

## **Pharmacy Needs Assessment – Briefing Note**

### **Background**

1. All PCTs are required to ensure that a well developed Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) becomes an integral part of the commissioning process. NHS Leeds Board has previously been advised that this should be published by 1 February 2011.
2. The NHS Leeds PNA has been developed in line with national guidance, incorporating a pre-engagement and full consultation with stakeholders.
3. In line with advice from the DoH, the PNA has been published on the website, with acknowledgment from the Executive Director of Primary Care, in lieu of full approval from the NHS Leeds Board at its February meeting.

### **Public Consultation**

4. NHS Leeds undertook a Level 3 public consultation on the draft PNA between 4<sup>th</sup> October and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.
5. The consultation, conducted using the established NHS Leeds process, included reference to the Health Overview and Scrutiny Board.

### **Amendments Following Consultation**

- Inaccuracies relating to data regarding current pharmaceutical services will be rectified.
- Increased accessibility to pharmacy services on an evening and weekend was identified by many of those who responded to the consultation. The final document clarifies that existing providers will be encouraged to ensure that opening hours are responsive to the needs of the local population.
- The Essential Small Pharmacies Scheme Local Pharmaceutical Services (ESPSLPS) has been extended to March 2013. This will be clarified in the final document.

### **Financial Implications and Risk**

6. There are no financial implications at this point in time.

### **Next Steps**

7. A prioritisation framework which considers the funding of commissioning intentions will be developed.

### **Publication Under Freedom of Information Act**

8. This paper has been made available under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Recommendations**

9. At its February, NHS Leeds Board was asked to:

- (a) **Acknowledge** the consultation process and subsequent amendments made to the PNA.
- (b) **Accept** the PNA as a document to support the NHS Leeds Pharmacy applications process.

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