

**Warwickshire Health & Wellbeing Board
2 May 2018**

Warwickshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018

Recommendations

That the Warwickshire Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB):

- 1. The Board is asked to note the update on the 2018 Warwickshire PNA**
- 2. The Board is asked 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.**

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 content of PNAs is set out in Schedule 1 to the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The Regulations state that each HWB must have produced their first PNA no later than 1st April 2015 and must publish a revised assessment within 3 years of its previous thereafter.

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.

3.0 Publication of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

- 3.1 In September, the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) approved recommendations to receive an update of the PNA. The Board discussed and made amendments to the draft report in January 2018. The PNA went out for consultation on the 1st December 2017 to the 5th February 2018. The responses to the consultation were considered by the steering group in turn and incorporated where appropriate into the final report.
- 3.2 On the 22nd March, the Health and Wellbeing Board Sub-Committee, approved the Warwickshire PNA for publication by the 1st April 2018.
- 3.3 The PNA is now available at <https://ask.warwickshire.gov.uk/public-health/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment/> and <http://hwb.warwickshire.gov.uk/jsna-needs-assessments/>

4.0 Pharmacy Steering Group

- 4.1 The HWB approved that a Pharmacy Steering group will be established to monitor and support delivery of the recommendations included within the report, updating the HWB as relevant. To maximise the resources available and align with local planning footprints, Warwickshire and Coventry proposed to continue working together with a joint group.
- 4.2 The PNA made a number of recommendations. These include supporting the reduction in variations in provision of some of the locally commissioned services as well as opportunities for further development of pharmacies locally. The report recommends the ongoing monitoring of services and housing sites to produce supplementary statements as necessary. The report highlights a need to raise awareness, signposting and improve the availability of online information to promote the services currently available. 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.
- 4.2 The group will also act as a reference group for other health and wellbeing programmes working with pharmacy as relevant. This includes, but is not exclusive to; Healthy Living Pharmacies and falls prevention in Pharmacies.
- 4.3 The draft terms of reference to be discussed at the final PNA steering group meeting on the 23rd April are attached for discussion and comment.

5.0 Financial Implications

At this stage no additional costs have been identified. Any new service costs would need to be approved and agreed by the appropriate commissioner (NHSE, CCG or Public Health).

6.0 Background Papers

Appendix 1: Minutes of the Sub-Committee held on 22 March 2018

Appendix 2: Draft Terms of Reference of the Pharmacy Steering Group

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