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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 making recommendations on future development, in consultation with stakeholders.
- This paper describes the process for updating the PNA with supplementary statements, enquiries and consultations and proposes a change to those processes.

Recommendations:

- The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to **AGREE** that the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group is given delegated responsibility to consult, collate and respond to all written requests from NHS England in relation to the PNA and provision of pharmaceutical services. on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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 making 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 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. Due to the complexity and large geographical area of Kent, a PNA is produced for each Clinic Commissioning Group in Kent County and published as chapters of the Kent County PNA.
- 1.3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) from the Primary Care Trusts to the Health and Wellbeing Boards on 1 April 2013. A PNA has to 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 pharmacy is giving up a contract, but this does not affect the access to pharmaceutical services in the area) or applications for new pharmaceutical services contracts.
- 1.7. The current PNA can be found at: <https://www.kpho.org.uk/health-intelligence/service-provision/pharmacy/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments>

2. 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 the HealthWatch, Local Medical Council, the Local Pharmaceutical Council, 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.

3. Current Practice for Consultations

- 3.1. Currently there is an informal process followed for correspondence regarding applications, consolidations etc. These are sent by NHS England to a member of the public health team in KCC who then share these with members of the PNA Steering Group for comment.
- 3.2. These comments are then collated and sent to NHSE as a response from the PNA Steering Committee by the Chair of the committee.

4. Proposed Process for future

- 4.1. It is proposed that to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board processes queries and consultations in the correct manner, that a formal process is agreed and correspondence from NHSE relating to the PNA is distributed to the PNA Steering Group by email. Any comments would be sent to the Chair

of the Group and incorporated into a response sent on behalf of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.

- 4.2. The Chair of the PNA Steering Group will deliver an Annual Report detailing all written requests from NHS England in relation to the PNA and the provision of pharmaceutical services. This will include any supplementary statements and any responses to NHS England that are provided on behalf of the Kent Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. **Recommendations**

- 5.1. The Kent Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to **AGREE** that the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group is given delegated responsibility to consult, collate and respond to all written requests from NHS England in relation to the PNA and provision of pharmaceutical services. on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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Appendix 1: PNA guidance



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Appendix 2: PNA Steering Group Terms of Reference



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