

TITLE OF REPORT: Gateshead Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018

Purpose of the Report

1. For the Health & Wellbeing Board to approve the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 for publication.

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; and
 - 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 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 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. Consultation with relevant stakeholders on the draft PNA took place from 23 October to 22 December 2017. Comments were received from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee and two members of the public, and a number of amendments were made as a result.
8. Board members received a copy of the final draft PNA prior to its meeting on 19 January. Members were invited to provide further comments before the PNA was

brought back to the HWB for final approval, but no further comments have been received. However a late consultation response was received from NHS England, and we have updated the PNA further in the light of these comments.

9. The PNA includes a summary of all the consultation comments and the resulting amendments at Appendix 2 of the document.

Proposal

10. It is proposed that the amendments made to the final draft PNA are accepted.

Recommendations

11. The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for publication.

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