

TITLE:	Update on Wokingham Borough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 15 November 2017
WARD	None specific
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OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

All residents and visitors to the Borough will have easy access to community pharmacy services which offer a range of accessible opening hours, and a range of services which meet the basic needs for essential pharmacy services as well as advanced and enhanced services according to local need.

RECOMMENDATION

The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note the contents of the Draft Wokingham Borough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 to 2021, which is out to public consultation from 1st November 2017 to 31st December 2017.

The Committee is invited to submit its formal feedback on this draft report.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

The Wokingham Borough Health and Wellbeing Board is required to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in our area. This is referred to as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Wokingham Borough Health and Wellbeing Board published their first PNA in April 2015, for the period 2015-2018 and are required to publish a revised assessment by 31 March 2018.

A revised PNA report has now been produced, which looks at the health needs of the local population in the Wokingham Borough, the current pharmacy network and public feedback on current services. The full report and appendices are attached.

Background

The attached documents form the draft update of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for the Wokingham Borough Health and Wellbeing Board Area. 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. The previous PNA ran from 2015 to 2018 and this update will run from April 2018 to March 2021.

The PNA describes the needs for the population of Wokingham Borough and considers current provision of pharmaceutical services to assess whether they meet the identified needs of the population. The PNA considers whether there are any gaps in the delivery of pharmaceutical services.

PNAs are used by NHS England to make decisions on which NHS-funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. These services are part of local health care, contribute to public health and affect NHS budgets. The PNA may also be used to inform commissioners such as Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Wokingham Borough Council of the current provision of pharmaceutical services and where there are any gaps in relation to the local health priorities. Where such gaps are not met by NHS England, these gaps may then be considered by those organisations.

The PNA Documents were prepared by *Public Health Services for Berkshire* (based within Bracknell Forest Council), on behalf of the Wokingham Borough HWB, and were supported by a task and finish group.

Analysis of Issues and Key findings

The Draft PNA Report found the following:

- There is good provision of pharmaceutical services in Wokingham, with 22 pharmacies and three dispensing doctors within the Borough. There are also 18 pharmacies outside the borough, but within 1.6km of borders, which were considered when assessing provision and access to services.
- Generally, community pharmacies in Wokingham are well distributed, are accessible and offer a convenient service to patients and members of the public. They are available on weekdays with adequate weekend and evening opening hours across the majority of the borough. There is potential to improve access to essential services on Sundays.
- Although all residents are currently within a 10 minute drive of a pharmacy (15 minutes on evenings and Sundays), there is potential to improve access for residents of Hurst, Arborfield and Barkham wards.
- There is good provision of essential and advanced services during core hours in the rural Remenham Wargrave and Ruscombe ward where around a quarter of the population are aged over 65; however this does not extend to evenings and weekends. This is likely to be mitigated to some extent by services in neighbouring Henley-on-Thames.
- Arborfield is a strategic development location (SDL) within Wokingham Borough and the site of a large planned development with 1,100 dwellings completed during the life of this PNA. This means that there is likely to be a gap in provision of essential pharmaceutical services for local residents within the lifetime of this PNA and that an increased number of residents in addition to those currently resident in this area, may have to travel further to access essential services in the evenings and on Sundays.
- 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.

- There is good provision of essential and advanced pharmaceutical services for Wokingham residents, with a number of pharmacies also providing locally commissioned services (LCS) for emergency hormonal contraception, needle exchange and supervised consumption.
- Whilst not considered 'necessary', there is room to extend the range of Locally Commissioned Services in Wokingham Borough and to increase the number of pharmacies providing these. A number of pharmacies have stated that they would be willing to provide these services if commissioned to do so.
- Based on the information outlined above no current gaps in provision of essential services have been identified but future developments in the Arborfield SDL are likely to significantly increase demand for pharmaceutical services within the life of this PNA.

Feedback Sought

The period 1st November – 31st December 2017 marks the final stage of consultation to elicit the views of all stakeholders including residents, healthcare providers and commissioners including Community Pharmacists themselves. Formal Committees such as HOSC and Council Members are invited to submit their final views as well.

There are a series of questions to which consultees are asked to reply as follows:

- Is the purpose of the PNA explained sufficiently within the draft PNA document?
- Does the document clearly set out the scope of the PNA?
- Does the document clearly set out the local context and the implications for the PNA?
- Does the information provide a reasonable description of the services which are provided by pharmacies and dispensaries in the local authority?
- Does the information provide a reasonable description of the services which are provided by pharmacies and dispensaries in the local authority?
- Do you think the pharmaceutical needs of the population have been accurately reflected throughout the PNA?
- Please indicate below if you agree with the conclusions for the services described:
 - Current necessary provision of pharmaceutical services,
 - Current gaps in pharmaceutical services,
 - Future gaps in pharmaceutical services,
 - Current additional provision of pharmaceutical services,
 - Opportunities for improvements and/ or better access to pharmaceutical services,
 - Impact of other services which affect the need for pharmaceutical services.
- Is there any additional information which you think should be included in the PNA?
- For professional stakeholders: Has the PNA provided adequate information to inform: Market entry decisions (NHS England only), and How you may commission services from pharmacies in the future (All commissioners).

There is then the option to add any further information consultees may wish. The HOSC may wish to prepare and submit a formal response to these questions and add further information it sees fit. The Draft PNA will also be submitted for discussion at the Sustainable Communities Implementation Working Group (SCIWG) in November 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1) 17/18	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Next Financial Year (Year 2) 18/19	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Following Financial Year (Year 3) 19/20	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
<p>The Public Health Team can proscribe Locally Enhanced Services which it wishes local community pharmacies to provide and which are paid for from the Council's Public Health Budget. Wokingham Borough Council has offered a contract to all community pharmacies based in the Borough for the provision of emergency hormonal contraception, supervised consumption and needle exchange. There is relatively good coverage of the services we currently commission, and willingness to provide these in a number of cases. Additionally some community pharmacies offer the NHS Health Check which is once again funded from the Public Health Grant, and is a mandated public health service.</p> <p>There is no evidence to show that these enhanced services are currently unaffordable to the Council. If Community Pharmacies were not delivering these services it is likely that some other means of provision would be required which may cost more. Community Pharmacy is an acceptable and evidence-based delivery point for these services and their provision should be promoted.</p>

Cross-Council Implications
<p>There are implications for the planning delivery department. The department's aim to create fully sustainable communities and to meet their aspirations as set out in the Local Plan may be affected by the future distribution of community pharmacies to serve the new communities and growing population.</p> <p>There are implications for child and adult social care in that independence for vulnerable residents may be affected by access to the services of community pharmacies, who play an important role in primary healthcare.</p>

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
None
List of Background Papers

- Wokingham Borough Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, Draft for Consultation: Attached.
- Wokingham Borough JSNA; Available online at: <http://jsna.wokingham.gov.uk/>
- Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Wokingham Borough 2017-20

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