

Health & Wellbeing Board

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Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and Applications for Pharmacies Update

Recommendation

That the Board notes the update and progress on the PNA

1.0 Key Issues

1.1 *Background*

- 1.2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is an assessment of the pharmaceutical services that are currently provided in Warwickshire including dispensing of prescriptions by community pharmacies, dispensing GPs and other providers, as well as other services available from community pharmacies.
- 1.3 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the development and updating of the PNA from Primary Care Trusts to HWBs.
- 1.4 The NHS regulations of April 2013 state that HWBs must have produced their first PNA no later than 1st April 2015. After publication, each HWB must publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years of its previous. Therefore, the second PNA should be published no later than 24th March 2018.

1.5 *Producing a second PNA*

- 1.6 The process of producing a PNA takes around 12 months and involves a period of consultation, concluding with board level sign off.
- 1.7 Initial scoping work is underway to undertake the PNA:
 - 1.7.1 NHS England, West Midlands Pharmacy Team, have confirmed their commitment to support this work through the provision of local data.
 - 1.7.2 To maximise the resources available and align with local planning footprints, we are exploring a Coventry and Warwickshire PNA for 2018.

1.8 Applications for Pharmacies

- 1.9 PNAs also provide the basis for the HWB response to applications for pharmacies, identifying any gaps in provision.
- 1.10 The 2015 PNA did not identify gaps in service provision for pharmacies.
- 1.11 The HWB are asked on occasion to comment on applications for new pharmacies. The PNA is seen as the HWB response to any such application and the HWB would only be asked to respond by exception where there had been a significant change in service provision. This would then need to be supported by a supplementary statement updating the PNA.

2.0 Options and Proposal

- 2.1 The Board notes the update on the PNA

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 3.1 An update will be brought to the June HWB with a final draft for approval by the 7th March 2019.

Background papers

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