

Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting Date June 2014

Supplementary Statement no.4 to NHS Warwickshire's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) in advance of publication of the new PNA

Recommendation(s)

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB):

- 1. Consider and approve PNA Supplementary Statement no.4.**
- 2. Continue to follow progress of the development of the new Warwickshire PNA**

1.0 Key Issues

- 1.1. From 1 April 2013 responsibility for Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) transferred to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs).
- 1.2. The HWB has a legal duty to have checked the suitability of existing PNAs, compiled by primary care trusts (PCTs), and continue to publish any supplementary statements explaining any changes through new or changed local service provision.
- 1.3. Each HWB will need to publish its own revised PNA for its area by 1st April 2015
- 1.4. Failure to produce a robust PNA could lead to legal challenges because of the PNA's role in guiding decisions about commissioning services and new pharmacy openings.
- 1.5. It is important that HWBs prepare PNAs to national comparable standards.
- 1.6. This will require board-level sign-off and a period of public consultation beforehand. Because the PNA development goes through an extensive engagement and formal consultation, the process can take up to a year.
- 1.7. In the meantime, if there are changes in provision of services, the HWB may instead of revising the PNA, publish a supplementary statement setting out the changes in provision.

- 1.8. The last supplementary statement was produced in Dec 2012. A new supplementary statement has been prepared for consideration and approval by the HWB. (See appendix 1).
- 1.9. To deliver the new PNA within the required timescales, Public Health has commissioned the services of NHS Arden Commissioning Support (ACS) to help develop the new PNA
- 1.10. A PNA Development Working Group has been set up with agreed terms of reference.
- 1.11. The purpose of the PNA Development Working Group is to ensure that Warwickshire County Council has an accurate, comprehensive and robust PNA published by 1st April 2015. The group is chaired by Public Health and membership of the group also includes representatives from NHS England, Healthwatch and professional representatives for pharmacy and dispensing GPs.
- 1.12. This group will agree the project plan and assure itself that the PNA meets the requirements of The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 and is in line with DH guidance.

Background

- 1.13. A PNA presents an accurate summary of pharmaceutical service need and provision, reviewing access, range and adequacy of services and choice of provider. A PNA is a document that summarises, over a county wide area, the range of pharmaceutical services that are provided by pharmacies, dispensing GPs and other providers such as appliance contractors. It will include:
 - Where the pharmacies and other providers are situated
 - When they are open
 - The range of services that they provide
 - A summary of the health needs for the county
 - An assessment of any gaps in services
- 1.14. A PNA also identifies areas where provision can be deemed to be inadequate, in other words it will highlight “pharmaceutical needs”.
- 1.15. A PNA does not cover general medical services or the other diagnostic or prescribing services provided by GPs. It relates solely to pharmaceutical services (pharmacy), which includes dispensing of prescriptions by those general medical practitioners (GPs) who are contracted to provide this service i.e. dispensing GPs.
- 1.16. The development of the PNA will take into account the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and present information about current and future provision of services.

- 1.17. The PNA informs commissioners when making decisions about new local NHS services. For example whether or not to allow a new pharmacy or dispensing GP to open to provide services to the local population or to help decide if new services such as Stop Smoking, Out-of-Hours, Dispensing Services and Weight Management Services are needed

2.0 Options and Proposal

- 2.1 There have been a number of changes to the provision of pharmaceutical services in Warwickshire and so in advance of the publication of the new PNA on or before 1st April 2015; a supplementary statement has been prepared for publication setting out the changes in provision.
- 2.2 Supplementary statements are statements of fact; they are not an assessment of need and are a way of updating what the PNA says about which services are provided and where. They are not a way of updating what the PNA says about needs.
- 2.3 Once issued, a supplementary statement becomes part of the current PNA
- 2.4 The HWB are asked to consider and approve the new supplementary. (See appendix 1).
- 2.5 In order to progress the new PNA the HWB are asked to note the appointment of NHS Arden Commissioning Support to deliver the PNA and continue to follow progress of the development of the new Warwickshire PNA to meet the legal duty outlined above.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 3.1 Each HWB will need to publish its own revised PNA for its area by 1st April 2015. This will require board-level sign-off and a period of public consultation beforehand. The consultation is planned to take place between September and November 2014.
- 3.2 Prior to the publication of a revised PNA by 1st April 2015, as there have been a number of changes to the provision of pharmaceutical services in Warwickshire a supplementary statement has been prepared for publication setting out the changes in provision. The HWB area asked to approve the supplementary statement which will then become part of the current PNA and ensure Warwickshire has an up to date statement of fact about current provision of pharmaceutical services. .

Background papers

None

Attachment

Warwickshire PNA Supplementary Statement no.4

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