

**Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board  
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**Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – update on progress**

**Context**

1. The Oxfordshire Health and Wellbeing Board received information on the process for revising the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) at their meeting in March 2017. That paper set out the process for completing the work and publishing the revised PNA by March 2018
2. This paper gives more detailed information on that process including giving notice of a public consultation on the content of the revised draft for 60 days before the end of February 2018.

**Why do we need a PNA?**

3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) for their areas by April 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.
4. The PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs. It supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers. The PNA informs commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups.
5. It is a statutory requirement that the PNA itself is revised every three years. This revision will incorporate all the approved changes made over the last three years but also incorporate up to date information on the population and new housing growth.

**Progress to date**

6. A steering group has been convened, comprising representatives from the County Council, NHS England, Local Pharmaceutical Committee and led by Public Health. Advice has been given by the Clinical Commissioning Group.
7. Work already completed includes the following:
  - Information on expected housing growth in the next 3 years has been mapped. This will indicate geographical areas where population is expected to increase during the life of the PNA.
  - Details on current pharmacy services have been updated, including location, opening hours and additional services provided in existing

pharmacies. Prospective changes in contracts that will come into effect in April 2018 have also been noted.

- Pharmacies in neighbouring counties that are within 1.6 km of the Oxfordshire border have been included on maps.
- The narrative information in the PNA has been updated in line with national and local policy.
- Plans for public and stakeholder consultation on the draft PNA have been drawn up.

### **Consultation plans**

The draft document will be approved by the Director of Public Health on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board then circulated and made available for comment for 60 days before the end of February 2018.

Stakeholders to be consulted include

- Current providers of all community pharmacy services in Oxfordshire and members of the Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Oxfordshire GPs including dispensing doctors
- The Local Medical Committee
- NHS provider organisations
- NHS England and the Clinical Commissioning Group
- Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board
- Healthwatch Oxfordshire
- Health and Wellbeing Boards of neighbouring counties.
- Members of the public.

The document will be available through a consultation website and printed copies will be made available as needed. Healthwatch Oxfordshire will help to promote the consultation to a wide audience and young people will be engaged through VOXY or other recommended routes.

If members of the Health and Wellbeing Board have any comments on this proposal or would like any more information, please contact [jackie.wilderspin@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:jackie.wilderspin@oxfordshire.gov.uk)