

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments – driving pharmacy engagement in public health

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Pharmaceutical needs assessment

- PNA and the need for change
- Where we are now
- The White Paper
- Future for PNA
- PNA and public health

Pharmaceutical needs assessment

- Required to support control of entry
- Desirable to provide a focus on community pharmacy
- Potential to influence commissioning

PNA – the story so far

- By the end of the first year of the contract 90% of PCTs had conducted a PNA (Elvey 2006)
- About 25% revised in 2006/07*
- Of remainder 70% intended to revised in 2007/08*
- If intentions were met then around 25% of PNAs not revisited since 2005*
- PNA does not appear to have influenced commissioning*

The need for change

- Galbraith review
- World class commissioning
- The White Paper
- Quality and safety agenda

PNA: issues raised by the White Paper

- How robust is your PNA – depth and breadth?
- In the future how will PNA address:
 - The concept of DES
 - Reducing health inequalities and improving health and wellbeing?
 - World Class Commissioning – Are PNAs fit for purpose?
 - Quality – How do we move from assessing need to assessing quality?
 - Access to Lifeclock and health screening
 - Targeting MURs and improving adherence
 - New routes to commissioning: PwSI, LPS

Criticisms of current PNAs

- Non-existent
- Disjointed
- Lack of clarity and purpose
- Developed in isolation
- Out of date
- Focused on community pharmacy

Best practice

- Leadership and engagement
- Clear purpose
- Joined up
- Up to date
- Relevant
- Public involvement

Achilles heal - dual purpose

Control of entry

- Conservative
- Terse
- Explicit

Commissioning

- Ambitious
- Progressive
- Aspirational

The PWP

- PNA proposals:
 - PNA to replace Control of Entry
 - PNAs to be uniform – minimum dataset
 - PNAs to be more robust

Beyond the WP

- Make PNA part of every redesign or commissioning plan
- *Pharmacy services* **not** *Community pharmacy services*
- Integrated with commissioning cycle
- From assessment to action

Pharmacy Services Commissioning Plan

3-5 year plan setting out a structure plan for the development of pharmacy services to meet the needs of the population, improve health and wellbeing, reduce health inequalities and to support the provision of care closer to home

Integration and strategy development

Premises plan

Workforce plan

National services
commissioning
plan

Local services
commissioning
plan

Pharmacy services needs assessment

Pharmacy service
profile

Workforce profile

Our population
needs

Service redesign
→ future service
profile

How can PNA drive commissioning of public health?

- Bring to bear focus on pharmacy
- Identify pharmacy's location, accessibility and capacity
- Think of pharmacy when thinking of commissioning

Summary

- Progress to date has been good – we have come a long way
- The NHS has not stood still – PNAs need to better reflect the new world
- The dual purpose of PNAs has been a weakness – this is not going to change
- Turning assessment into action will require integration and planning
- The future is in **pharmacy services commissioning plans** integrated into the PCT commissioning cycle

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