

# Prescriptions and Medicines Consultation

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# Introduction

We are Sandwell and West Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group (SWB CCG) and part of the your local National Health Service (NHS), we commission (buy) local health services on behalf of the local population.

SWB CCG is a membership organisation involving 98 GP practices serving 577, 468 patients across 114 sites.

The Commissioning Group is broken down further into five local commissioning groups;

- Health Works
- ICoF
- Pioneers for Health
- Sandwell Health Alliance
- Black Country

# Our footprint



# Background

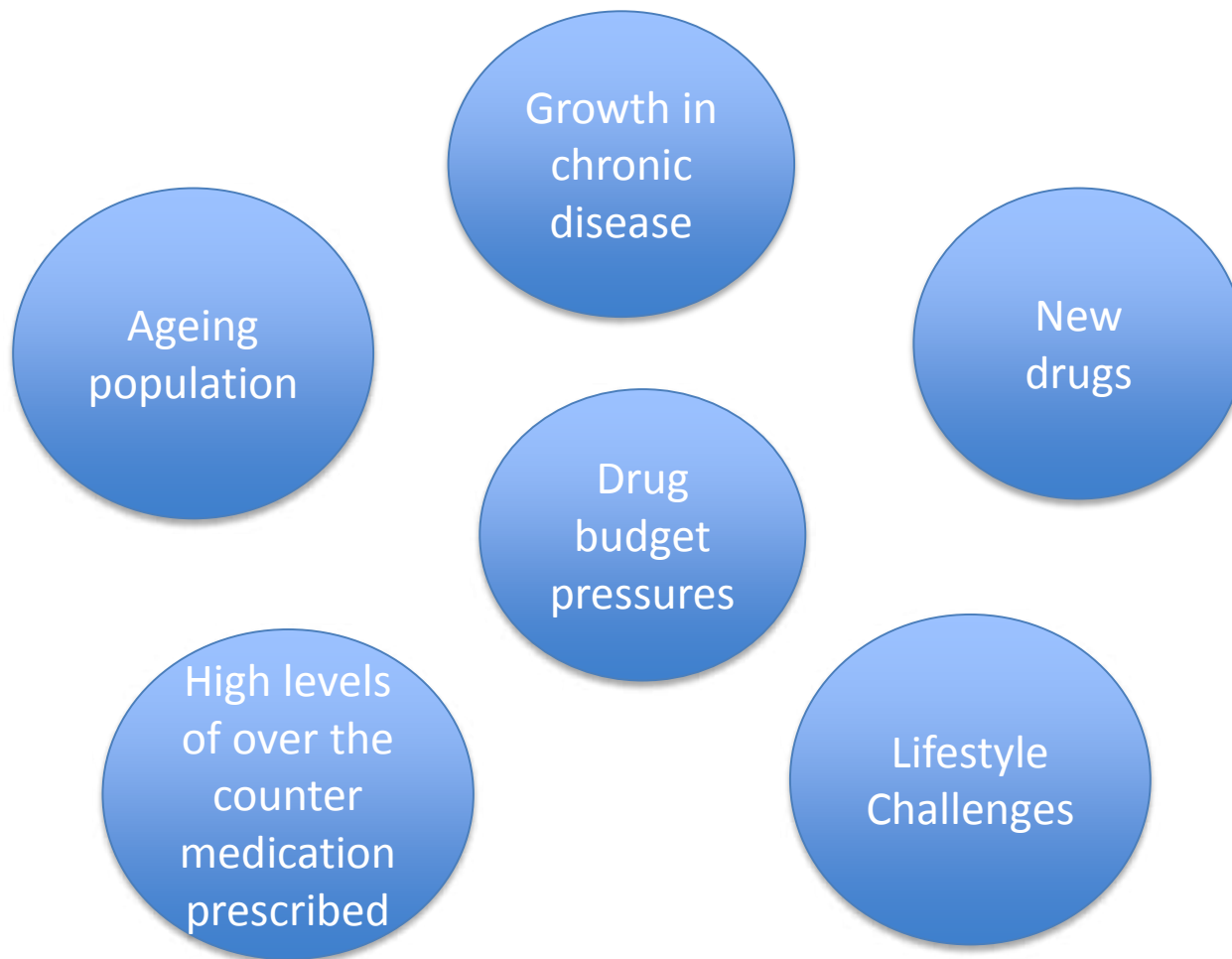
The CCG hold the prescribing budgets for all our member practices.

For 2016-17 this is £83 million

We also hold the budget for non-tariff drugs prescribed in secondary care – usually high cost drugs for complex conditions. Most of these drugs have NICE technology appraisals mandating their use in the NHS



# Why do we need to do things differently...



# How will we do this..

## High priority:

- ✓ Medicines with a NICE Technology Assessment or recommended in NICE guidance or other national guidance
- ✓ Medicines with a strong clinical evidence base
- ✓ Effective medicines to treat long term conditions or acute illnesses unsuitable for self-care.

## Lower priority:

- X Medicines which have been considered by NICE but not recommended for NHS use
- X Medicines with no or limited evidence of effectiveness
- X Medicines to treat symptoms of minor ailments or conditions suitable for self-care

# Treatments where there is insufficient evidence of clinical benefit or cost-effectiveness



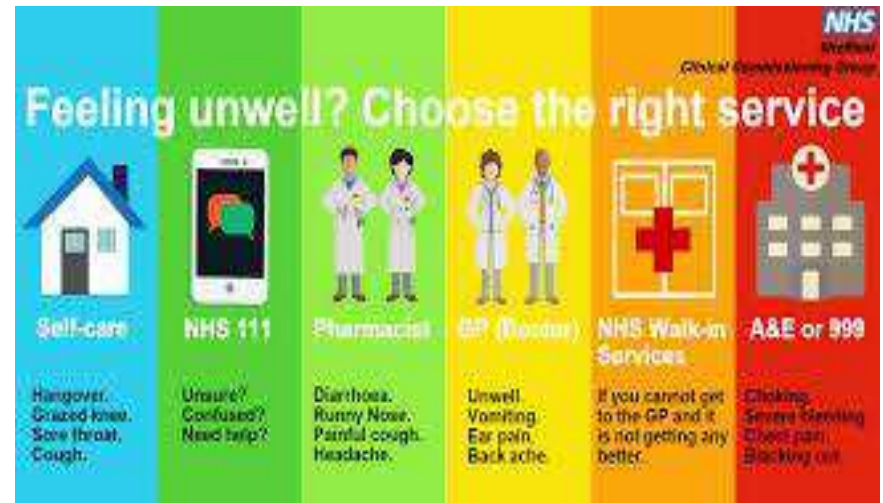
# Preparations where there may not be a clinical need to treat..



May be specific clinical situations where prescribing is appropriate



# Treatments for minor ailments



- Promote community pharmacy first (including minor ailment scheme which provides some over the counter treatments (OTC) free to patients under 16).
- Frees up GP time and eases demand on appointments for conditions suitable for self-care using OTC medicines

# Gluten free foods



# Have your Say



# Have your say

Consultation launched on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2017-13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 (exceeded 12 weeks due to purdah)

Stakeholders invited to have their say in a variety of ways;

- 4 public meetings for patients, carers and local organisations
- 1 provider meeting for GP surgeries and pharmacies in the SWB CCG footprint
- By completing an online survey
- By completing a paper survey

## Next Steps

Stakeholder feedback to be collated and presented to Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG's:

- Service Redesign Group (SCR)
- Governing Body (GB)

Decision to be taken on whether to support this proposal

# Questions

# Thank You