

Title of Report:	Pharmacy Needs Assessment Report
Report to be considered by:	The Health and Wellbeing Board
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Purpose of Report: To present the Pharmacy Needs Assessment to the Board prior to final sign off.

Recommended Action:

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Executive Report

1 Introduction

The purpose of this paper is to present the draft Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) for West Berkshire. Once this document has been agreed by the Health and Wellbeing Board the PNA will go out to public consultation.

2 Background

PNA is the statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in a specific area. It sets out a statement of the pharmaceutical services which are currently provided, together with when and where these are available to a given population.

From 1 April 2013 every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has a statutory responsibility to keep an up to date statement of the PNA. The Health and well being board has been updated on this requirement previously. a PNA must be agreed by April 2015.

The content of PNAs is set out in Schedule 1 to the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

The PNA must contain:

- A statement of the pharmaceutical services provided that are necessary to meet needs in the area;
- A statement of the pharmaceutical services that have been identified by the HWB that are needed in the area, and are not provided (gaps in provision);
- A statement of the other services which are provided, which are not needed, but which have secured improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of the services that the HWB has identified as not being provided, but which would, if they were to be provided, secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of other NHS services provided by a local authority, the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England), a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or an NHS Trust, which affect the needs for pharmaceutical services;
- An explanation of how the assessment has been carried out (including how the consultation was carried out); and
- A map of providers of pharmaceutical services.

The attached PNA covers these sections and has key recommendations for local pharmacy services.

3 Consultation

The 2013 Regulations 5 list those persons and organisations that the HWB must consult. This list includes:

- Any relevant local pharmaceutical committee (LPC) for the HWB area.
- Any local medical committee (LMC) for the HWB area.
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing GP practices in the HWB area.
- Any local Healthwatch organisation for the HWB area, and any other patient, consumer and community group which in the opinion of the HWB has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area.
- Any NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in the HWB area.
- NHS England.
- Any neighbouring HWB

Subject to agreement of this document these key stakeholders will be consulted over the autumn. This will allow a final document to be agreed before April 2015.

Appendices

Appendix A - Draft Pharmaceutical Need Assessment, West Berkshire Council, 2014.