

CUMBRIA HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Meeting date: 10 July 2020

From: Director of Public Health

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *This report asks the Board to note the changes to the timescales to the production of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.*

2.0 LINKS TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY

2.1 The production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *That the board note the change to the timetable for the production of the pharmaceutical needs assessment*

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are due to be renewed and published by local authority health and wellbeing boards in April 2021. This document is a statutory responsibility which records the need for pharmaceutical services within a specific area. Due to current pressures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care have announced that the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments will be suspended until April 2022.

4.2 The health and wellbeing boards will retain the ability to issue supplementary statements to respond to local changes and pharmaceutical needs during this time. The NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 will be updated in due course.

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APPENDICES

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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