

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

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### **PART I**

### **FOR INFORMATION**

#### **REFRESH OF SLOUGH'S PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2015 - 2018**

##### **1. Purpose of Report**

This report summarises the arrangements that have been put in place for refreshing the 2015 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Slough.

##### **2. Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

The Board is asked to:

- 1) Note the arrangements that have been put in place for carrying out a fit for purpose (PNA) for Slough as set out in this paper;
- 2) Note the consultation ending on 31 December 2017; and
- 3) Consider a progress report on this work in January 2018 and receive the final draft of the PNA in March 2018 for endorsement.

##### **3. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

###### **3a. The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy and JSNA,**

The PNA ensures that the provision of pharmaceutical service meet the needs of Slough residents across the life course. It ensures that there is appropriate access to pharmaceutical services for Slough residents and allows residents to receive appropriate advice and treatment for self care. A refreshed PNA therefore contributes to the Joint Wellbeing Strategy and JSNA with a particular emphasis on priority 2: *Increasing life expectancy by focussing on inequalities.*

###### **3b. Five Year Plan Outcomes**

The PNA directly contributes to the following outcomes in the council's Five Year plan: *More people will take responsibility and manage their own health, care and support needs.*

#### 4. Other Implications

##### (a) Financial

The draft PNA does not recommend any changes to provision of pharmaceutical service. PNAs are used by NHS England to make decisions on which NHS-funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. These services are part of local health care, contribute to public health and affect NHS budgets.

##### (b) Risk Management

Recommendation	Risk/Threat/Opportunity	Mitigation(s)
PNA is published within required timeframe	Delay to timescale for writing, consultation and/or sign off of PNA.	The project timings have been carefully planned in agreement with Slough WBB Chair.
PNA includes consideration of future changes in Slough	PNA becomes redundant due to changes in Slough	PNA has considered future housing and demographics in making its recommendations
PNA takes into account professional opinion	Lack of engagement from stakeholders	Wide dissemination of PNA consultation link and direct emails to key stakeholders
PNA takes into account public opinion	Lack of engagement from public and stakeholders	Survey of public conducted and public also invited to input during consultation phase

##### (c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

The provision of pharmaceutical services falls under the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical services) Regulations 2013. Schedule 1 of the regulations specify the specific content of these assessments. The regulations also state that Health and Wellbeing Boards must undertake a consultation on the content of their PNA's and that these consultations must run for minimum of 60 days.

##### (d) Equalities Impact Assessment

Public Health Services for Berkshire will undertake an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) of the PNA process and of implementing the recommendations and this will be published with the final version of the PNA. The Bracknell Forest EIA framework will be used to assess the potential impacts (positive and negative) of the PNA process on local residents, with particular regard to the protected characteristics of age, race, disability, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion and belief, pregnancy and maternity,

marriage and civil partnership and also considers rural communities and areas of deprivation.

(e) Workforce

The draft PNA does not recommend any changes to provision of pharmaceutical service and as such would not have a direct impact on workforce.

## **5. Summary**

This report summarises the arrangements that have been put in place (including a public consultation) to develop and publish a refreshed PNA for Slough by 31 March 2018.

## **6. Supporting information**

- 6.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) for their areas by 1st April 2015. Slough Wellbeing Board published their first PNA in April 2015 and is required to publish a revised assessment by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.
- 6.2 Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These regulations cover the production of the PNA, the application and decision making process for opening pharmacies and also details the term of services for pharmacies, dispensing appliance contractors and dispensing doctors. They also cover the minimum information to be included, the matters which must be considered, and the process to be followed, including the formal consultation with specific stakeholders and the public for a minimum of 60 days.
- 6.3 The PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet local needs. It sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs.
- 6.4 It also supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers and informs commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and clinical commissioning groups.

It is also a key document used in decisions around applications to open new and close existing pharmacy premises.

### ***Local arrangements for producing the next Slough PNA***

- 6.5 The provision of pharmaceutical services across Slough has been reviewed to produce a draft PNA, and we are now consulting local stakeholders on its key findings and recommendations.

6.6 The current draft includes statements about:

- the demography of Slough
- the pharmaceutical services available to Slough residents
- whether there is sufficient choice with regard to accessing pharmaceutical services
- the differing needs of communities in Slough

6.7 The consultation will take place from 1st November to 31 December 2017. After the end of the consultation period, comments will be considered and the final document will be presented to the Board in March 2018 in advance of formal publication on 1 April 2018.

## 7. **Comments of Other Committees**

This report has not been presented to any other committees.

## 8. **Conclusion**

- Slough needs a thorough and robust PNA that complies with the regulations and follows due process.
- The refreshed assessment will ensure that community pharmacy services are provided in the right place and that commissioned services meet the needs of local communities.
- Responses to the consultation will help shape the final PNA report, which will be used by the NHS to inform decisions on applications for new pharmacies and applications for changes at existing pharmacies.
- Local organisations, such as local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups, will also use the PNA to inform the services they commission from local pharmacies.

9. **Appendices** – not reproduced. Available in Appendix Pack:

‘1’ Draft Slough PNA 2018-2020

‘A’ Appendix A: Berkshire PNA Pharmacy Survey 2017

‘B’ Appendix B: Berkshire PNA Public Survey 2017

‘C’ Appendix C: Opening times for pharmacies in Slough

‘D’ Appendix D: PNA maps (1 – 8)

## 10. **Background documents**

1. Slough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2015 – 2018 at <http://www.slough.gov.uk/council/joint-strategic-needs-assessment/pharmacy-needs-assessment.aspx>

2. The draft 2018-2020 PNA consultation can be accessed at; <https://www.slough.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/accessing-nhs-services.aspx>