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Decision Type:	Decision Approval of the final document for publication by HWB
Ward(s) to which report relates	All

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to present the Health and Wellbeing Board with the final Bury Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, 2022.

Bury Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The Department of Health and Social Care determined that the publication of PNAs be suspended during the pandemic with the deadline set for publishing the PNA by October 2022.

Recommendation(s)

That:

The HWB review and approve the final PNA report for publication.

Key considerations:

Introduction/ Background:

Bury has 43 pharmacies (39 walk-in and 4 distance selling pharmacies) providing a range of essential services, advanced services, and locally commissioned services. Five of the 39 walk-in are 100-hour pharmacies.

The PNA concluded no gaps in current pharmaceutical services had been established. This is clearly demonstrated by the following points:

- Bury has 22 pharmacies per 100,000 population, which is between the England (20) and Greater Manchester (24) averages.
- Most residents live within 1.0 miles of a pharmacy.
- Most residents can access a pharmacy within 20 minutes either by walking, public transport or driving.
- The location of pharmacies within each of the five neighbourhoods and across the whole HWB area.
- The number and distribution of pharmacies within each of the five neighbourhoods and across the whole HWB area.
- The choice of pharmacies covering each of the five neighbourhoods and the whole HWB area.
- 137 of respondents to the public survey (appendix 3) replied to the question 'What is your overall view of your local pharmacy service?'. Of these 91% said they were either satisfied or very satisfied.
- 93% of respondents had no difficulty in accessing a pharmacy of their choice
- 86 % of responders said the opening hours of pharmacies in Bury do not cause a problem
- 84% were satisfied or very satisfied with the opening hours of the pharmacy they used (Appendix 3).
- Bury has a choice of pharmacies open across range of times including early mornings, evenings and the weekend.
- Bury pharmacies offer a range of pharmaceutical services to meet the requirements of the population.

Key Issues for the Board to consider:

The main conclusion of the PNA was

- the HWB considers the location, number, distribution and choice of pharmacies covering each of the five neighbourhoods and the whole

Bury HWB area providing essential and advanced services during the standard core hours to meet the needs of the current population.

Future provision of pharmaceutical services beyond 2025 will be reviewed during the next iteration of the Bury HWB PNA.

Gaps in provision of services due to out of hours opening times have been noted in Bury North and whilst there is no requirement to open a new premises consideration could be made to extending hours if a request was submitted from a current pharmacy contracted and located within Bury North.

The PNA also concluded that

- Any campaign to increase use of pharmacies, e.g. for self-care, should include providing information on the location and opening times of pharmacies that provide extended hours.
- Pharmacist staff should be primarily focussed on patient safety, of which delivering information to patients is a main feature.
- Patients should also be encouraged to ask questions and understand that pharmacists are a good source of information about the medication they take.
- Hep C testing- If the service is to continue it would be better placed in pharmacies who supply needle exchange programmes, rather than just supervised consumption, as is aimed at people who inject drugs who are not yet in treatment.
- The patient responses to services requested improved repeat medication services, text information when an item is out of stock, travel vaccines, hearing aid supply, blood flow and respiratory checks (see appendix 3)
- Service should continue to be developed to meet the health needs of the Borough and each cluster individually when deemed necessary.

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Background papers:

See Final Bury PNA within the agenda pack.