

Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board
13 April 2022

Report Topic:	Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022
Contact Officer:	Stephanie Lacey, Public Health Registrar
Link to board priorities	<p>Please include in your report how your work links to one or more of our board priorities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <p>1. We will help keep people healthier for longer Poorly managed chronic illnesses can lead to increased morbidity and premature mortality. Pharmacy services play a key role in supporting people with long-term health conditions and in detecting long-term health conditions such as hypertension and diabetes. For pharmacies to support Sandwell residents, pharmacies need to be accessible and provide the right services to support the pharmaceutical needs of the population. The Sandwell PNA 2022 will provide an update to the prior PNA published in 2018 to ensure that services are meeting the needs of local people.</p> <p>2. We will work together to join up services Health services can be difficult to navigate, and sometimes there are gaps or duplication of services by different providers. It is therefore important to know what services are currently provided by pharmacies and where these services are located to support commissioners with service planning. The Sandwell PNA 2022 will support commissioners and other stakeholders by informing decisions regarding</p>

	<p>the award of new pharmacy contracts and developing pharmaceutical services for patients.</p> <p>3. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services</p> <p>The public need to be involved in the design and monitoring of services to ensure they are appropriate and deliver what people need. The views of Sandwell residents on the accessibility and provision of pharmacy services have been sought and used to inform recommendations in the PNA report.</p>
<p>Purpose of Report:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PNA is a document which describes the current provision and location of pharmacy services across Sandwell • The purpose of the report is to ensure that there are enough pharmacies, in the right locations, providing the right services to support the pharmaceutical needs of Sandwell residents • The report is also used by commissioners and other stakeholders to inform decisions regarding new pharmacy contract applications and developing pharmaceutical services for residents
<p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Approval of the Health and Wellbeing Board is sought to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the key findings of the Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report with the Board; • For the Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 to go out for consultation.
<p>Key Discussion points:</p>	<p>The Board will discuss the following recommendations made in the Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment to strengthen the provision of pharmaceutical services in Sandwell:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pharmacies should be knowledgeable of which advanced and enhanced services are offered by pharmacies in neighbouring wards/localities in order to sign post patients to appropriate service providers when needed • Where a service has been stopped due to COVID-19, it is important that pharmacies can sign post residents to another service provider • Pharmacies should support young people in accessing emergency contraception by ensuring they are aware of where they can access this service for free without a prescription. Pharmacies should support young people seeking emergency contraception by signposting them to their GP to discuss non-emergency contraceptive options • The role of pharmacies in the management of CVD risk factors could be strengthened through the commissioning of related services and by promoting the wider role of pharmacists (e.g. providing lifestyle advice) to residents • Pharmacy workforce capacity building should be considered in order to meet the additional demands for pharmaceutical services • Further targeted engagement of groups underrepresented in the residents' survey is recommended to ensure needs are currently being met.
<p>Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)</p>	
<p>It is a statutory requirement for HWBB's to update their pharmaceutical needs assessments once every three years. The last PNA was published in June 2018, due to the increased demand on pharmacies during the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadline for updating PNA's has been extended nationally until October 2022.</p>	
<p>What engagement has or will take place</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pharmacy contractor questionnaire was used to obtain information on the accessibility and provision of pharmaceutical services in Sandwell

<p>with people, partners and providers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public survey was used to obtain public opinion on the accessibility and provision of pharmaceutical services • Both the pharmacy contractor and public survey included a set of questions on the impacts of COVID-19 on access and provision of pharmacy services. • A 60-day consultation period is planned to gather feedback on the PNA report from the public and other key stakeholders.
<p>Appendices</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 – Draft for Consultation Appendix 2 – Appendices to the Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022</p>

