

Staffordshire Health and Wellbeing Board	
Topic:	PNA consultation report
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Report Type	For decision

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to brief members of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) on the Staffordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) consultation report.
- 1.2 The Board is asked to consider this report and approve the recommendations.

2 Background

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 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.

- 2.4 The draft consultation report 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.
- 2.5 This consultation report will form the basis of the second comprehensive PNA for Staffordshire.

3 Summary of draft PNA

3.1 Key summary findings include:

- 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.
- 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.
- 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, Sustainable and Transformation Partnership (STP) and local commissioners should consider extending the role of pharmacies in supporting health and wellbeing strategic priorities.

4 Consultation process

4.1 There has already been a range of engagement activities with providers and public to date:

- Pharmacies have been engaged through a survey to confirm which services they are currently providing and which they may be willing to provide
- Healthwatch have led on engaging with Staffordshire residents to have their say on pharmaceutical services

4.2 Following approval of the report by the HWBB key stakeholders as set out in the guidance will be contacted on the content of the draft PNA between September and December 2017.

5 Summary and recommendations

- Pharmacies are at the centre of the community and provide an opportunity to further deliver health and wellbeing services tailored to meet the needs of the people in their locality and grow as community assets. The HWBB should consider how pharmacies can support delivery of health and wellbeing priorities and particularly focus on the contribution pharmacies can make to the STP.
- The Health and Wellbeing Board agree for a consultation period of 60 days between September and December 2017 in order to sign-off the final report at the March meeting for publication by the 1 April 2018.
- Members of the board are encouraged to give feedback either individually or through their respective organisations to the authors/working group to help shape the final PNA as part of the consultation process.