

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – NHS Bedfordshire

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Background

- What is a PNA?

An assessment of the pharmaceutical needs of our PCT area

- The PCT have a statutory requirement under the amended Pharmaceutical Regulations to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by 1 February 2011
- Clear guidance have been issued by DoH on the development of PNAs on the Standards, minimum contents and level of stakeholder engagement
- PNAs have to be revised at least every 3 years

- **Pharmaceutical needs** - A health need that can be met by the provision of pharmaceutical services.
- **Pharmaceutical services** – three tiers
 - Essential Services
 - Enhanced Services
 - Advanced Services

The main focus of the PNA is to assess the Enhanced services required to meet local pharmaceutical needs.

Legislation

- Health Act 2009 contains 2 clauses
 - To develop and publish pharmaceutical needs assessments.
 - To use PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to NHS pharmaceutical services provision.
- Amended Pharmaceutical Regulations for publishing PNAs
 - Minimum content.
 - Minimum consultation required.
 - life of a PNA/timelines

Processes in PNA Development

- Stakeholder engagement
- Identifying local needs
- Mapping current provision
- Identifying unmet need/gaps in provision
- Develop commissioning intentions
- Action planning

Consultations

- Patient survey
- Community pharmacy survey
- Presenting to various stakeholder groups - ongoing
- Public consultation on the Draft PNA – ongoing
- End of consultation period – 26 Nov 2010

Understanding Community Pharmacy Services - 1

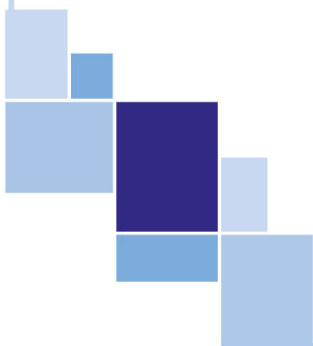
- **Essential Services:**
 - Supply of medicines – prescriptions & counter sale
 - Safe disposal of unwanted medicines
 - Promotion of healthy lifestyles
 - Prescription interventions
 - Public Health Campaigns
 - Signposting to other Health and social services
 - Support for Self-care

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- **Advanced Services**
 - Medicine Use Reviews
 - Stoma Customisation
 - Appliance Use Reviews
- **Local Enhanced Services**
 - E.g. Smoking Cessation, Sexual health screening, substance misuse

Mapping current provision

- Providers of pharmaceutical services and premises within PCT area and those outside area.
- Other providers eg NHS Hospitals, Provider arm of PCT, PCT medicines management team.



Gap Analysis

- Determined for a number of categories covering both local and national priorities
 - Public Health Needs (Smoking, Sexual Health, Obesity, self-care and minor ailments)
 - Special Needs Groups (Older People; Patients with Long term conditions, in domiciliary care and End of life care)
 - People in Residential Care
 - PCT priorities (Prevention, Emergency Planning, Emergency Admissions,
 - Access to pharmaceutical services

Key Findings - Access

- 99% of the population can access a pharmacy / dispensing doctor within a 20 min car drive
- 80% within 30 minute walking distance
- Gap in the north of the county, however the area is sparsely populated and within reach of pharmacies in the bordering PCT areas.

Key findings - Services

- A lot of scope to meet health needs with essential services provided by pharmacists – PCT should provide more support in developing these further
- Also scope to improve on existing Local Enhanced Services and commission more of these – recommendations have been made in the PNA

Future Planning

- The PNA is a live document and will be reviewed in light of any significant changes in the needs of the population / provision of services
- The document is being shared widely with commissioners in the PCT to inform commissioning decisions
- Will inform determination of applications for new providers.

Have your say -

By responding to the consultation at:

http://www.bedfordshire.nhs.uk/your_voice/consultations.php

