

<b>Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>	
Title	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018
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## **Summary**

1. A draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was presented to the Board in September 2017 where it was agreed that it could go out to a three month consultation period. Consultation ended in December 2017 and the relevant amendments have been made to the needs assessment. Eight responses were received, the majority of which endorsed the draft document. There were some comments about the future development of pharmacy services which are aspirational and not included in the needs assessment but will be considered for future developments. There were also other comments received which were predominantly based on updating pharmacy opening times and service provision.
2. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments has been updated to reflect these changes and now provides an accurate assessment of current service provision and future needs. The original findings, that Staffordshire has an acceptable network of community pharmacies, is still accurate and appropriate.

## **Recommendations to the Board**

3. It is recommended that the Board receive and agree with the findings of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018.

## **Background / Introduction**

4. A PNA is a statement of the needs of pharmaceutical services for a specified population. The PNA looks at the current provision of pharmaceutical services across a defined area, makes an assessment to see whether this meets population needs and identifies any potential gaps to service delivery.
5. There is a statutory requirement for HWBBs to update their PNA every three years. In addition, the HWBB is required to keep up-to-date a map of provision of NHS pharmaceutical services within its area and publish any supplementary statements where there have been changes.
6. The primary uses of the PNA are:
  - To identify areas where pharmacies can contribute to health and wellbeing priorities to improve population health and reduce health inequalities.
  - As an evidence base for local commissioners to identify and commission services from community pharmacies as appropriate.
  - To support NHS England's local area team in making decisions on any application for opening new pharmacies and dispensing appliance

contractor premises or applications from current providers of pharmaceutical services to change their existing provision.

### **Current Activity**

7. The PNA development has been overseen by a working group comprising of a range of stakeholders from Staffordshire County Council, NHS England: North Midlands, local Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) for North Staffordshire and South Staffordshire and the Local Professional Network (LPN) for pharmacies.
8. The findings of the PNA are that there are sufficient numbers and a good choice of pharmacy contractors to meet Staffordshire's pharmaceutical needs. Access in Staffordshire is also good with pharmacies generally complementing GP surgery opening times.
9. There are a number of advanced and locally commissioned services that pharmacies are currently providing to support the health and wellbeing needs of Staffordshire residents, for example medicines use reviews and new medicine services which support the management of long-term conditions, flu vaccination services, the common ailment and emergency supply of medications services which help to alleviate pressures on GPs and the acute sector, emergency hormonal contraception, supervised administration, needle exchange and palliative care with provision generally being matched to meet the varying needs across the County.
10. There are opportunities for pharmacies to further complement primary and secondary care services and play a part in improving health and reducing inequalities. There is a good network of Healthy Living Pharmacies and a willingness to extend their roles to further support Staffordshire residents to live healthier, self-care or live independently to meet local need. The HWBB, Sustainability and Transformation Partnership (STP) and local commissioners should consider extending the role of pharmacies in supporting health and wellbeing strategic priorities.

### **Options and Issues**

11. Following the consultation period the findings above remain accurate and appropriate. Future developments of community pharmacy services will be in line with commissioning decisions made as part of the STP.