

## **Committee: Health and Wellbeing Board**

**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.**

## **Agenda item: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

Wards: All.

### **Subject:**

Lead officer: Dr Kay Eilbert, Director of Public Health.

Lead member: Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah. Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Health.

Forward Plan reference number: xx.

Contact officer: Barry Causer, Public Health Commissioning Manager.

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### **Recommendations:**

- A. That the Health and Wellbeing Board agree that the completed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment can be adopted and published in line with the statutory deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
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## **1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the HWB to adopt and publish the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) in advance of the statutory deadline.

## **2 DETAILS**

- 2.1. Merton Public Health has been working in partnership with Merton Clinical Commissioning Group and other partners to develop a PNA to meet the responsibilities in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These regulations include a requirement that the Health and Wellbeing Board publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.
- 2.2. The PNA has not identified any gaps in essential and advanced services (so there is not a need for additional pharmacies). However it has identified a gap in the provision of the minor ailments service (an enhanced service) on Sundays in the East Merton and West Merton localities.
- 2.3. The PNA has a lifetime of three years, however there is a requirement to publish a subsequent PNA if the HWB identifies a significant change or changes to the need for pharmaceutical services. If the HWB believes that publishing a new PNA would be a disproportionate response to that change or those changes, then it may publish a supplementary statement which explains changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services.
- 2.4. The PNA has now been completed and is ready to publish on the Merton Council website and we are seeking approval to adopt and publish this document.

### **3 NEXT STEPS**

- 3.1. Once approved, the final PNA will be published on the Merton Council website in advance of the statutory deadline of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

### **4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 4.1. Publishing a PNA is a statutory requirement under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

### **5 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED**

- 5.1. When producing the PNA, the regulations require the HWB to undertake a consultation lasting of at least 60 days and to consult with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, the Local Medical Committee, persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors in the area, any LPS chemist in its area, the Local Healthwatch, any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust, NHS England, neighbouring HWBs and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area who has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in the area.

### **6 TIMETABLE**

- 6.1. The deadline for the HWB to publish a revised assessment is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

### **7 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1. Commissioning PCC to produce the PNA has costed £32,500 from the Public Health budget.

### **8 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1. Publishing a PNA is a statutory requirement under The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

### **9 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS**

- 9.1. The PNA is concerned with delivering a balanced and equitable provision of service throughout the borough. In order to address health inequalities it is important that there is access to accurate data which reflects real needs.

### **10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. None.

### **11 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

### **12 APPENDICES – THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ARE TO BE PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT AND FORM PART OF THE REPORT**

- None.

### **13 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

13.1. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

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