

Chairman Announcement

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, Wiltshire's Health and Wellbeing Board has a 3-yearly statutory responsibility to undertake a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) - a document used by NHS England to support the legal decision making in the provision of pharmacy services across the county.

The development of the PNA is led by public health (Steve Maddern) at Wiltshire Council and is supported by a steering group of key stakeholders including the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Public Protection (Cllr Jerry Wickham), the Chair of NHS Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group (Dr Peter Jenkins), and representation from Healthwatch Wiltshire, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and NHS England.

A draft PNA document will be presented at the September Health and Wellbeing Board for approval to go out to public consultation for three months. A final draft of the PNA will return to the Health and Wellbeing Board for final sign off in January 2018.

As part of the PNA process a population survey is undertaken and welcomes Wiltshire residents to respond by 21 July 2017. The survey is available by clicking this link: [General Community Pharmacy Services Survey](#)*. Hard copies can be made available on request.

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* <https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=149736062553>