

Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee

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Warwickshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018

Recommendations

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee:

1. **Consider and approve the Warwickshire PNA for publication by the 1st April 2018**
2. **The Pharmacy Steering Group will monitor and support delivery of the recommendations included within the report, updating the HWB as relevant.**

1.0 Background

- 1.1. 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. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the development and updating of the PNA from Primary Care Trusts to HWBs.
- 1.2. The NHS regulations of April 2013 state that each HWB 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.
- 1.3. The content of PNAs is set out in Schedule 1 to the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The PNA process contains a requirement to consult on the draft PNA and concludes with board level sign off.
- 1.4. In September, the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) approved recommendations to receive an update of the PNA and draft report in January 2018 for discussions, comments and amendments during the consultation period. Following a short delay the PNA went out for consultation on the 1st December 2017 to the 5th February 2018.
- 1.5. Responses have all been considered and appropriate revisions made to the draft to produce the final version which the board agreed to consider and approve by sub committee to meet the statutory timescales and deadlines.

2.0 Purpose

- 2.1 It is important to ensure that there are an appropriate number of pharmacies throughout the County, in the right places, offering a suitable range of services.
- 2.2 The PNA is an essential tool used by the NHS England when deciding if new pharmacies are needed when dealing with applications for entry onto the pharmaceutical list and also (in certain rural locations) whether GPs should be allowed to dispense. The PNA also guides partners on decisions on the commissioning of future services so that these are of good quality, are easily accessible, meet local health and pharmaceutical needs and provide good use of NHS financial resources.

3.0 Methodology

- 3.1 Warwickshire has 111 community pharmacies and 23 dispensing GPs. Both were surveyed to understand current services and future opportunities, the questionnaire included current opening times and locations of premises; 79% and 73.9% respectively responded.
- 3.2 Public and service user's views were also sought on pharmacy services; responses were received from 318 members of the public. These views have been used to develop the PNA document.
- 3.3 In addition, the health and wellbeing needs of the local population were examined from the Warwickshire Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and key local and national strategies.
- 3.4 The responses to the consultation were considered by the steering group in turn and incorporated where appropriate into the report and detailed below.
- 3.5 Conclusions and recommendations are drawn on the basis of this information and described in the report.

4.0 Findings

- 4.1 Taking into account information from stakeholders including community pharmacies and dispensing doctor practices, the report assesses the number and distribution of the current pharmaceutical service provision in Warwickshire as sufficient. However, there are variations in provision of some of the locally

commissioned services as well as opportunities for further development of the pharmacy service in Warwickshire. These are outlined in detail in the report.

- 4.2 During the period of 2017-2020 an estimated 13,600 houses will be built in Warwickshire. In areas of significant growth, additional future pharmacy provision will need to be considered. The report recommends that the HWB through the Pharmacy Steering Group monitor the development of major housing sites and produce supplementary statements as necessary..
- 4.3 The report highlights a need to raise awareness, signposting and improve the availability of online information to promote the services currently available.
- 4.4 There are also opportunities for both the HWB and the Coventry and Warwickshire Sustainability and Transformation Partnership, to capitalise on the capacity within the range of services offered from community pharmacies and for future service development.

5.0 Background Papers

The full PNA document

The draft PNA summary document

Appendix 1: Public survey findings

Appendix 2: Pharmacy survey findings

Appendix 3: Public survey questionnaire

Appendix 4: Pharmacy survey questionnaire

Appendix 5: Consultation response

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