



Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group



Health and Wellbeing Board

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Item Title: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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1. Summary

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory requirement of Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards. 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.

2. Recommendations

To note that the final PNA has been published on the 28th March 2018 in accordance with the statutory guidance.

REPORT

3. The PNA had been completed and published and is available at the following link:

<http://www.shropshiretogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/PNA-2018-Final.pdf>

Findings from the consultation have been added to the report and there has been some additional key points added to the executive summary.

The consultation received several responses and views from the LPC, neighbouring Local Authorities, pharmacists, GPs, members of the public and other organisations. There was generally a lot of very positive comments about pharmaceutical services across Shropshire, with responses stating that they would like to see the level of service maintained and emphasising the importance of pharmacies in rural areas. In terms of the gaps that were highlighted in the PNA there was agreement from several responses about the lack of provision on Sunday's in the South of Shropshire.

Further comments made during the consultation included:

- Support for the recommendation on joint training between different organisations and community pharmacy.
- Improving communications on what was provided in community pharmacies would be useful and could be a way of educating patients and the public.
- That community pharmacy supporting the delivery of community based health care, was important and a way to ensure provision of services in rural areas.
- That currently patients accessing dispensing only services from GP dispensaries, are denied access to full pharmaceutical services.

The responses were reviewed by PNA steering group members and added to the final document.

4 Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

N/A

5 Financial Implications

N/A

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
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Appendices