

## **Worcestershire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment**

### **Agenda item 7**

Date	28 January 2015																
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Recommendation	<p><b>1. That the Health and Well-being Board:</b></p> <p><b>a) Approve the pharmaceutical needs assessment for publication and dissemination;</b></p> <p><b>b) Approve key messages to accompany the PNA's publication:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The evidence shows that there is no fundamental unmet pharmaceutical need in Worcestershire;</b></li><li>• <b>There is a high level of satisfaction with the pharmaceutical provision available to the public; and</b></li><li>• <b>There is an opportunity for community pharmacies to contribute to implementing the joint health and wellbeing strategy.</b></li></ul> <p><b>c) Consider comments and recommendations made</b></p>																

## Background

**by the PNA Working Group; and**  
**d) Consider what further actions may be required.**

2. The Health and Well-being Board has responsibility for developing and updating pharmaceutical needs assessments (PNAs) under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
3. The Board must:
  - a. Publish its first PNA by 01 April 2015.
  - b. Consult the following about the contents of the PNA:
    - i. any Local Pharmaceutical Committee for its area (including any Local Pharmaceutical Committee for part of its area or for its area and that of all or part of the area of one or more other HWBs);
    - ii. any Local Medical Committee for its area (including any Local Medical Committee for part of its area or for its area and that of all or part of the area of one or more other HWBs);
    - iii. any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area;
    - iv. any LPS chemist in its area with whom the NHSCB has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services;
    - v. any Local Healthwatch organisation for its area, and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area which in the opinion of HWB1 has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area; and
    - vi. any NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in its area;
    - vii. the NHSCB; and
    - viii. any neighbouring HWB.
  - c. Publish an update on the PNA within three years of the first.

## Consultation

4. A first draft PNA was presented to the Board in September 2014 and approved for consultation. Consultees, including those listed above, were given 60 days to respond.
5. The main issues raised during consultation were:
  - a. Responses from members of the public indicated difficulties accessing information about pharmaceutical services including the range of services and when and where they are available.
  - b. Pharmacies could play a role in supporting the

## Final draft of the PNA

implementation of Worcestershire's urgent care strategy and developments in primary care.

6. A full report on the consultation is available in Appendix 6a and 6b of the final draft of the PNA.
7. The responses were reviewed by a PNA Working Group and changes made where appropriate. A final draft of the PNA is now presented to the HWB for approval.
8. The key messages are:
  - The evidence shows that there is no fundamental unmet pharmaceutical need in Worcestershire;
  - There is a high level of satisfaction with the pharmaceutical provision available to the public; and
  - There is an opportunity for pharmacies to contribute to implementing the joint health and wellbeing strategy.

## Next steps

9. The Board, through commissioners will:
  - a) Ask pharmaceutical service contractors to provide an action plan setting out how they will respond to the points raised in the PNA "Strategy to Reduce Barriers to Access Highlighted in Public and Service User Engagement".
  - b) Ensure that community pharmacies are aware of the opportunities to contribute to implementing the joint health and wellbeing strategy by tendering for work through the 'any qualified provider' process, and that they are fully engaged as key stakeholders in service redesign.