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# West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 to 2021

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**Report being considered by:** Health and Wellbeing Board

**On:** 25 January 2018

**Report Author:** Director of Public Health

**Item for:** Decision

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 Since April 2013, every Health & Wellbeing Board in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish, and keep up to date, a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in their area. This is referred to as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Each Health & Wellbeing Board had to publish their first PNA by 1st April 2015, and is required to undertake a revised assessment at least every 3 years. The refreshed PNAs therefore need to be signed-off and published by 31st March.

## 2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is asked to formally approve the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and adopt it for 2018-2021.

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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## 3. Introduction/Background

- 3.1 Since April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area. This is referred to as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).
- 3.2 A PNA is the statement of the needs of 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. The PNA also considers whether there are any gaps in the delivery of pharmaceutical services and is used by NHS England to make decisions on which NHS-funded services should be provided by local community pharmacies. The PNA can also be used to inform commissioners, such as local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), who may wish to procure additional services from pharmacies to meet local health priorities.
- 3.3 West Berkshire Health & Wellbeing Board published the last PNA in March 2015 and is required to undertake a revised assessment by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Public Health Services for Berkshire has led the development of the latest PNAs across the 6 Berkshire Local Authorities, as agreed with all the relevant Health & Wellbeing

Boards. This report presents the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for West Berkshire (2018 to 2021) and summarises the process undertaken to develop this.

- 3.4 West Berkshire Health & Wellbeing Board is asked to formally approve the PNA.

#### 4. Process for the development of the PNA process

- 4.1 The process for the development of the PNA was agreed with West Berkshire Health & Wellbeing Board. A small task and finish group was set up to oversee the development of the PNA. The membership of this group included the Strategic Director of Public Health for Berkshire, the Consultant in Public Health (Public Health Services for Berkshire), an NHS England pharmaceutical commissioner, a representative from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) and the Public Health Intelligence Manager (Public Health Services for Berkshire).

- 4.2 The development of the PNA involved several key stages:

- (1) Survey of community pharmacies to map current service provision

This survey took place from June to July 2017 using an online survey accessed through PharmOutcomes. The survey collated information from local community pharmacies about the services they provided and any gaps that they identified in local pharmaceutical service provision.

- (2) Survey of public to ascertain views on services

The public survey was accessible through an online portal and was live from June to August 2017. Local authorities, CCGs and local Healthwatch were encouraged to promote the survey and gather feedback from local residents.

- (3) Development of draft PNA Report

Public Health Services for Berkshire developed the draft PNA report. This used information gathered from the two surveys, local demographics for West Berkshire, geographical mapping information and data provided from NHS England. A full assessment was made on the provision of pharmaceutical services in the area, based on all the information available.

- (4) Public consultation on the draft PNA Report

The draft PNA Report was signed off for consultation by the Health & Wellbeing Board Chair at the end of October 2017. The full draft report and supporting appendices were published on West Berkshire Council's website for a formal 60-day consultation period from 1st November to 31st December 2017.

Responses from the consultation were collated by Public Health Services for Berkshire and the PNA Report was reviewed and amended accordingly.

- (5) Final PNA Report was shared with the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board ahead of the meeting on 25th January.

## 5. Key Findings and Conclusions

- 5.1 There is adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in West Berkshire with 22 pharmacies, and eight dispensing doctors sited within the district. There are also ten pharmacies outside of the district, but within 1.6km of borders, and these were also considered when assessing provision and access to services.
- 5.2 Pharmacies are well placed to serve more populated areas; however the majority of communities in West Berkshire are more than 1.6km from a community pharmacy. Residents in Downlands ward are the furthest from any provider of pharmaceutical services; there are no pharmacies closer than 5km to the northern boundary of West Berkshire. Residents of Aldermaston and Sulhampstead are served by pharmacies in Theale and Tadley (Hampshire).
- 5.3 All West Berkshire residents are able to reach a pharmacy within a 20 minute drive, which meets one of the key measures of accessibility used by NHS England. 50% of West Berkshire residents are able to reach a pharmacy within a 15 minute walk during normal working hours, with a reduction in this proportion at other times.
- 5.4 Pharmacies within the district provide residents with essential and advanced services on weekday and Saturdays including evenings, with three open until 10pm. There is adequate Sunday opening with one pharmacy open until 10pm, this is situated in Mortimer to the south of the district meaning that residents closer to the northern boundary have less access at this time.
- 5.5 There is opportunity to improve access to essential services for residents living in Downlands, Compton and Basildon wards, particularly on evenings and at weekends.
- 5.6 The public survey showed that across Berkshire, 95% of respondents were able to get to the pharmacy of their choice, 86% took less than 15 minutes to travel to their regular pharmacy and the remaining 14% stated that it took between 15 and 30 minutes. Overall, 91% were satisfied or very satisfied with the location of their pharmacy.
- 5.7 There is adequate but variable provision of essential and advanced pharmaceutical services for West Berkshire residents, with a number of pharmacies also providing locally commissioned services (LCS) for emergency hormonal contraception, needle exchange and supervised consumption.
- 5.8 Whilst not considered 'necessary', there is room to extend the range of LCS that are commissioned in West Berkshire and to increase the number of pharmacies providing these. A number of pharmacies have stated that they would be willing to provide these service if commissioned to do so.
- 5.9 Based on the information outlined above no current gaps in provision of essential services have been identified and there are no known future developments that are likely to significantly alter demand for pharmaceutical services within the life of this PNA however there are clear opportunities to increase access to services for residents in rural areas, particularly those living in the north of the district.

## 6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The Health & Wellbeing Board are asked to formally approve the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2018 to 2021. This needs to be presented and signed-off at a public HWB meeting by 31st March 2018.
- 6.2 The final PNA and appendices need to be published on the Local Authority's website and should be accessible for the lifespan of the report (until 31st March 2021). If local pharmaceutical services change during this time, such as the opening hours, address of premises or needs of the local population, the LA will need to publish supplementary statements to the relevant website. The Board should be aware that if other significant changes occur which impact on need for pharmaceutical services during the lifetime of the PNA this may result in the need to refresh the PNA. No such changes are expected.

## 7. Consultation and Engagement

- 7.1 The draft PNA was subject to public consultation for 60 days and closed on 31 December 2018. The Consultation responses can be found in Appendix E.

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### Background Papers:

The proposals contained in this report will help to achieve the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim by ensuring the appropriate availability of pharmaceutical services across the District.

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