

MEETING:	HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD
MEETING DATE:	17 June 2015
TITLE OF REPORT:	PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT
REPORT BY:	Director of Public Health

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To approve the publication of the Herefordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) The publication of the Herefordshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment be approved.

Alternative Options

- 1 Since 1 April 2013, Health and Wellbeing Boards have been responsible for developing and updating Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs), therefore there is no alternative option.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for developing and updating PNAs to the Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards.
- 3 The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Key Considerations

- 4 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a legal document which details services which would be desirable and necessary in a locality based on the local health needs and population demographics.
- 5 The primary purpose of a PNA is to guide the commissioning of community pharmacy services. The PNA will also inform the commissioning of services that deliver the same outcome as 'pharmaceutical services'.
- 6 PNAs will inform commissioning decisions by local authorities (public health services from community pharmacies) and by NHS England and clinical commissioning groups (CCGs).
- 7 The PNA will be issued to NHS England as the main commissioner of pharmaceutical services. A person who wishes to provide NHS pharmaceutical services must generally apply to NHS England and demonstrate they are able to meet pharmaceutical needs as set out in the relevant Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments.
- 8 The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment to describe current pharmaceutical provision in Herefordshire and help identify possible gaps.
- 9 This Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a concise reference point for pharmaceutical services and will form part of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment of the population of Herefordshire entitled "Understanding Herefordshire".

Community Impact

- 10 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment sets out the requirements for pharmaceutical services to the people of Herefordshire.

Equality and Human Rights

- 11 The premise of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is to support equality of access to pharmaceutical services.
- 12 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed (Appendix 11).

Financial Implications

- 13 None

Consultees

- 14 The public, pharmacies, GPs, NHS providers, the community and voluntary sector.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Acronyms

Appendix 2 – Herefordshire PNA 60 day Consultation Plan

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Rod Thomson, Interim Director of Public Health on Tel (01432) 383783

Appendix 3 – Herefordshire PNA 60 day Consultation responses

Appendix 4 – Herefordshire Cross Boundary Pharmacies

Appendix 5 – Herefordshire Community Pharmacy Survey

Appendix 6 – Herefordshire Dispensing Practices Survey

Appendix 7 – Herefordshire Pre-consultation Public Survey

Appendix 8 – Herefordshire Locally Commissioned Services

Appendix 9 – Pharmacy Contractor Opening Hours

Appendix 10 – Herefordshire Dispensing Doctors

Appendix 11 – Equality Impact Assessment form

Background Papers

None