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## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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### 1. Summary

The Shropshire Health and Wellbeing Board are undertaking a formal consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory requirement of Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards. The PNA will run from 18 January 2018 until the 18th March 2018 in order to comply with the statutory consultation guidelines. The PNA is a statement of the local need for pharmaceutical services and supports the commissioning of pharmacy services based on local priorities. It is used by NHS England to decide whether there is a need for new pharmacies in the area.

The consultation provides an opportunity to shape the future of pharmacy services in Shropshire. It is important that pharmacies provide high quality services for people in Shropshire, and therefore the views of pharmacists, patients and customers are important.

The draft PNA report can be accessed at the following link:  
[www.shropshiretogether.org.uk/shropshire-pharmacy-needs-assessment/](http://www.shropshiretogether.org.uk/shropshire-pharmacy-needs-assessment/)

## 2. Recommendations

- A. To note that it is a statutory requirement for a public consultation to take place on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and to provide any comments members wish to make.

## REPORT

### Background

1. The PNA draws on data from different sources including demographics, socio-economic, geographic, pharmacy activity and prevalence data. Two consultations also took place one with the community pharmacies to identify what they provided, opening hours, etc. and one developed in partnership with Shropshire Healthwatch which was asking for the views of patients and the public about local pharmacy services.

All Health and Wellbeing Boards must make neighbouring Local Authorities and Health Boards in Wales aware of the PNA Consultation to comment on services that may dispense to Shropshire patients.

The following lists are some of the findings around access and gaps from the PNA:

#### 1. *Access to pharmaceutical services*

- As at 31<sup>st</sup> December there are 52 community pharmacies in Shropshire, located throughout the county in towns, market towns and larger villages.
- The pharmacies are close to GP practices providing choice and convenience for patients.
- Most pharmacies opening times generally mirror those of the GP practices, however most pharmacies also open for at least some of the day on a Saturday. There are 9 pharmacies open on a Sunday.
- Due to the rural nature of Shropshire, many localities are supported by GP practices that dispense to their patients (18). Dispensary opening hours reflect the opening times of the practice. Dispensing doctors offer services to help fulfil the pharmaceutical needs of the patients in these areas.
- There appears to be good access to most services commissioned by Public Health in Shropshire, such as emergency hormonal contraception and smoking cessation services.

## 2. *Gaps in pharmaceutical provision*

- The distribution of pharmacies per head-of-population is similar to the national average. However there seem to be some parts of the county where there is over provision.
- There are only 5 100-hour pharmacies in Shrewsbury and North Shropshire with no provision elsewhere in the county.
- There appear to be gaps in provision in South Shropshire on Sunday evenings.
- There is a gap in provision in Shifnal as the pharmacy closes before the GP practice at 5.30. The GP practice closes at 6pm normally but also provides extended opening hours. Therefore, should a patient need a prescription dispensed after 5.30 they will need to travel to Telford.
- Some advanced services AUR and SAC are only provided by a small number of pharmacies.

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<b>Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)</b>
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Councillor Lee Chapman
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<b>Local Member</b>
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<b>Appendices</b>
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<a href="http://www.shropshiretogether.org.uk/shropshire-pharmacy-needs-assessment/">www.shropshiretogether.org.uk/shropshire-pharmacy-needs-assessment/</a>
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