

Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee - 14th November 2011

Report of the Director of Public Health
Presented by Pharmaceutical Adviser

Dudley Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This document, Dudley PNA, is the statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services which each PCT is required to publish by virtue of section 128A of the Health Act. (SI 2010 No 914).

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The pharmaceutical services to which the PNA must relate are all the services that contractors on the PCT's pharmaceutical list and the Local Pharmaceutical Services (LPS) scheme - The Priory Community Pharmacy - provide under the regulations. Dudley PCT has 67 community pharmacies. The services they can provide are made up of three different levels
1. **Essential services** - provided by all contractors in all community pharmacies.
 2. **Advanced services** - can be provided by all contractors once accreditation requirements for pharmacists and premises have been met.
 3. **Enhanced services** - commissioned locally in response to the needs of the local population.
- 2.2 The assessment has concluded that there are sufficient pharmacies in Dudley to provide essential pharmaceutical services to the residents. Pharmacies are accessible and open to provide services at the times needed and used by patients and the public.
- 2.3 Provision of the Advanced Service - Medicines Use Review service - is offered from three quarters of all the pharmacies in each 'township' locality. This gives patients a reasonable choice to access this service. Pharmacies that provide the different enhanced services are in the areas of need and open at times required by users of the services.
- 2.4 The PCT has concluded that there is no need for further contract applications whether using the exemption from control of entry regulations or not.

3.0 Additional information

- 3.1 Patients and the public were consulted as part of the development of the PNA. A formal consultation period in line with all statutory documents was carried out. Supplementary statements will be issued when any major change occurs e.g. when new pharmacies open.
- 3.2 The full document must be revised every three years. Responsibility for publishing future PNA's will be with the Health & Wellbeing Board.
- 3.3 Changes to the Control of Entry regulations and the exemptions, were promised July 2010, they are still awaited. In the meantime Dudley PCT has received seven applications to open new pharmacies, all exempt from the Control of Entry regulations (100 hour, internet and large shopping malls)

4.0 Finance

- 4.1 Future expected use of the PNA as the basis for market entry to NHS Service provision.

5.0 Law

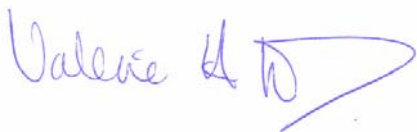
- 5.1 Statutory Instrument 2010 No 914. The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) (Amendment) Regulations 2010. Sections 128A, 272(7) and (8) and 275(1) of the National Health Service Act 2006a

6.0 Equality Impact

- 6.1 The process used in compiling the PNA was designed to include access for all populations. Developmental work with local pharmacies following on from patient and public consultations have helped to identify where the quality of some aspects of current service provision can be improved [Please See Chapter 9 page 43; and Appendices 3,4 & 7]

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 Members are asked to note the report



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