

**Proposed Decision to be made
By the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health on
or after 17 November 2017**

**Public Health –
Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Update -
Consultation**

Recommendation

That the Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Health approves the consultation required to inform the development of Warwickshire's 2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

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. The HWB have also approved the sign off of the final report by the end of March 2018 by a subcommittee to meet statutory timescales and deadlines.

2.0. Consultation

- 2.1. We are seeking permission to consult on the draft PNA with partners, key stakeholders and the public. The draft PNA will be based on the results of the public and pharmacy surveys, a local data collection exercise and discussions with key stakeholders through the PNA steering group. The steering group includes representation from both Coventry and Warwickshire Councils Healthwatch, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Local Medical Committee.

To maximise the resources available and align with local planning footprints, Warwickshire and Coventry are working together to produce their 2018 PNA's. The draft PNA is currently scheduled for consultation between 28th November and 12th February 2018.

- 2.2. Costs relating to the consultation will be met within current Public Health budgets.

3.0 Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

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

Milestones	Deadline
Portfolio Holder for ASCH consultation approval	Mid November 2017
Consultation period	28th November 2017 until 12th February 2018
Collate & analyse responses, prepare final report	During Consultation Period
Presentation to HWB on draft report	January 2018
Provide feedback to respondents	February 2018
Board sign off of report	March 2018

4.0 Financial Implications.

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

5.0 Background papers

None

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