

**HEALTH AND WELL-BEING BOARD
11 JULY 2017****WORCESTERSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS
ASSESSMENT (PNA) 2018 REFRESH**

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Priorities

Good Mental Health and Well-being throughout life	Yes
Being Active at every age	Yes
Reducing harm from Alcohol at all ages	No
Other (specify below)	

Groups of particular interest

Children & young people	No
Communities & groups with poor health outcomes	Yes
People with learning disabilities	No

Safeguarding

Impact on Safeguarding Children If yes please give details	No
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Impact on Safeguarding Adults If yes please give details	No
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Item for Decision, Consideration or Information

Decision

Recommendation

1. The Health and Well-being Board is asked to:
 - a) Note that a refresh of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is about to commence. The deadline for publication of the PNA is 31 March 2018 and this is a requirement of the Board under the Health and Care Act 2012;
 - b) Delegate responsibility for responding to neighbouring Health and Well Being Boards' Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Well-being Board; and

- c) Support the establishment of a working group with the membership as set out in paragraph 5.**

Background

2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transfers responsibility for the developing and updating of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments to Health and Well-being Boards. The accompanying NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs and can be found at: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-services-regulations/>.
3. The previous Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was published in April 2015. Health and Well-Being Boards are required to publish a refreshed assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment.
4. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are used to help guide decisions about which NHS-funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies and other providers. They are also relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed in response to market entry applications. Pharmaceutical services are provided by Community Pharmacies, Dispensing Doctors and Dispensing Appliance Contractors.
5. It is a requirement that certain persons and groups be consulted on Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments at a draft stage, including that each Health and Well-being Board must consult neighbouring Boards. Consultees must be given a minimum period of 60 days to respond.

Worcestershire's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

6. A Working Group will meet regularly to steer this project. The following organisations will be invited to the working group:
 - Worcestershire County Council
 - Worcestershire Local Pharmaceutical Committee LPC
 - Worcestershire Local Medical Committee LMC
 - NHS England (Arden, Herefordshire & Worcestershire Area Team)
 - Worcestershire Healthwatch
 - Worcestershire Clinical Commissioning Groups
7. Timescales for this project are currently being worked up. We anticipate a consultation of at least 60 days taking place in the Autumn 2017, and a final draft being considered by H&WB Board meeting for sign off in early 2018.

Consultation on neighbouring Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments

8. Worcestershire has eight neighbouring Health and Well-being Boards:
 - Birmingham
 - Warwickshire
 - Solihull
 - Gloucestershire

- Herefordshire
- Shropshire
- Staffordshire
- Dudley

9. Each will make their Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments available on their own websites and we will be invited to respond. Where a HWB is consulted, it must in turn consult the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Local Medical Committee for its area and must have regard to any representations received from these Committees in making a response.

10. Consultations may be received at various times. It is therefore recommended that responsibility for responding to these is delegated to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Well-being Board.

Legal, Financial and HR Implications

11. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update PNAs from PCTs to HWBs. Responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list transferred from PCTs to NHS England from 1 April 2013

The NHS Act (the “2006” Act), amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out the requirements for HWBs to develop and update PNAs and gives the Department of Health (DH) powers to make Regulations. HWBs are required to publish a revised assessment within three years of publication of their first assessment

Privacy and Public Health Impact Assessment

12. An assessment of the impact on public health will be considered as part of the PNA process.

Equality and Diversity Implications

THE COUNCIL MUST, DURING PLANNING, DECISION-MAKING AND IMPLEMENTATION, EXERCISE A PROPORTIONATE LEVEL OF DUE REGARD TO THE NEED TO:

- ELIMINATE UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT AND VICTIMISATION AND OTHER CONDUCT PROHIBITED BY THE EQUALITY ACT 2010
- ADVANCE EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE A PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC AND THOSE WHO DO NOT
- FOSTER GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE WHO SHARE A PROTECTED CHARACTERISTIC AND THOSE WHO DO NOT

The PNA report will pay due regard to equality and diversity.

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Background Papers

The 2015 PNA is available at:

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/downloads/file/5688/2015_pharmaceutical_needs_assessment