



## Health and Wellbeing Board 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015

### 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 and has to be published by April 2015. The PNA should highlight the needs for pharmaceutical services in the area, current provision of services and any future services that are required. The PNA will be used by organisations including Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), NHS England and the Local Authority (LA) to plan and commission future services. It will also be used by NHS England to identify whether new pharmacies are needed when applications are made.

The previous report for the Health and Well-being Board highlighted the formal consultation which ran from 13 February 2015 until the 15th April 2015 in order to comply with the statutory consultation guidelines. As a result of the consultation the PNA has been updated and now includes a report on the consultation findings, who was consulted with, who responded and changes that were made as a result. As a result of the consultation some recommendations have been added to the final report.

#### 2. Recommendations

- The number and distribution of pharmaceutical service provision in Shropshire is adequate. No current need for more pharmaceutical providers was identified by this PNA.
- The key recommendation made by this PNA is that commissioners should continue to explore potential services that could be commissioned from existing community pharmacies. This would contribute to improving the health of Shropshire's population and reduce pressures elsewhere in the health system, for example minor ailment and self-care schemes; emergency supply of prescribed medicines.
- Encourage the coordinated and structured implementation of electronic prescribing and NHS repeat dispensing services.
- Ensure continued access to pharmaceutical services is provided over extended hours including Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- Commissioners should maximise the potential of delivering public health interventions through community pharmacies, in particular to the younger age groups to minimise ill health in older age.

- Commissioners should continue to support the Healthy Living Pharmacies project and to consider community pharmacy as a key player in delivering public health interventions.
- CCGs should further engage with community pharmacy leaders to enhance integration of these nationally commissioned services to maximise the patient benefits of safe and appropriate use of medicines and appliances whilst reducing waste.
- Access to some pharmacy activity data has been limited; Pharm Outcomes would be a useful way for Public Health commissioners to routinely collect service activity data. This would also be useful for future PNA's.

## REPORT

### 3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

(NB This will include the following: Risk Management, Human Rights, Equalities, Community, Environmental consequences and other Consultation)

N/A

### 4. Financial Implications

N/A

### 5. Background

See Summary

### 6. Additional Information

N/A

### 7. Conclusions

See Summary

<p><b>List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)</b>  <b>Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Final Document</b></p>
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<p><b>Appendices</b></p>