



To: Coventry Health and Wellbeing Board

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Title: Coventry and Warwickshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Update and supplementary statement

1 Purpose

- 1.1 This paper updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the plans for revision of the Coventry and Warwickshire PNA and the supplementary statement.

2 Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note the contents of the report and expected timeframes for PNA revision
2. Endorse the C&W PNA Supplementary Statement

3 Coventry and Warwickshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and Supplementary Statement

- 3.1 Local Health and Wellbeing Boards have statutory responsibility for the publication of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) every three years. The last PNA for Coventry was published in March 2018.
- 3.2 A revised PNA was expected to be published by April 2021. However, in May 2020 due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic this requirement was suspended for a year with a new deadline of April 2022. A further suspension to October 2022 was announced in early April. The current deadline of October 2022 means that work on revised PNAs will need to start in autumn/winter 2021.
- 3.3 The Coventry and Warwickshire Community Pharmacy Steering Group (C&W CPSG) agreed to produce a Supplementary Statement for March 2021 outlining key changes in community pharmacy provision since the 2018 PNAs. The Supplementary Statement is attached to this paper.
- 3.4 The Supplementary Statement summarises key changes since the 2018 PNAs, including:
- Population changes and housing development projections.

- Shifts in community pharmacy provision – new contracts, closures and consolidation of premises.
- Impacts of COVID 19 across community pharmacy.
- Changes in national contracting.

3.5 Key messages from the Supplementary Statement:

- The C&W CPSG consider consolidation applications as they arise and believe these have not led to any diminution of service provision.
- Pharmacy opening hours are not covered by the statement, the most up to date information can be found on the [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) website under 'Find a Pharmacy'.
- Overall, there have not been sufficient changes in local population need or community pharmacy provision to create a need for a new community pharmacy.
- There are no gaps in access to pharmaceutical services in Coventry and Warwickshire.
- A wider assessment of pharmacy provision will be conducted through the full C&W PNA process for October 2022.

4 Next Steps and Key Actions

4.1 The following next steps are proposed:

- Publication of the 2021 C&W PNA Supplementary Statement alongside the 2018 PNAs
- C&W CPSG to begin preparations in autumn/winter 2021 for revision of the C&W PNA for October 2022, pending national confirmation of this deadline.
- C&W CPSG to provide an update to Board on the PNA revision as part of the consultation process.

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