



Date of Meeting: 30th October 2019

Lead Member: Councillor Laura Miller – Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Health

Lead Officer: Sam Crowe, Director of Public Health

Executive Summary:

Health and Wellbeing Boards have a role as a statutory consultee when pharmacies make an application to NHS England through its Primary Care Support team. For most applications, response is optional, but in certain circumstances the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to respond.

Since the last meeting Primary Care Support England notified the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board of two pharmacy applications. Response was optional. BCP Health and Wellbeing Board were also notified of an application for which response was required. Deadlines for response are usually within 45 days.

This paper outlines how these applications are considered and proposes recommendations to enable the Board to respond as required to such pharmacy applications.

Equalities Impact Assessment:

There is no indication that these applications could have negative impacts on any protected characteristic group.

Budget:

There are no budgetary implications.

Risk Assessment:

Having considered the risks associated with this decision using Dorset County Council's risk management methodology, the level of risk has been identified as:

Current Risk: LOW

Residual Risk: LOW

Other Implications:

There is currently no delegated authority to respond to such notifications. Delegated authority to respond to straightforward applications would free up the Board for other business.

Recommendation:

Members are asked to:

- delegate authority to the Director of Public Health to respond (or not) to applications for relocation

- delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Chair and portfolio holders, to respond to applications where a response is required or where the potential impact may be significant

Reason for Recommendation:

To enable the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil its role as a statutory consultee within prescribed timescales.

Appendices:

Background Papers:

[Dorset, Bournemouth and Poole PNA 2018](#)

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT -

- 1.1 This paper sets out the Health and Wellbeing Board's statutory role in respect of pharmacy services. It considers recent consultations on pharmacy applications and how these were considered, and sets out recommendations to enable the Board to respond as required to future pharmacy applications.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (amended) provides the framework for how pharmaceutical services are contracted, and sets out the roles of NHS England, Health and Wellbeing Boards and other partners within these arrangements.
- 2.2 One role of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every three years. A joint PNA with the Bournemouth & Poole Health and Wellbeing Board, as allowed by section 198 of the Health and Social Care Act, was published in April 2018.
- 2.3 Health and Wellbeing Boards also have a role as a statutory consultee when pharmacies make an application to NHS England through its Primary Care Support team. Such applications may cover:
- i. The entry of a new pharmacy onto the market
 - ii. The relocation of an existing pharmacy premises
 - iii. The 'consolidation' of two current pharmacies together onto one site.
 - iv. A change to the pharmaceutical services that a particular pharmacy provides.
- 2.4 Where the application is for 'consolidation' (iii. above) the Health and Wellbeing Board is required to make a statement.
- 2.5 Primary Care Support England notified the Dorset Health and Wellbeing Board of two relocation applications since the last Board meeting. One related to a Christchurch pharmacy and was forwarded to the BCP Health and Wellbeing Board. The other considered the relocation of a Bestway pharmacy in Swanage, with response due by 15/9/19.
- 2.6 BCP Health and Wellbeing Board have received a 'consolidation' application for which they were required to make a response.

3. ANALYSIS OF APPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In assessing relocation applications the following issues are considered:
- Distance of the relocation, and walking time this would take
 - Numbers and placement of other pharmacies in the area
 - Impact on percentage of residents able to access a pharmacy within 20 minutes of where they live – the standard used within our PNA.
 - Views and input from the virtual PNA Steering Group on any other relevant issues
 - Views and input from Primary Care Network Clinical Directors, GP locality Chairs, Public Health locality links, and other key local links (if any).
- 3.2 Similar factors would be considered in assessing a consolidation application. The key issue for the Health and Wellbeing Board to address in these cases is whether the change would create a gap in pharmaceutical services.

- 3.3 No response was made regarding the application for the relocation of a Bestway pharmacy in Swanage, as this was optional and timescales meant there was no opportunity for discussions at Board. However, the analysis shows that the change is unlikely to have any impact on overall access times to pharmacies within the locality because:
- The relocation is a distance of around 250m, a walking time of around 4-6 minutes
 - There would be no impact on percentage of residents able to access a pharmacy within 20 minutes of where they live – the standard used within our PNA.
 - The current premises are small, with some challenges; the change would provide more space.

4. FUTURE APPLICATIONS

- 4.1 When applications are received by the Health and Wellbeing Board there is a fixed timescale, usually 45 days, within which to respond. In view of timings of the Health and Wellbeing Board it may not be possible to bring papers to the Board before making a response. It is therefore proposed that after initial analysis and feedback from the virtual PNA Steering Group:
- Delegated authority be given to the Director of Public Health to respond (or not) to applications for relocation
 - Delegated authority be given to the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Chair and portfolio holders, to respond to applications where a response is required or where the potential impact may be significant.