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To: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021

Classification: Unrestricted

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment from Primary Care Trusts to Health and Wellbeing Boards on the 1st April 2013.
- 1.2 The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs and can be found at:
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-servicesregulations/>
- 1.3 Every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has 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 (PNA). Each HWB was required to publish its own revised PNA for its area by 1st April 2015 and to renew this every three years.
- 1.4 The main aim of the Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is to describe the pharmaceutical services in Kent and systematically identify any gaps/unmet needs, consulting with stakeholders and making recommendations on assessed gaps and future developments.
- 1.5 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a key document used by NHS England and the local area Pharmaceutical Services Regulations Committee (PSRC) to make decisions on new applications for pharmacies and change of services or relocations by current pharmacies. It is also used by commissioners reviewing the health needs for services within their particular area, to identify if any of their services can be commissioned through pharmacies.
- 1.6 The Kent Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consists of an overarching document explaining the details about pharmaceutical services and how needs are assessed, accompanied by a separate PNA document for

each Clinical Commissioning Group area making recommendations for that area.

2 PNA Development

- 2.1 In September 2017, a paper was taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board seeking agreement to set up a Steering Group to oversee the production, consultation and publication of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. This was approved. Approval was sought to formally consult on the draft PNA and the Health and Wellbeing Board approved this.
- 2.2 The steering group is made up representatives of key stakeholders as well as representatives of each of the Clinical Commissioning Groups.

3 Consultation

- 3.1 The County Council consulted with key stakeholders as defined in the regulation and as per KCC guidelines from the 15th November 2017 until 22 January 2018. Consultation was conducted through HealthWatch Kent, via the Kent County Council website and via CCG Patient Participation groups and local networks.
- 3.2 The PNA has been revised to reflect the consultation results where appropriate and recommendations for each individual area have been discussed in detail by the steering group and are documented in the CCG level PNAs.
- 3.3 Publication of the PNA will include results of the consultation and relevant comments.

4 Recommendations

- 4.1 Note the key strategic findings of recommendations of the PNA which are as follows:
 - Overall there is good pharmaceutical service provision in the majority of Kent.
 - Where the area is rural, there are enough dispensing practices to provide basic dispensing pharmaceutical services to the rural population.
 - There are proposed major housing developments across Kent, the main ones being Chilmington Green near Ashford and Ebbsfleet Garden City. This will mean that these areas will need to be reviewed on a regular basis to identify any increases in pharmaceutical need.
 - The current provision of “standard 40 hour” pharmacies should be maintained.
 - The current provision of “100 hour” pharmacies should be maintained.

4.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board has the responsibility of publishing supplementary statements when the pharmaceutical need and services to an area change significantly. It is proposed that these are issued every 6 months by NHS England (a member of the Board) as they hold all the relevant data. They will be published on the Council website alongside the PNA.

4. Recommendations

5.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the process and timeframe.

5.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the final PNA ready for publication subject to final checking with NHS England on any pharmaceutical service application grants made following the consultation and any final changes through proofing and editing.

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