

REPORT FOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

1.	Date of meeting:	14 March 2018
2.	Title:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
3.	Directorate:	Adult Care, Housing and Public Health

4. Purpose of Report

- 4.1 The purpose of the report is to present the final draft Rotherham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for approval and publication by 1 April 2018.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:-
- To approve the publication of the Rotherham PNA 2018-2021.

6. Background

- 6.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave Health and Wellbeing Boards the statutory duty to develop and publish PNAs. Legislation requires that Health and Wellbeing Boards publish revised assessments at least every three years. A revised assessment is due to be published by 1 April 2018.
- 6.2 Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The regulations set out what information is to be included, what matters are to be considered and the process to be followed. This includes a formal consultation with specific stakeholders for at least 60 days.
- 6.3 The PNA is a commissioning tool to make sure that areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet local needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and highlights any identified gaps, taking into account future needs. These services include:
- essential services such as dispensing medicines, giving advice on self care and promoting healthy lifestyles
 - advanced services such as giving flu vaccinations, reviewing a patient's use of medicines or appliances and additional support for patients with long-term conditions who have been newly prescribed a medicine, and
 - locally commissioned services, such as needle exchange schemes, emergency hormonal contraception or help with minor ailments.
- 6.4 The formal consultation period ran from 15 December 2017 to 16 February 2018. Consultees were sent a copy of the draft PNA by email together with a brief questionnaire.

7. Summary of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

7.1 The conclusion of this PNA is that the population of Rotherham has sufficient service provision to meet their pharmaceutical needs.

- Rotherham is well provided for with respect to pharmaceutical dispensing services having a greater than the national average of pharmacies per 100,000 people.
- 95% of Rotherham residents are within a 1 mile walk of a Community Pharmacy and 100% are within a 10 minute drive of a Community Pharmacy.
- Community Pharmacies in Rotherham are accessible and offer extended opening times, often into the evening and at weekends, to suit patients and consumers including 100-hour pharmacies that give good geographical cover.
- Rotherham has good coverage of advanced services, e.g. Medicine Use Reviews (MURs)

8. Next Steps

8.1 The 2018 PNA was developed in conjunction with colleagues across South Yorkshire and used a new mapping system made available by Public Health England. The learning from this new approach will be written up and shared with the Directors of Public Health for South Yorkshire.

8.2 Following approval the PNA will be uploaded onto the Rotherham Council website and will be circulated to key partners for their use in commissioning pharmaceutical services.

8.3 Supplementary statements to support the PNA will be produced as and when required prior to the next iteration of the PNA in 2021. Supplementary statements can be produced due to a change in the provider landscape (e.g. closures or mergers of Community Pharmacies) or because of a change in population or health need (e.g. population growth due to new housing developments)

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