



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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From: Liz Gaulton, Director of Public Health

Title: Joint Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and Applications for Pharmacies Update

1 Purpose

- 1.1 As a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) has passed on to the local Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 1.2 Coventry's first PNA was published in February 2015. This needs assessment was produced by evaluating the health need of the local population with consideration of the existing services that are provided by pharmacies. PNA's as a statutory requirement must be updated at least every 3 years, which means that a revised PNA should be published no later than February 2018. This report outlines plans for producing a revised PNA for 2018.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:
 - note the update and progress on the PNA
 - agree for Coventry to conduct its revised PNA in partnership with Warwickshire County Council

3 Information/Background

- 3.1 As a result of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 the responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) has passed on to the local Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 3.2 The PNA will be used to inform NHS England in its determination as to whether to approve applications to join the pharmaceutical list. It also considers whether the number of pharmacies will still be adequate in the next four years. The PNA is also a tool used to inform commissioners of the current provision of pharmaceutical services and identify any gaps in relation to local health needs. These gaps can therefore be addressed by improving services or even access to those services in those local areas.
- 3.3 Coventry's first assessment was published in February 2015. This needs assessment was produced by evaluating the health need of the local population with consideration of the existing services that are provided by pharmacies. PNA's as a statutory requirement must be updated at least every 3 years, which means that a revised PNA should be published no later than February 2018.

4 Purpose of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

- 4.1 The PNA looks specifically at the current provision of pharmaceutical services in Coventry. It determines whether these pharmaceutical services meet the needs of the population. The purpose of the PNA is summarised below:
- The PNA will be used by NHS England when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors, or applications from existing pharmaceutical providers to change their regulatory requirements.
 - The PNA will help work with providers to target services to the areas where they are needed.
 - The PNA will inform interested parties of the PNA and enable collaborative work to plan, develop, and deliver pharmaceutical service for the residents of Coventry.
 - The PNA will help inform commissioning decisions by local commissioning bodies
- 4.3 NHS pharmaceutical services include:
- Essential services which all community pharmacies must provide dispensing of medicines and appliances, promotion of healthy lifestyles, disposal of unwanted medicines, support for self care.
 - Advanced services which community pharmacies can choose to provide and require extra accreditation.
 - Enhanced services which are commissioned by NHS England area teams to meet local need. These include flu vaccination, minor ailment services, support to residents and staff in care homes.
- 4.4 Public health services may be commissioned by local authorities from pharmacies including emergency hormonal contraception, chlamydia screening, supervised consumption of methadone and needle exchange services.
- 4.5 Clinical Commissioning Groups may also commission pharmacies to support local delivery of services, including the monitoring of long term conditions.

5 Arrangements for producing the next Coventry PNA

- 5.1 The process of producing a PNA takes around 12 months and involves a period of consultation, concluding with board level sign off.
- 5.2 Initial scoping work is underway to undertake the PNA and NHS England, West Midlands Pharmacy Team, have confirmed their commitment to support this work through the provision of local data.
- 5.3 To maximise the resources available and align with local planning footprints, we are exploring a Coventry and Warwickshire PNA for 2018. This also aligns with the Coventry and Warwickshire Alliance Concordat, where both Health and Well-being Boards have agreed to work together on areas that will improve outcomes for the public.
- 5.4 The work will be led by the Directors of Public health and their teams from both Coventry and Warwickshire, a small steering group will be established.

6 Timescales

- 6.1 An update will be brought to a future Health and Well-being Board meeting with a final draft for approval by the February 2018.

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Appendices

None