Section 8

Conclusion

The Newcastle Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) provides data and information which can help improve and extent service delivery across the city. This information will be used to guide future commissioning decisions.

8.1 Next Steps

Once the consultation period has been completed the PNA will be taken to the Health and Wellbeing Board where the document and the consultation comments will be shared.

In 2015, it is anticipated that Healthy Living Pharmacies (HLPs) will develop across the City. Decisions regarding the whereabouts and type of delivery of the HLPs will be informed by this PNA. Their development will be supported by appropriate training.

Alongside this, additional services will also be provided by pharmacies not classified as Healthy Living Pharmacies in line with the recommendations from the PNA.

It is also anticipated that there will be an increase in utilisation of community pharmacy by the 111 service to support with not only winter resource pressures but to introduce other options for patients who either don't require immediate care or who are more appropriately dealt with by their local community pharmacist in and out of hours.

For a full list of recommendations of this report, please refer to the Executive Summary at the start of this document.

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