

Minutes of the Meeting of the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2018

Present:-

Members of the Board:

County Councillor Izzi Seccombe OBE

Dr Deryth Stevens, Chair of Warwickshire North CCG

Officers

Rachael Robinson, Associate Director of Public Health, Warwickshire North and Coventry and Rugby Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs)

Paul Spencer, Democratic Services, Warwickshire County Council

1. (1) Appointment of Chair for the meeting

It was agreed that Councillor Izzi Seccombe be appointed Chair for the meeting.

(2) Apology

An apology had been received from Dr John Linnane, Director of Public Health.

(3) Members' Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

Dr Deryth Stevens declared a non-pecuniary interest as her GP practice was also a dispensary.

2. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Rachael Robinson, Associate Director of Public Health for Warwickshire North and Coventry and Rugby CCGs introduced this report. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) gave an assessment of the pharmaceutical services that were currently provided in Warwickshire. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for the development and updating of the PNA from Primary Care Trusts to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). Each HWB must have produced its first PNA no later than 1st April 2015 and then publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years of its previous one.

The HWB considered the draft PNA in January 2018 and delegated final approval of the document to this Sub-Committee, in view of the deadline for publication of the PNA.

Further background was provided on the purpose of the PNA, to ensure that there were an appropriate number of pharmacies throughout the County, in the right places, offering a suitable range of services. The PNA was an essential tool used by the NHS England when deciding if new pharmacies were needed when dealing with applications for entry onto the pharmaceutical list and also (in certain rural locations) whether GPs should be allowed to dispense.

Details were provided of the consultation undertaken with stakeholders on the draft PNA and the feedback received. This feedback had been used to develop the final PNA document. The report assessed the number and distribution of the current pharmaceutical service provision in Warwickshire as sufficient. However, there were variations in provision as well as opportunities for further development of the pharmacy service in Warwickshire. These were detailed in the report.

During the period 2017-2020 an estimated 13,600 additional houses would be built in Warwickshire. In areas of significant growth, additional future pharmacy provision would need to be considered. The report recommended that the HWB through a Pharmacy Steering Group monitor the development of major housing sites and produce supplementary statements as necessary.

The report highlighted a need to raise awareness of online information and to promote the services currently available. There were 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.

Discussion took place on the report and draft PNA, with the following points being raised:

- End of Life Care and Palliative Care were referenced as areas where NHS England (NHSE) needed to consider extra provision. This could be raised as part of the report back from the Sub-Committee to the May Board HWB meeting.
- Understanding how other work on End of Life Care linked in to the aspects for Pharmacy.
- A consensus that the item at the May HWB would need to be more of a discussion item, rather than just receiving the minutes of this Sub-Committee.
- The HWB would need to agree the terms of reference and the membership of the Pharmacy Steering Group. NHSE would need to be an integral part of this group, particularly given its role in agreeing supplementary PNA statements.
- It was suggested that the terms of reference of the Pharmacy Steering Group should include smoking cessation and sexual health services.

- Clinical commissioning groups would have delegated authority from 1st April for many service areas. However this would not extend to the primary care services of pharmacy and dentistry.
- NHSE should be asked to report back to the HWB in May, to give assurance that it has capacity to be involved in the steering group, its funding commitment to delivery of future services and how it will monitor future pharmacy need, given the scale of predicted development.
- Effectively, the Board should be sighted on the NHSE plans for commissioning of primary care services that aren't transferring to CCGs, how NHSE calculates the spending requirement, how monies are spent and the comparative trend data on increases in funding over time.
- It was agreed to write to NHSE to give advance notice of the requirement for them to report to the May HWB on the areas above, as part of the consideration of the PNA.

Resolved

- (1) That the Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee, approves the the Warwickshire PNA for publication by the 1st April 2018.
- (2) That the Sub-Committee notes that the Pharmacy Steering Group will monitor and support delivery of the recommendations included within the report, updating the HWB as relevant.
- (3) That the Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to consider and agree the terms of reference and the membership of the Pharmacy Steering Group, including that NHS England is an integral part of that group.
- (4) That the Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to receive a paper from NHS England in May, on its plans for commissioning of primary care services that aren't transferring to CCGs, how NHSE calculates the spending requirement for pharmacy provision, how monies are spent and the comparative trend data on increases in funding over time.

3. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting rose at 12:00pm

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