

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date of Meeting:	29th May 2014
Report of:	Consultant in Public Health
Subject:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Pre-Consultation Draft

1.0 Report Summary

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) are carried out to assess the pharmacy needs of the local population. The PNA ensures that community pharmacy services are provided in the right place and meet the needs of the communities they serve. NHS England will rely on the PNA when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies. Each Health and Wellbeing Board must publish its first pharmaceutical needs assessment by 1st April 2015.

A Survey of Community Pharmacists commenced on the 7th April and responses are currently being collated.

Cheshire East Council's Research and Consultation Team will be sending a survey via an on-line method to the Council's Citizens Panel during June. The Citizens Panel is a representative sample of the demographic (age, gender, postcode, social grade) make-up of the Cheshire East population. Around 1,500 people will be sent the survey and the response rate is expected to be good with 750 or more responses. The survey will ask about people's experiences when using a community pharmacy, what works well, and what could be improved.

2.0 Recommendation

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to review the current draft version of the PNA and agree to it being further developed and expanded with a view to the formal 60-day consultation commencing in either September or October 2014.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendation

This draft PNA has been prepared by a Steering Group led by Public Health and including NHS England, NHS Eastern Cheshire CCG, NHS South Cheshire CCG and Cheshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee. The Steering Group was required to submit the draft PNA to the Board before the end of May 2014, together with detailed recommendations for the proposed consultation process.

Following comments from the Board, the draft PNA will be sent to Cheshire Local Medical Committee and to Healthwatch Cheshire East for their initial views, before the PNA is developed into a version for the formal consultation process.

4.0 The Proposed Consultation Process

The Health and Wellbeing Board must then consult the following about the contents of the assessment it is making:

- (a) any Local Pharmaceutical Committee for its area (including any Local Pharmaceutical Committee for part of its area or for its area and that of all or part of the area of one or more other HWBs);
- (b) any Local Medical Committee for its area (including any Local Medical Committee for part of its area or for its area and that of all or part of the area of one or more other HWBs);
- (c) any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area;
- (d) any LPS chemist in its area with whom the NHSCB has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services;
- (e) any Local Healthwatch organisation for its area, and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area which in the opinion of the Health and Wellbeing Board has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area; and
- (f) any NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in its area;
- (g) the NHSCB; and
- (h) any neighbouring HWB.

The persons consulted on the draft PNA will be given a minimum period of 60 days for making their response to the consultation, beginning with the day by which all those persons have been served with the draft.

A person is to be treated as served with a draft if that person is notified by the Health and Wellbeing Board of the address of a website on which the draft is available and is to remain available (except due to accident or unforeseen circumstances) throughout the period for making responses to the consultation.

If a person consulted on a draft requests a copy of the draft in hard copy form, the Health and Wellbeing Board must as soon as is practicable and in any event within 14 days supply a hard copy of the draft to that person free of charge.

The following groups of people could also be consulted on the draft PNA. A local decision needs to be made whether these groups are going to be contacted.

- Patient Participation Groups in primary care
- Local Voluntary Community and Faith Groups

5.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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