent, the main ones being Chilmington Green near Ashford and Ebbsfleet Garden City, which will mean that these areas will need to be reviewed on a regular basis to identify any increases in pharmaceutical need.
 - d) The proposed Paramount leisure site plans in North Kent should be reviewed regularly to identify whether visitors and staff will have increased health needs including pharmaceutical.
 - e) The current provision of “standard 40 hour” pharmacies should be maintained especially in rural villages and areas such as Romney Marsh.
 - f) The current provision of “100 hour” pharmacies should be maintained
- 3) The Health and Wellbeing Board is therefore asked to endorse proceeding to statutory consultation on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment with the key stakeholders and any other identified interested parties as per regulation and according to KCC’s policy.