

**From: Primary Care Commissioning**

**To: HOSC/HWBB**

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**Title: West Northamptonshire pharmaceutical needs assessment - 60 day consultation**

Government legislation has now been passed to create a new West Northamptonshire unitary council serving the areas of Daventry District, Northampton and South Northants, and a new North Northamptonshire unitary council serving Wellingborough, Kettering, Corby and East Northants. These two new councils will start providing services to the residents and businesses of Northamptonshire in April and two Health and Wellbeing Boards will be created, one for each of the new unitary councils.

The aim of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to secure better health and wellbeing outcomes in the region, better quality of care for all patients and care users, and better value for the taxpayer. In doing so, it brings together the NHS, local councils, the Police and other services.

The Health and Wellbeing Board for West Northamptonshire Council will be under a statutory obligation to draft, consult upon and publish a pharmaceutical needs assessment in accordance with the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, as amended, by 1 April 2022. Work started in the summer of 2020 in order to meet this duty with the assistance of Primary Care Commissioning Community Interest Company (PCC).

The pharmaceutical needs assessment is designed to assess the current provision of pharmaceutical services (ie those services that NHS England and NHS Improvement commissions from pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors), have regard to any specified future circumstance where the current position may materially change and identify any current and future gaps in pharmaceutical services. The pharmaceutical needs assessment assists NHS England and NHS Improvement in determining applications by pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors for new, additional or relocated premises, changes to opening hours or the provision of more pharmaceutical services.

Whilst not falling within the legal definition of 'pharmaceutical services', there may be services currently commissioned by Northamptonshire County Council or NHS Northamptonshire Clinical Commissioning Group that inform the conclusions reached in this process and may assist those organisations in considering their commissioning intentions of other local services from pharmacies.

As part of this process, the Health and Wellbeing Board is conducting a consultation process on the draft pharmaceutical needs assessment and seeks your views on the document. The consultation period starts on 18 January 2021 and ends on 21 March 2021. The draft pharmaceutical needs assessment is a large document with a number of appendices and can be accessed here: <https://northamptonshire.citizenspace.com/public-health/west-pna>. In order to assist in your consideration and response, we have produced a questionnaire by way of a survey which can be accessed via the same weblink.

Your details will be held by Northamptonshire County Council for the purpose of analysing the responses to this consultation to be included in the pharmaceutical needs assessment. Your details and responses will be shared with PCC but will only be used for the purpose of this consultation and developing the PNAs. Any personal data you provide will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the NHS Confidentiality Code of Practice.

Once published the pharmaceutical needs assessment will be a tool for commissioners, providers and users of pharmaceutical services and will be updated at least every three years. It is the Health

and Wellbeing Board's aim to publish the final pharmaceutical needs assessment, after having regard to responses to this consultation, by Autumn 2021.