

Health and Wellbeing Board

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

15 September 2020

Recommendations

1. The Board is asked to note the update on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Warwickshire;
2. To agree the process for Warwickshire to conduct its revised PNA in partnership with Coventry City Council; noting the potential impact of the COVID-19 response on timescales.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the PNA in Warwickshire. The Health and Wellbeing Board has a legal responsibility to keep 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 The [last PNA](#) was published in March 2018 and is due for refresh by March 2021. The last PNA concluded that the number and distribution of the current pharmaceutical service provision in Warwickshire was sufficient, but highlighted an estimated 13,600 houses were due to be built in Warwickshire in 2018-2021. In areas of significant development and population growth, additional future pharmacy provision will need to be considered.
- 1.3 In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent pressure on resources NHS England has extended the deadline for publication of the PNA by one year to March 2022.
- 1.4 To maximise the resources available and align with local planning footprints, it is proposed to work with Coventry City Council on the PNA, as previously. 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. The key milestones for the proposed consultation and production of the new PNA are outlined below (Table 1):

Drafting surveys/initial consultation	April to May 2021
Initial public survey	May to July 2021
Pharmacy survey	May to June 2021
Mapping of needs	July to August 2021
Write PNA document	August to September 2021
Formal consultation	16 th October to 18 th December 2021
Drafting final document and recommendations	December 2021 to January 2022
Final draft to delegated Cabinet member for sign off	January 2022
Final document submitted to delegated Cabinet member	February 2022
Document live	1 st April 2022

Table 1: Proposed Process for Production of the Warwickshire PNA

- 1.5 the timescales highlighted in Table 1 may be subject to change if the are further impacts of a second wave of COVID-19.
- 1.6 The process will be led by the Directors of Public Health and their teams from both Warwickshire and Coventry, with a small steering group in place.

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 There are no environmental implications from this update.

4. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

- 4.1 The timescales for the proposed process are outlined in Table 1. An update will be brought to a future Health and Wellbeing Board meeting with a final draft for approval in January 2022.

Appendices

1. None

Background Papers

1. None

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