

TITLE OF REPORT: Gateshead Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018

Purpose of the Report

1. For the Health & Wellbeing Board to approve the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 for public consultation.

Background

2. The development and publication of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board under the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
3. The purpose of the PNA is twofold:
 - a. To determine if there are sufficient community pharmacies to meet the needs of the population of Gateshead
 - b. To determine other services which could be delivered by community pharmacies to meet the identified health needs of the population.
4. A PNA describes the population's health needs and the pharmaceutical services which exist, or could be commissioned to address these. It is also used to identify any gaps in pharmaceutical services which could be filled by new pharmacies. The initial PNA was produced and implemented on 1 April 2015 with the requirement that the HWB must publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years of publication.
5. The attached draft PNA has been developed through a steering group including representatives from the Council's Public Health team, the CCG, the Local Medical and Pharmaceutical Committees, and Healthwatch.
6. The draft PNA highlights the provision of core and extended pharmacy services across Gateshead and makes a number of recommendations. It also reflects on progress on the recommendations from the 2015 report.
7. There is a requirement for consultation on the PNA with relevant stakeholders (described in the report) for a minimum period of 60 days.

Proposal

8. It is proposed that consultation on the draft PNA addresses the following questions:
 - a. to consider whether there are sufficient community pharmacies to meet the needs of the population, and particularly whether this is the case in the East locality of the Borough; and
 - b. to consider whether other services could be delivered by community pharmacies.

9. The consultation should last from 23 October to 22 December 2017, and the final PNA taking account of comments as appropriate would then be brought back to a meeting of the HWB before the end of March 2018 for approval.

Recommendations

10. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the proposed consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

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