

Wiltshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022

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Background

- The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to develop and update pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) as mandated by the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- The current Wiltshire PNA was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board in January 2018 and it was originally due to be reviewed every 3 years as per legislation.
- The review process was paused due to the pandemic and the updated version is due to be published by 1st October 2022.
- The Health and Wellbeing board endorsed the draft PNA in March 2022 and the 60 days statutory consultation was closed on 13th June 2022.

Statutory consultation

The statutory consultation required the HWB to consult the following statutory consultees as per regulatory requirement:

- the local medical committee,
- pharmacy and dispensing appliance contractors included in the pharmaceutical list for the area of the health and wellbeing board,
- dispensing doctors included in the dispensing doctor list for the area of the health and wellbeing board, if any,
- any pharmacy contractor that holds a local pharmaceutical services contract with premises that are in the health and wellbeing board's area,
- Healthwatch, and any other patient, consumer, or community group in the area which the health and wellbeing board believes has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services,
- any NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in the health and wellbeing board's area
- NHS England and NHS Improvement, and
- any neighbouring health and wellbeing board

Although this consultation was primarily for statutory consultees, members of the public and other local key stakeholders were invited take part in the consultation.

Summary findings from the statutory consultation:

- All statutory consultees agreed with the recommendations and conclusion of the draft PNA
- No Statutory consultees identified any gaps in current service provision
- Minor changes in terms of wording were suggested by two statutory consultees
- Mixed feedback from members of public including very specific pharmacy issues, changes in CCG formulary and opening hours
- Several members of public responded as do not agree with the recommendation and there is insufficient pharmaceutical services in Wiltshire. These were all linked to very specific

pharmacy issues (outside the scope of this PNA process) and were passed to colleagues in the local pharmaceutical committee for follow up.

PNA updates from our neighbour health and wellbeing board were also reviewed as part of our process to ensure any changes in the cross-border pharmaceutical provisions were considered.

The statutory consultation responses were presented to the Pharmaceutical Services Steering Group in July 2022 and minor changes were approved by the Group.

An equality impact assessment was completed to ensure the Wiltshire PNA 2022 considered the likely impact of work on different groups of our residents and fulfilled our legal responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED).

Recommendations for Health and Wellbeing Board

- the Health and Wellbeing board to note the summary of findings from the statutory consultation process
- the Health and Wellbeing board to approve and publish the most up-to-date version of the Wiltshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- the Health and Wellbeing board to continue to monitor the future changes of the pharmaceutical needs of Wiltshire population and publish additional statement and/or commission a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment as required.