Health and Wellbeing Board

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

12 January 2022

Recommendation(s)

1. Note and comment on the timescales for the delivery of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, including the formal consultation process scheduled to run between April and June 2022.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) in Warwickshire. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to maintain an up to date statement around the needs for services from community pharmacies. The purpose of the PNA is to assess local needs for pharmacy provision, to identify any gaps in service or unmet needs, and to highlight any services that community pharmacies could provide to address these needs.
- 1.2 To maximise the resources available and to align with local planning footprints, the production of the PNA is being carried out in conjunction with Coventry City Council and Coventry and Warwickshire CCG. This aligns with the Coventry and Warwickshire Concordat where both Health and Wellbeing Boards have agreed to work together on areas that will improve outcomes for the public. This approach is enabled by The Health and Social Care Act 2012 which sets out the ability for two or more Health and Wellbeing Boards to make arrangements for any of their functions to be exercisable jointly.
- 1.3 The document will retain the necessary detail to understand gaps in service and unmet need across both local authority areas.
- 1.4 The board previously noted and commented on the timetable for the production of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment at its meeting on the 7th July, as well as the aspiration to produce a document across Coventry and Warwickshire. This update gives an opportunity to comment on the launch of the formal consultation on a draft document.
- 1.5 The key milestones for the proposed consultation and production of the new PNA are outlined below (Table 1):

| Drafting surveys/initial consultation | September / October 2021 |
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| Initial public survey | December 2021 – January 2022 |
| Pharmacy survey | December 2021 |

| Mapping of needs | January / February 2021 |
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| Write PNA document | February – March 2021 |
| Formal consultation | 16th April to 18th June 2021 |
| Drafting final document and recommendations | June / July 2022 |
| Final draft to JSNA Strategic Group for sign off | July 2022 |
| Final document submitted to Health and | September 2022 |
| Wellbeing Board | |
| Document live | 1st October 2022 |

2. Financial Implications

2.1 It is currently anticipated that any costs incurred as a result of taking the recommended actions will be managed within operational budgets, working together with Coventry City Council to maximise the resources available.

3. Environmental Implications

3.1 None

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