

## Health and Wellbeing Board

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### Walsall Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The initial paper outlining the statutory requirement of the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) to produce and implement a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) was presented at the HWB meeting in March 2017. The HWB approved the process outlined in the document and the timetable for development and implementation. The development schedule remains on track for a draft PNA to be complete prior to the statutory 60-day consultation period scheduled for September to November 2017. The latest date for implementation is 1st April 2018.

#### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the HWB note the progress to date regarding the PNA 2018.
- 2.2. That the HWB note the requirement for sign-off of the completed PNA by 31 March 2018.

#### 3. Report detail

- 3.1 The PNA is a key tool for identifying commissioning processes in NHS England, the Local Authority and the CCG. This includes pharmaceutical services and other services that may be delivered through community pharmacies. The PNA maps current provision, assesses local need and identifies any gaps in provision.
- 3.2 The key elements of the processes for reviewing and developing the draft document are outlined in table 1 below:

| PNA      | Process                               | Timescale                            |
|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Existing | Review and update (if required)       | April to May 2017                    |
| New      | Establish PNA steering group          | April 2017                           |
|          | Identify local need and map provision | May to June 2017                     |
|          | Present PNA progress update to HWB    | July 2017                            |
|          | Consultation on draft PNA             | September to November 2017           |
|          | PNA revision post consultation        | December 2017 to January 2018        |
|          | Final PNA to HWB for approval         | February 2018                        |
|          | Publication of PNA                    | 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2018 (latest) |

Table 1 – PNA Progress Update

- 3.2 The current Walsall PNA 2015 is available on the Health & Wellbeing page of the Walsall Council website here:

[http://cms.walsall.gov.uk/index/health\\_and\\_social\\_care/healthwellbeing.htm](http://cms.walsall.gov.uk/index/health_and_social_care/healthwellbeing.htm)

The web page also includes supplementary statements which are uploaded to notify a change in pharmacy provision since the release of this needs assessment in April 2015.

- 3.3 The PNA steering group was established in April 2017 and meets on a six weekly basis. Membership consists of representation from the following:

- Public Health - Walsall Council
- Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Local Pharmacy Committee (LPC)
- NHS England
- Healthwatch Walsall
- Plus additional ad hoc membership, where applicable i.e. Walsall Council Communications
- Plus feedback to other key partners / groups such as Local Medical Committee (LMC)

- 3.4 Identification of local need and mapping provision is currently in progress and is nearing completion.

Part of this includes the requirement to survey local pharmacists to confirm all the services currently offered in community pharmacies in the borough. The survey is nearing completion and once final will be incorporated into the draft.

In parallel another requirement of the review is to seek resident views of pharmacy services. Work is progressing on finalising a resident survey that will be available over the summer and responses collated to include in the assessment.

- 3.5 A 60-day mandatory consultation period is required and scheduled for September to November 2017 where a strict list of consultees will have an opportunity to comment on the draft. Following this all responses will be collated and included within the update before a final version is completed.

- 3.6 A final version of the PNA 2018 will be shared with the HWB prior to sign off and approval in February 2018 to meet the end of March deadline.

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