Appendix B: PNA Steering Group terms of reference

1. Background

The provision of NHS pharmaceutical services is a controlled market. The National Health Service England (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (SI 2013/349) set out the system for market entry. As of 1 April 2013, the statutory responsibility for publishing and maintaining a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services for a given population lies with Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) in England. A statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for a given population is referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

A PNA is a document that records an assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within a specific area, describes the provision of pharmaceutical services (mainly delivered by community pharmacies) and identifies gaps in services. The focus of the assessment is predominantly on those pharmaceutical services delivered in primary care, through community pharmacy in the main and also dispensing services (provided by dispensing practices and dispensing appliance contractors).

The PNA will form the main reference document upon which commissioning of pharmaceutical services decisions are made, include the granting of NHS pharmaceutical services contracts.

PNAs usually have a maximum lifetime of three years. The current PNA for Norfolk was published in April 2018. Norfolk HWB has a duty to ensure a revised PNA is published by October 2022. This was originally April 2021 but was extended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Norfolk HWB has delegated the production of the Norfolk PNA to the Director of Public Health, who in turn has formally delegated the responsibility for coordination and production of the PNA to a Steering Group of partners.

2. Purpose

The purpose of the Steering Group is to ensure Norfolk HWB has access to an up-todate PNA, which is published on the JSNA website and is regularly updated.

This includes supporting the production of the PNA 2022 on behalf of Norfolk HWB, to ensure that it satisfies the relevant regulations including consultation requirements.

3. Role

The Norfolk PNA Steering Group has been established primarily to:

- Assure itself that the PNA meets the requirements of NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) Amendment Regulations SI 2010/914 in line with DHSC guidance.
- Ensure appropriate maintenance of the PNA following publication in April 2018, as required by the regulations
- Assess any changes in the provision of pharmaceutical services between April 2018 and October 2022 (originally April 2021, as above) with regard to meeting

population needs, and advise the HWB whether these represent significant change to the published PNA from April 2018.

- Publish regular updates to the PNA on the HWB website.
- Act as champions of the PNA, engaging with internal and external stakeholders including patients, service users and the public.

4. Accountability

The Steering Group will be accountable to the HWB for regular updates of the PNA. The Steering Group will report indirectly to the HWB through the Director of Public Health.

The draft PNA 2022 will be an item on the HWB's September 2022 meeting agenda for them to ratify delegated authority to the Director of Public Health for final sign-off.

5. Quoracy

The Steering Group shall be quorate with representation from the LPC, the LMC, Healthwatch Norfolk and Public Health NCC.

6. Administration/Support

Public Health (Norfolk County Council) will coordinate and provide project management and analytical expertise to support the programme of work and keep a record of actions/decisions made.

7. Membership

Suzanne Meredith Deputy Director of Public Health, NCC (Chair)

James Fullam Advanced Public Health Officer, NCC

Elaine Brown Public Health Office Coordinator, NCC

Serena Burton Information Analyst, NCC

Michael Woodward Information Analyst, NCC

Tony Dean Chief Officer, Norfolk Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Lauren Seamons Deputy Chief Officer, Local Pharmaceutical Committee

Naomi Woodhouse Joint Chief Executive Officer – N&W LMC

Joni Graham Executive Officer – N&W LMC

Alex Stewart Chief Executive, Healthwatch Norfolk

Emily Woodhouse Business Development Director, Healthwatch Norfolk

Jessica Adcock Deputy Head of Medicines Optimisation NHS N&W CCG

Kellie Louden Contracting Support Manager – (Pharmacy & Optical

Team)

NHS England and NHS Improvement – East of England

Martyn Pretty Commissioning Support Officer – (Pharmacy & Optical

Team)

Representatives Anjna Sharma – Director of Workforce Transformation

from Soar Beyond* – Ana Hartup – Project Executive

(external provider)

*Representatives from Soar Beyond Ltd will only attend meetings which support the development of the 2022 PNA. Other additional members may be co-opted if required. Soar Beyond representatives are not core members however will attend and lead the meetings to produce the 2022 PNA. The Chair will have the casting vote, if required. Members may provide a deputy to meetings in their absence.

8. Development of 2022 PNA – Responsibilities

- Provide a clear and concise PNA process.
- Review and validate information and data on population, demographics, pharmaceutical provision, and health needs.
- To consult with the bodies stated in Regulation 8 of the Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013:
 - Any Local Pharmaceutical Committee for its area
 - o Any Local Medical Committee for its area
 - Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area
 - Any LPS chemist in its area
 - Any Local Healthwatch organisation for its area.
 - o Any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust in its area.
 - NHS England
 - Any neighbouring HWB
- Ensure that due process is followed.
- Report to the HWB on both the draft and final PNA.
- Publish the final PNA by end 1 October 2022.

9. Frequency of meetings

The Steering Group will normally meet quarterly online and/or by email. There may be face to face or additional ad hoc meetings according to need.

For the 2022 PNA production, meetings will be arranged at key stages of the project plan. The Steering Group will meet in summer 2022 to sign off the PNA for submission to the HWB.