

WIRRAL COUNCIL

Committee Name **Wirral Health & Wellbeing Board**
Meeting Date **15th April 2015**

SUBJECT:	Wirral's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
WARD/S AFFECTED:	All
REPORT OF:	Fiona Johnstone, Director of Public Health
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	Cllr Chris Jones
KEY DECISION?	Ratification of Wirral's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The formal consultation for Wirral's new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is now complete. To meet the deadline for publication of the 1st April 2015 the Chair approved the document in March, the board is therefore asked to ratify the Chair's action.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) are carried out to assess the pharmacy needs of the local population. The PNA presents an overview of local pharmaceutical service provision; reviewing access, range and adequacy of service provision and choice of provider to build on the sectors capacity and capability to help address health inequalities and support self-care.
- NHS England will rely on the PNA when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies. To be included on a pharmaceutical list, providers must prove they are able to meet a pharmaceutical need as defined by the PNA.
- Each Health and Wellbeing Board was required to publish its first pharmaceutical needs assessment by 1st April 2015. The new PNA can be accessed at www.info.wirral.nhs.uk/pna
- The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to publish revised assessments within three years or when significant changes to need for pharmaceutical services are identified.

3.0 RELEVANT RISKS

The list of pharmacies within the PNA is correct as at 14th November 2014 (when NHS England confirmed registered providers). Details are subject to periodic change and the website will be updated as and when necessary.

4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not applicable

5.0 CONSULTATION

- A public survey conducted in January 2014 yielded 1,192 responses (the survey was originally sent out to 50,000 residents). Responses were overwhelmingly positive. Small numbers raised concerns over specific operational issues, but there were no significant service gaps identified.
- Formal consultation on the draft PNA took place from 3rd November 2014 to 12th January 2015. This included consulting with community and hospital providers, local pharmacies, Clinical Commissioning Group, Local Medical Committee, Local Pharmaceutical Committee, local Healthwatch, other professional bodies, voluntary and community groups, patients and the public
- A total of 22 responses were received during the formal consultation period
- Half of the responses related to specific points of accuracy and the necessary amendments have now been made to the document.
- The remaining responses included:
 - Positive feedback about the clear, comprehensive nature of the document
 - Comments about pharmacies needing to improve their accessibility for people who are deaf, blind or visually impaired.
 - Comments about pharmacies needing to improve their accessibility for those whose first language is not English
 - Suggestions as to how pharmacies might expand the range of services on offer (for example by providing flu jabs).
 - Suggestions as to how the branding of Wirral services might be improved in order to ease identification.

6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

None

7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

None

8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

None

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Decisions made by NHS England regarding market entry based on the findings of the PNA are open to appeal and legal challenge.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

No because, Wirral is generally very well served by community pharmacies. There is

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currently one pharmacy for every 3,402 residents, which compares extremely favourably to the national average of one pharmacy for every 5,000 resident population. More services are delivered in the most densely populated areas of the borough.

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11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

NHS England will rely on the PNA when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies

13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

To meet the deadline for publication of the 1st April 2015 the Chair approved the document in March, as the March board meeting was cancelled the board is therefore asked to ratify the Chair's action.

14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The board has a duty to publish a local PNA by 1st April 2015

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APPENDICES

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

- Wirral's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - www.info.wirral.nhs.uk/pna

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral Health & Wellbeing Board	9 th July 2014
Wirral Health & Wellbeing Board	12 th November 2014