

Health and Wellbeing Board

31 January 2023

Community Pharmacy Services



Report of Greg Burke, Chief Officer, Community Pharmacy County Durham (CPCD), and

Emma Morris, Member, Community Pharmacy County Durham (CPCD).

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) of the forthcoming presentation. Two members of CPCD's Executive team will attend the meeting to provide brief details of community pharmacy service provision in Durham

Executive summary

2. The presentation will describe the role community pharmacies play in improving the health and wellbeing of the residents of County Durham.
3. The Health and Wellbeing Board sponsor is Amanda Healy, Director of Public Health, Durham County Council

Recommendation

4. The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to note the content of the presentation at the HWB meeting on 31 January 2023 and provide comment.

Background

5. Following presentation of the pharmaceutical Needs Assessment to the Health and Wellbeing board for agreement in September 2022, it was agreed that the Local Pharmaceutical Committee would be invited to a future meeting to provide an update on the provision in County Durham.
6. Community Pharmacy services contribute to the whole system approach to support people to manage their own health and wellbeing within their own communities, preventing unnecessary attendance at GPs, urgent care and A&E services.
7. There is a network of 124 community pharmacies in County Durham (plus 21 in Darlington) delivering a range of services to their patients in addition to their core role of dispensing medicines.
8. The presentation, will provide a brief overview of those services, a description of how they are delivered and the contribution they make to improving people's health and wellbeing.

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Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

Pharmacies operate under The Terms of the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations.

Finance

Potential financial implications if new pharmacy services are implemented.

Consultation

None

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

Pharmacies routinely make reasonable adjustments for disabled patients.

Climate Change

None

Human Rights

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Staffing

Potential staff implications if new pharmacy services are introduced, or existing services are discontinued

Accommodation

None

Risk

Potential pharmacy closures / consolidations could affect the overall adequate provision of pharmaceutical services in an area.

Procurement

None