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To: Kent Health and Wellbeing Board

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Subject: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Updates and Supplementary Statements

Summary:

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) describes the current pharmaceutical service in Kent, systematically identifying any gaps or unmet needs in services, and makes recommendations on future development, in consultation with stakeholders.

The current PNA covers the period up to April 2021 and we have commenced the initial steps towards the development of the 2021-24 PNA.

Recommendations

The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to **AGREE** the proposed timeline for the delivery of the next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Kent covering the period 2021 to 2024

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) describes the current pharmaceutical service in Kent, systematically identifying any gaps or unmet needs in services, and makes recommendations on future development, in consultation with stakeholders.
- 1.2 The PNA is a key document used by the local area Pharmaceutical Services Regulations Committee (PSRC) to make decisions on new applications for pharmacy contracts and change of services or relocations by current community 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.
- 1.3 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) from Primary Care Trusts to the Health and Wellbeing Boards on 1 April 2013. A PNA must be published every 3 years. In addition, the NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 sets out the legislative basis for developing and updating Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments.

- 1.4 A revised assessment should be made as soon as is reasonably practicable after identifying significant changes since the previous assessment such as significant changes to the number of people in the area that require pharmaceutical services, the demography of the area and the risks to health or well-being in the area.
- 1.5 Pending publication of a revised assessment, a Health and Wellbeing Board may publish a supplementary statement explaining changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of the last PNA. These supplementary statements become part of the PNA when the changes are relevant to granting of applications, where the changes are needed to prevent significant detriment to the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area.
- 1.6 The Health and Wellbeing Board is consulted on applications for pharmaceutical services such as consolidation of service (i.e. where a community pharmacy is giving up a contract, but this does not affect the access to pharmaceutical services in the area) or applications for new pharmaceutical service contracts.

2.0 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group

- 2.1 The PNA Steering Group is chaired by a Consultant in Public Health (currently the Deputy Director of Public Health) and includes representatives from Kent HealthWatch, Kent Local Medical Committee, Kent Local Pharmaceutical Committee, NHS England, a pharmacist from the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Kent Public Health Observatory and the Kent Public Health team.
- 2.2 The Steering Group meets regularly when the PNA needs to be refreshed and queries and consultations are shared with members of the committee for comment.
- 2.3 Kent County Council Public Health will be entering into discussions with Medway Council to consider whether it would be advantageous to combine Kent County's and Medway's PNA in the future, especially in light of the formation of the Integrated Care System.

3.0 Proposed Process for Delivery of the 2021-2024 PNA

- 3.1 The process for the delivery of the 2021-24 Kent County PNA has already commenced.
- 3.2 From October 2019 a small team has been clarifying any changes that might need to be made to the contents of the PNA. A format is being developed using this information and comparing to other examples of PNAs, such as Dorset and Manchester.
- 3.3 The Public Health Observatory has commenced collating data for the report.
- 3.4 The constituency of the PNA Steering Group is currently being considered, to take into account any changes to organisations (e.g. the merging of NHSE and NHSI and the creation of one CCG for Kent and Medway) and any changes to personnel in the last 2-3 years.

- 3.5 The PNA Steering group should be constituted by April 2020 to allow sufficient time to collate the data on population health needs, housing etc. and the collation of data on pharmaceutical services in Kent.
- 3.6 The document will be written and ready for consultation, which should take place November – January 2021. Following consideration of the consultation results, the report will be edited and brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in March 2021 for Members' agreement prior to publication.

4 Recommendation

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Appendix 1: PNA Guidance

Appendix 2: PNA Steering Group Terms of Reference