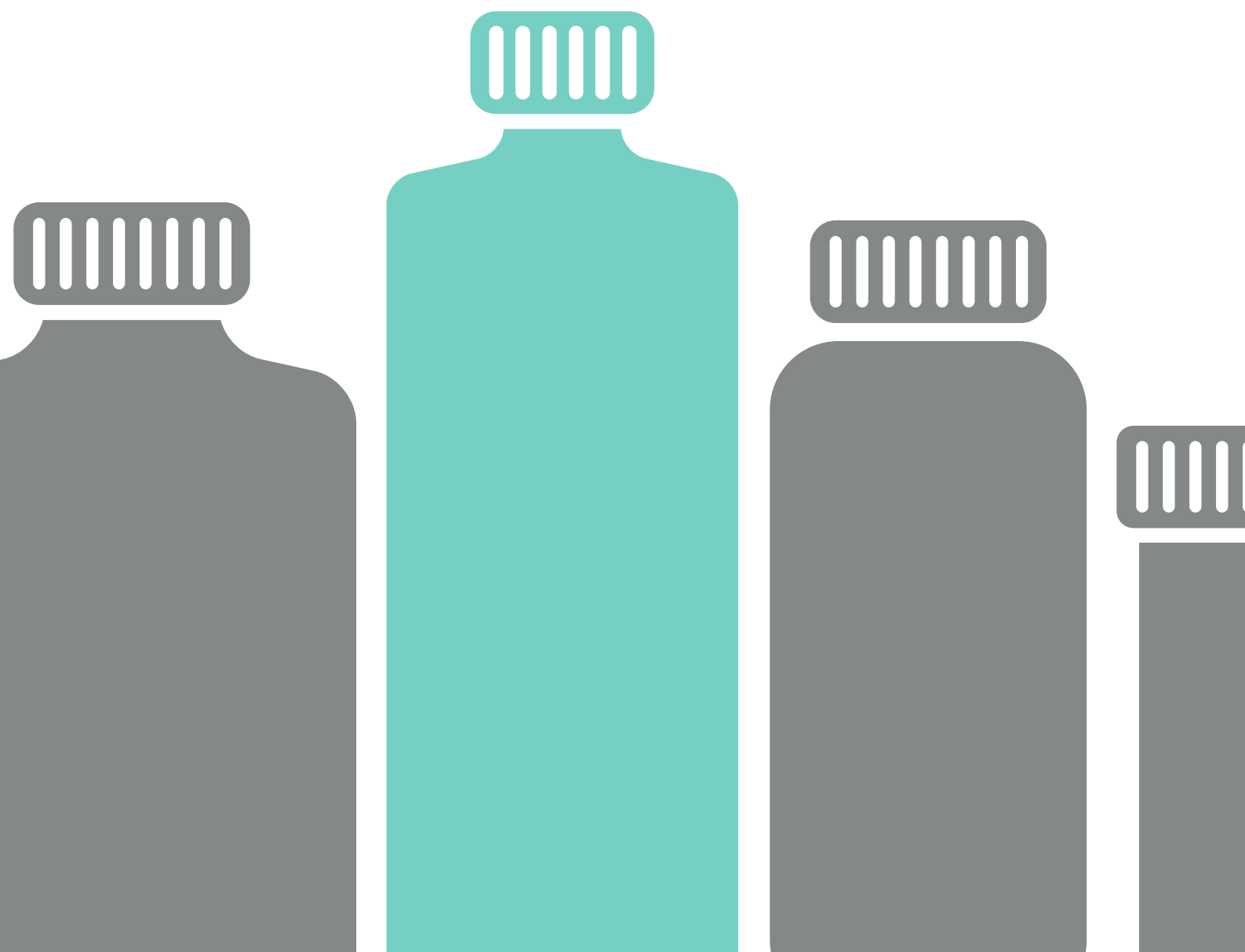


Medicines Management

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Briefing Document for Bury Health and Wellbeing Board July 2014



INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) from Primary Care Trusts to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB).
- HWB's first PNA must be published by 1 April 2015 if not already done so.

The PNA is a legal document which details pharmaceutical services which would be desirable and necessary in a locality based on the local health needs and population demographics.

The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs and can be found at:

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-services-regulations>

PNAs will inform commissioning decisions by local authorities and by clinical commissioning groups (CCGs).

NHS England area teams will also use the PNA to inform whether a pharmacy application would be desirable for a particular location. NHS England can decide not to approve an application for a new pharmacy contract even if a need is identified within a PNA.

UPDATE

- April 2014 the PNA project started
- During May/June 2014 we surveyed the public and also pharmacy contractors for their opinion of pharmaceutical services in the Bury area.
 - There was limited response to the public survey (79) and the pharmacy contractors (6 out of 41). In future Bury Council may wish to look at how it can increase the number of responses.
- Data to inform the PNA was obtained from a wide range of sources.
- A gap analysis was undertaken to look at how pharmaceutical services might be improved in Bury.
- Greater Manchester Commissioning Support Unit (GMCSU) has produced a draft version of the PNA after the public and pharmacy contract surveys closed.
- Formal public consultation (minimum of 60 days) will run during September and October 2014.
- An analysis of responses to the formal consultation will be carried out in November 2014.

NEXT STEPS

The HWB are asked to agree and ratify this draft version of the PNA to ensure that the formal consultation can take place during September and October 2014.

Any requests for changes or amendments (which must be with GMCSU by 24th July 2014) will be made by GMCSU prior to release of the consultation draft to Bury Council for dissemination.

Bury council will need to place the consultation document on their website by 1st September 2014 for access by the mandatory stakeholders and the general public. Bury Council will also need to communicate out to mandatory stakeholders and the general public the availability of this consultation.

GMCSU will provide access to a web based survey for collation of consultation responses. Should individuals need assistance in completing the web based survey or a paper copy to complete Bury Council will facilitate this.

POST CONSULTATION

Once the formal consultation has closed GMCSU will review the responses and produce an analysis of these. Any changes or amendments identified in the consultation will be incorporated into the PNA ready for it to be brought to the HWB meeting in February/March 2015 for approval.

Once the PNA is approved Bury Council will be expected to make the PNA available on its website by 31st March 2015.

CONCLUSION

The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to

1. Ratify the Bury Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment consultation draft (subject to any required changes) in order that it can be made available for the consultation 1st September 2014.
2. Ensure that Bury Council publishes the consultation draft onto the Council website by 1st September 2014..

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