

Update on the Worcestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

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Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Health and Well-Being Board is asked to:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Approve the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for consultation andb. Delegate responsibility for responding to neighbouring Health and Well Being Board's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments to the Director of Adult Services and Health in consultation with the Chairman of the Health and Well-being Board.
Background	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 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/.2. A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment should present a picture of the pharmaceutical services needed to improve health, reduce health inequalities and support self-care. It should review Access, range, adequacy of service provision and choice of provider.3. 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,4. It is a requirement that certain persons and groups be consulted on Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments at a

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Consultation on neighbouring Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment's

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.

5. NHS Arden Commissioning Support have been commissioned to facilitate the production of Worcestershire's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and this work is being steered by a Working Group which meets bi-monthly. The following organisations are represented on 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
6. The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is attached. The timescale for production of the final version is as follows.
 - **September 2014:** Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment to be made publically available on the County Council's website. Statutory consultees made aware and invited to respond.
 - **November 2014:** Consultation ends.
 - **January 2015:** Final draft to be presented to HWB for approval.
 - **March 2015:** Final document to be published.
7. Worcestershire has eight neighbouring Health and Well-being Boards:
 - Birmingham
 - Warwickshire
 - Solihull
 - Gloucestershire
 - Herefordshire
 - Shropshire
 - Staffordshire
 - Dudley
8. 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.

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