

## SHEFFIELD HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD PAPER

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**Subject:** Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Sheffield 2015-18

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### Summary:

In accordance with the National Health Service (NHS) (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, this latest (draft) version of Sheffield's PNA sets out our assessment of pharmaceutical services in light of the health and wellbeing needs of the Sheffield population. It identifies that: Sheffield is well-served by its pharmacies and dispensing doctors; community pharmacies have good links with other NHS services within the City; local pharmacies are already contributing extensively to raising awareness and understanding of health risks, promoting healthy lifestyles, providing advice and signposting/ referral to treatment and providing services; and further development of the public health role of pharmacy and commissioning of relevant services could secure additional improvements in health. The final PNA is due for publication on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

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### Recommendations:

Health and Wellbeing Board members are invited to:

- Raise any questions or clarification on any points of process or content
  - Pay particular attention to the key findings of the PNA
  - Request a final version of the PNA for approval in March 2015.
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### Background Papers:

Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Sheffield 2015-18

# Sheffield Health and Wellbeing Board

## Update on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Sheffield (2015-18)

### December 2014

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#### **1. Background**

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) provides a framework to enable the strategic development and commissioning of pharmaceutical services to help meet the needs of the local population. It is used by NHS England to deal with applications to provide pharmaceutical services under the 'Market Entry' process. It should also highlight any gaps in pharmaceutical service provision so that relevant local health and social care commissioners can take appropriate steps to remedy these and ensure the local population has appropriate access to pharmaceutical services.

The duty to produce a PNA was placed on Health and Wellbeing Boards by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 with the first PNA to be produced by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The PNA must be produced in accordance with the National Health Service (NHS) (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The regulations stipulate the purpose, scope and content of PNAs, the process by which a document and live map of local pharmacies should be produced and, how the PNA should be published and disseminated.

In April 2014 the Board established a Steering Group to develop the Sheffield PNA on its behalf in line with the 2013 regulations including conducting a 60-day consultation with relevant stakeholders and ensuring (online) publication by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. The document attached represents the latest version of the PNA (Version 2) produced by the Steering Group following the stakeholder consultation. It is provided as a progress update to members of the Board, prior to final approval in March 2015.

#### **2. Introduction**

The Steering Group produced a first full draft of the PNA (Version 1) in July 2014. It sought to align the health and wellbeing needs of the local population (via reference to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment) with service data obtained from NHS England, Sheffield Clinical Commissioning Group and Sheffield City Council. In so doing an assessment was made as to: current contribution of local pharmacies in meeting health and wellbeing needs; any key gaps in service provision and; potential for further development of pharmacy's role in improving health and wellbeing outcomes in the City.

In line with regulations, a stakeholder consultation on the first draft of the PNA took place for 60 days from 1<sup>st</sup> August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2014. Results from the consultation were analysed and the PNA amended accordingly. A copy of the consultation report is included as Appendix A to the PNA document. In addition, key information about pharmacies and the services commissioned from them were updated in autumn 2014. Neither the results of the

consultation or the process of updating the service information altered the key findings of the PNA.

### **3. Key findings**

- i. Sheffield is well-served by its pharmacies and dispensing doctors with good coverage and choice across the different areas of the City and good availability and access arrangements, including out of hours, generally high levels of patient satisfaction and no gaps in provision.
- ii. Pharmacy has good links with other NHS services within the City both in relation to primary care (especially GP practices) and acute hospital services. Nevertheless, it is recognised that there is potential to develop this much further, particularly in the context of developing integrated primary care services.
- iii. Local pharmacies are already contributing extensively to raising awareness and understanding of health risks, promoting healthy lifestyles, providing advice and signposting/ referral to treatment and providing services, often in more accessible and acceptable settings.
- iv. Demographic and cost pressures from patients with long-term conditions is only likely to increase in the coming years and pharmacy's continuing role in helping to meet this need is acknowledged. Further development of the public health role of pharmacy and commissioning of relevant services could therefore secure additional improvements in health.
- v. Known future other developments are unlikely to generate a significant level of need/demand for additional pharmaceutical provision over the next 5 years.

### **4. Next steps**

The Steering Group will amend the PNA in light of comments from the Board and finalise for approval at the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Text will be added to the JSNA web page on the Council's website to provide the location for publicising the PNA and live map online and details of who to contact for printed copies. The documents will be uploaded to the website by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 and emails sent to all stakeholders publicising the link. A copy of the PNA document will be attached to the email.

### **5. Recommendations and reasons for recommendations**

Health and Wellbeing Board members are invited to:

- Raise any questions or seek clarification on any points of process or content
- Pay particular attention to the key findings of the PNA
- Request a final version of the PNA for approval in March 2015.

The Health and Wellbeing Board must seek assurances that the PNA has been produced in line with the 2013 regulations; that relevant needs and services have been assessed and gaps, as appropriate, identified; and the PNA is on track to be published by 1 April 2015.

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