

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

At the meeting of the **Health and Wellbeing Board** held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth on Thursday, 8 March 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

**PRESENT**

Councillor R.R. Dodd  
(Chairman, in the Chair)

**BOARD MEMBERS**

Brown, S.	Morgan, E.R.
Dickinson, S.J.	Patton, R. (substitute member)
Firth, R.	Riley, C. (substitute member)
Lothian, J. (substitute member)	Thompson, D.
McEvoy, C.	

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Batsford, P.	CCG Clinical Lead
Everden, A.	Public Health
Robinson, J.	Communications Team
Todd, A.	Democratic Services Officer

Four members of the public were also in attendance

**27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from V. Bainbridge, Councillor W. Daley, R. Glennie, Councillor P.A. Jackson, Councillor V. Jones, C. Keen, D. Lally, J. Mackey, P. Mead and G. O'Hare.

**28. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on Thursday, 11 January 2018, as circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## 29. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 29.1 REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

#### **Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA): Consultation Report and Approval of Final Document**

The purpose of the report was to receive an update on the consultation and to ask the Health and Wellbeing Board to approve the final Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) which had been updated as a result of comments received during the consultation. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix B).

Ann Everden from the NCC Public Health team presented the report which informed all of the consultation which took place from 27 November 2007 to 31 January 2018.

The conclusion of the exercise was that there was adequate provision of NHS pharmaceutical services in Northumberland. The network of extended hour pharmacies were considered essential to meet patients' needs by widening access to pharmaceutical services outside core hours when other pharmacies were closed. There was scope to consider some pharmacy mergers in market towns.

It was noted that following the recent bad weather in Northumberland it had been brought to attention the need to ensure contingency plans were in place to enable services to continue despite sometimes difficult circumstances. It was suggested further work be carried out with NHS England.

One of the issues raised in the public consultation was the desire for longer opening hours. It was reported that NHS England had advised that if there was a need and if deemed viable, they would consider extending opening hours but a case for the service would need to be made first.

It was noted that any proposals to merge would be brought to the Health and Wellbeing Board and there would only be a 45 day deadline to decide the outcome. It was also noted that any decisions made would need to be robust and with key input from various stakeholders and partners to ensure any decision taken resulted in the best possible outcome for all.

It was reported that if there were proposed closures it would be NHS England who would be in receipt of the application. However if demand was proven the contract could be opened up for others and a request could be made to NHS England to review the gap in services.

A member wanted to state that although she felt that the Pharmacy Needs Assessment was adequate it was still vulnerable and discussions should take place to make it future proof. Discussion took place on the potential increase in online dispensing services and the need to become more innovative in the future to meet the demands of patients and produce cost effective services.

**RESOLVED** that:-

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- (a) the updated Pharmacy Needs Assessment be approved.
- (b) the Director of Public Health be authorised to carry out any minor updates to the Pharmacy Needs Assessment.

### 30. HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD - WORK PROGRAMME

Elizabeth Morgan, Director of Public Health presented the Health and Wellbeing Board Work Programme (a copy of the work programme has been filed with the signed minutes as Appendix C).

Members were advised that there was to be a development session scheduled for the April meeting date to discuss the CQC Local System Review Process.

The following changes were noted to the Work Programme:-

- the Alcohol Clear Self-Assessment progress update report be moved to the June meeting date
- Director of Public Health Annual Report be scheduled for the May meeting date.

**RESOLVED** that the Work Programme be noted.

### 31. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the Agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and
- (b) That the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</b>
10	<p>4 - Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority.</p> <p>The public interest in seeking this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure would adversely affect the Authority's ability to conduct its affairs.</p>

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## 32. REPORT OF CCG CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

### **NHS Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Commissioning Intentions 2018-2020**

The report informed the Health and Wellbeing Board of the CCG's Commissioning Intentions for 2018-20. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix D, coloured pink and marked "not for Publication").

Siobhan Brown, Chief Operating Officer, Northumberland Clinical Commissioning Group presented the report and provided the board with a powerpoint presentation (which has been enclosed with the signed minutes, coloured pink and marked "not for publication"). Members of the board were advised that the commissioning intentions had now been distilled down into specific contract intentions and relevant adjustments in provider contracts for the new financial year.

It was noted that the Northumberland CCG had drafted the commissioning intentions with support from an external consultancy and shared them with providers in January 2018 at the Northumberland System Transformation Board.

Members of the board considered the plans and made a number of comments in respect of the report. The board acknowledged the draft intentions that the CCG hoped to achieve over the coming period to address local health challenges and ensure local people had access to high quality health services.

**RESOLVED** that the CCG's Commissioning Intentions be noted.

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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