

## **Health and Wellbeing Board**

**10th January 2018**

### **Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)**

#### **Recommendations**

That the board notes the update and progress on the PNA

That the board receives the draft PNA document for discussion comments and any amendments

#### **1.0. Background and Rationale**

- 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. The consultation period will close on the 5th February 2018.

- 1.5. The HWB have also approved the sign off of the final report by the end of March 2018 by sub committee to meet statutory timescales and deadlines.

## **2.0. Methodology**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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 draft PNA document.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Conclusions and recommendations are drawn on the basis of this information and described in the draft report.

## **3.0 Key Findings**

- 3.1 Taking into account information from stakeholders including community pharmacies and dispensing doctor practices, the draft 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 draft report.
- 3.2 During the period of 2017-2020 an estimated 13,600 houses will be built in Warwickshire. In areas of significant development and population growth, additional future pharmacy provision will need to be considered. The report recommends that the HWB monitor the development of major housing sites and produce supplementary statements to the PNA if deemed necessary, to ensure that appropriate information on pharmacy needs is available.
- 3.3 The report highlights a need to raise awareness, signposting and improve the availability of online information to promote the services currently available.

3.4 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.

3.4 Following the publication of the draft document, additional information has been made available that alters some of the draft content and recommendations. These have been flagged this for consideration as part of the consultation. The updated information is that there are now currently 33 pharmacies in Warwickshire providing the Smoking Cessation service, less than previously. Therefore the recommendation is that the smoking Cessation service has varied levels of provision across the county and would benefit from increased provision in areas of deprivation. The recommendation on future provision. This has been expanded to be clear about the requirements for any new provision moving forward. That any new pharmacy provision would be encouraged to become a Healthy Living Pharmacy level 1 status which provides the opportunity to commission prevention services that meets the needs of the local population.

3.5 In order to understand whether local pharmacy services have been evaluated correctly and recommendations are appropriate, the consultation is being conducted which allows you to share your views on the draft PNA document. These will be presented and discussed at the HWB on the 10th January 2018.

3.6 The draft PNA can be found on the following website:  
[askwarks.wordpress.com/2017/12/01/warwickshire-pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-consultation/](http://askwarks.wordpress.com/2017/12/01/warwickshire-pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-consultation/)

## 4.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

4.1 The table below identifies the key milestones for the PNA process:

Milestones	Deadline
Consultation period	1st December 2017 until 5th February 2018
Collate and analyse responses, prepare final report	During Consultation Period
Presentation to HWB on draft report	10th January 2018
Provide feedback to respondents	February 2018
Board sign off of report by sub committee	March 2018

## 5.0 Financial Implications.

The costs of the consultation will be covered within existing public health budgets.

## 5.0 Background papers

The full draft 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

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