DECISION-MAKER:		HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
SUBJECT:		PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONSULTATION			
DATE OF DECISION:		18th OCTOBER 2017			
REPORT OF:		DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH			
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY

NOT APPLICABLE

BRIEF SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). A paper was brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on 29th March 2017 where the plan for refreshing the Southampton PNA was approved.
- 1.2 The regulations state that the HWB must undertake a consultation on the content of the PNA and it must run for minimum of 60 days. This paper presents the draft Southampton PNA (appendix 1) and seeks approval of the report for consultation from 23rd October to 22nd December 2017. It also seeks approval for the steering group to respond to consultations of PNA's from neighbouring areas on behalf of the HWB where the Southampton HWB is a statutory consultee and to ask the HWB to note the response.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(i)	The Health and Wellbeing Board approves the Draft Southampton Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) report for consultation from 23rd October to 22nd December 2017.
(ii)	The Health and Wellbeing Board approves that the steering group respond to consultations of PNA's from neighbouring areas on behalf of the HWB where the Southampton HWB is a statutory consultee and ask the HWB to note the response.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The PNA is a report on the local needs for pharmaceutical services. It is used to identify gaps in current services or improvements that could be made to current or future service provision. The specific content of the PNA is set out in schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical & Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. It is a statutory requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to publish a revised assessment within three years of its previous PNA. The refreshed Southampton PNA must be published on 1st April 2018.

2. There is a regulatory duty (NHS (Pharmaceutical & Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 No 349: Part 2: Reg 8) to have a 60 day consultation about the contents of the assessment it is making. As part of the Southampton PNA refresh, the consultation is planned to run from Monday 23rd October to Friday 22nd December 2017.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

3. None

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

4. What is a PNA and what should it contain?

PNAs are relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed, in response to applications by businesses, including independent owners and large pharmacy companies. Applications are contested by applicants and existing NHS contractors and can be open to legal challenge if not handled properly. They also inform commissioning decisions by local commissioning bodies.

The content of PNAs is set out in Schedule 1 to the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

- A statement of the pharmaceutical services provided that are necessary to meet needs in the area;
- A statement of the pharmaceutical services that have been identified by the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) that are needed in the area, and are not provided (gaps in provision);
- A statement of the other services which are provided, which are not needed, but which have secured improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of the services that the HWB has identified as not being provided, but which would, if they were to be provided, secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of other NHS services provided by a local authority, the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England), a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or an NHS Trust, which affect the needs for pharmaceutical services;
- An explanation of how the assessment has been carried out (including how the consultation was carried out); and
- A map of providers of pharmaceutical services.
- 5. What is the requirement for consultation?

There is a regulatory duty to have a 60 day consultation about the contents of the assessment it is making. As part of the Southampton PNA refresh, the consultation is planned to run from Monday 23rd October to Friday 22nd December 2017.

According to the Regulations, the following must be consulted:

- Local Pharmaceutical Committee for its area
- Local Medical Committee in its area
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors

list for its area;

- Any local pharmaceutical service pharmacy in its area with whom the NHS England has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services;
- Local Healthwatch and any other patient, consumer or community group which in the opinion of the Health and Wellbeing Board has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area
- Any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust in the area
- NHS England
- Any neighbouring Health & Wellbeing Board

6. *Proposed timetable*

After the end of the consultation on 22nd December 2017, comments will be considered and the final document will be presented to the HWB in early 2018 in advance of formal publication on 1st April 2018.

- 18th October: To request approval of draft PNA from HWB for consultation
- 23rd October: Formal 60 day consultation starts.
- 22nd December: Formal 60 day consultation ends.
- Write report on consultation and make changes to draft PNA.
- February 2018: Present final draft PNA to HWB.
- Make final changes based on HWB feedback.

1st April 2018: Final PNA published on website.

7. What does the draft Southampton PNA conclude?

In Southampton, at the current time, there are 43 community pharmacies and one dispensing appliance contractor. Since the previous PNA, one community pharmacy has been removed from the pharmaceutical list (on 1st September 2017) as the result of a consolidation application.

The Health and Wellbeing Board consider the location, number, distribution and choice of pharmaceutical services serving the Southampton residents to meet the needs of the population. The Health and Wellbeing Board also consider that there is currently no identified need for improvements and better access to pharmaceutical services in Southampton.

The basis for these conclusions are given in the draft report and summarised in the executive summary (appendix 1).

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

8. None

Property/Other

9. None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

<u>Statuto</u>	ry power to undertake proposals in the report:				
10.	There is a statutory duty requiring the Health and Wellbeing Board to undertake and publish this needs assessment under section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 and regulations made under that section, namely the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical & Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 ("the 2013 Regulations").				
11.	Regulations 3 to 9 and Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations set out the detailed requirements as to the content of needs assessments and the manner in which the assessment is to be made and published.				
12.	Regulation 8 of the 2013 Regulations, in particular, prescribes those specified persons who must be consulted about the content of the assessment and the manner in which they must be consulted about specified matters.				
Other L	Other Legal Implications:				
13.	None				
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS					
14.	None				
POLICY	FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS				
15.	None				
KEY DE	ECISION? No				
WARDS	S/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED: All				
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SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION					
Appendices					
1.	Enc. 1 for Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment draft approval for consultation – PNA draft				
2.	Enc. 2 for Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment draft approval for consultation – Equality and Safety Impact Assessment				
Docum	Documents In Members' Rooms				

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1.	None				
Equality Impact Assessment					
	Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.				
Privacy Impact Assessment					
	Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.				
Other Background Documents Other Background documents available for inspection at:					
Title of	Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules /			

		Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)	
1.	None		