

Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2018-2020)

Report of the Director of Public Health

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Devon.

1. Context

1.1 This paper follows on from previous reports received by the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board, (December 2017) describing the Board's statutory duty to ensure the production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Devon by April 2018.

1.2 The final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is available to view on the Devon Health and Wellbeing website (<http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/board/pharmaceutical-need-assessment/>)

2. A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Devon

2.1 Public Health teams in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay have worked closely with NHS England and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee to produce the PNA in a consistent but locally relevant format, which complies with the regulations.

3. Consultation

3.1 As highlighted in the December Board report there is statutory requirement to undertake a consultation on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The 60-day consultation period took place between 4th December 2017 and 2nd February 2018. The draft Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment received 10 formal responses. Responses were received from:

- NEW Devon and South Devon and Torbay Clinical Commissioning Group Clinical Effectiveness and Medicines Optimisation Team
- Devon Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust Pharmacy Department
- Devon Doctors
- Dorset Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Pharmacists (x2)
- GP (x2)
- District Council

3.2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group reviewed all of the comments and the key themes are included within the consultation report within Appendix 9 of the final report. Feedback received was positive and supportive of the format and content of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The main themes were around coverage to support the planned increase in housing across Devon, opening hours over weekends and holiday and to support extended primary care opening and around availability of specialised medicines. The draft document has been updated and amended to include, where possible, further information identified as needed. A number of small corrections to accuracy were made where these were identified.

4. Summary

4.1 The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was developed in conjunction with Wider Devon local authorities, Devon LPC and NHS England, including a robust gap analysis process. It underwent a comprehensive consultation exercise for a 60-day period in compliance with the statutory regulations. The Steering Group reviewed all the responses and took decisions on the necessary amendments to be made to the document. It is recommended the Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

5. Financial Consideration

There are no financial considerations.

6. Legal Considerations

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is used to support the control of entry for new pharmacies. There is a potential risk that an unsuccessful pharmacy application, turned down as a result of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, may result in a legal challenge.

7. Environmental Impact Considerations

There are no environmental considerations.

8. Equality Considerations

The needs of people and communities, particularly those most vulnerable or disadvantaged are made explicit in the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. There are no specific equality issues related to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

9. Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

10. Options/Alternatives

The Health and Wellbeing Board has the statutory responsibility to produce an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by April 2018.

11. Public Health Impact

The Devon Health and Wellbeing Board is central to overseeing the commissioning of services which address public health and other relevant health and wellbeing outcomes

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Background Papers
Nil