

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	<b>Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment</b>
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>15 December 2021</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care</b>

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>	
Not applicable	
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>	
The Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). This briefing defines what is needed to do this and the steps we are taking to ensure this is in place.	
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>	
	(i) To note the report
<b>REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	
1.	To receive a briefing on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which will be undertaken in 2021-22.
<b>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED</b>	
2.	None
<b>DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)</b>	
3.	Access to a pharmacy has an impact on health. Pharmacies are essential for the supply of medications to the population, but also may offer a wide range of other services in the community that promote health, from medication reviews to smoking cessation services. Pharmacies are independent businesses, commissioned by NHS England.
	<b>What is a PNA and what should it contain?</b>
4.	A PNA is a statement of current pharmaceutical services provided in the local area. It also assesses whether or not the pharmaceutical services provision is satisfactory for the local population and identifies any perceived gaps in the provision. Once published the PNA will be used by NHS England to assist in responding to applications for opening of additional pharmacies, relocation of premises and amendments to opening hours or pharmaceutical services.

5.	<p>The content of PNAs is set out in Schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. This states that the PNA must contain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A statement of the pharmaceutical services provided that are necessary to meet needs in the area</li> <li>• A statement of the pharmaceutical services that have been identified by the HWB as needed in the area, but are not provided (i.e. gaps in provision)</li> <li>• A statement of the other services which are provided, which are not needed, but which have secured improvements or better access to the pharmaceutical services in the area</li> <li>• A statement of the services that the HWB has identified as not being provided, but which would, if they were to be provided, secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area</li> <li>• A statement of other NHS services provided by a local authority, the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England), a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or an NHS Trust, which affect the needs for pharmaceutical services</li> <li>• An explanation of how the assessment has been carried out (including how the consultation was carried out); and</li> <li>• A map of providers of pharmaceutical services.</li> </ul> <p>These statements will be underpinned by an analysis of the latest data on needs and demography in the city, which will largely be taken from Southampton's JSNA and data observatory but will be reproduced within the PNA document.</p> <p>The PNA will also be accompanied by an Equality Impact Assessment.</p>
6.	<p>Following publication of a PNA, there is an ongoing obligation that the HWB must assess whether pharmacy consolidations (where one pharmacy is bought out by another, and one site closes or reduces its service) create gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services. There is government guidance published in 2021 outlining this process to support the HWB.</p>
<b>What is the process for preparing a PNA?</b>	
7.	<p>Development of the draft PNA will be guided by a steering group, led by a consultant in public health, which includes representatives from NHS England and the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (now known as Community Pharmacy South Central). The steering group will be joint across Southampton, Portsmouth, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight as all four authorities need to produce a PNA to the same timescale.</p> <p>Engagement with local CCG representatives and with Southampton's Healthwatch will be done outside of the HIOW steering group.</p> <p>A small working group of Public Health officers and analysts will map current pharmacy supply and services against data from the JSNA (included within the Southampton Data Observatory) and use this information to draft the PNA document.</p>
8.	<p>There is also a duty (NHS (Pharmaceutical and LPS) Regulations 2013 No 349: Part 2: Reg 8) to have a 60-day consultation during the process, ideally on a draft document. This consultation must include pharmacies, dispensing</p>

	pharmacies, Healthwatch, NHS trusts, NHSE, Neighbouring HWBs, the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, and the Local Medical Committee.
9.	<p>Previous experience suggests 9-12 months is needed for the entire process. The Department of Health and Social Care have stated there is a requirement to have a refreshed document published by 1st October 2022.</p> <p>We will be sharing resources and knowledge across Southampton, Portsmouth, Hampshire and IOW to benefit from economies of scale.</p>
	<b>Will this be straightforward?</b>
10.	We are hoping the refresh process for the PNA will be relatively straightforward. However, as this contains a 60-day consultation and the associated structures, there is little flexibility on timelines. This structure provides clear guidance on the project and its requirements. Additionally, there are a number of developments within pharmaceutical services that may have an impact on future pharmacy provision.
	<b>Proposed timetable</b>
11.	<p><b>2021</b></p> <p>November: Development of contractor questionnaire. Existing data (Observatory, Census, Housing etc.) gathering begins. First steering group meeting. Equalities Impact Assessment begins. Contractor questionnaire distributed.</p> <p>December: Existing data gathering ends, write up begins. Collation of contractor questionnaire results. HWB briefed on process</p> <p><b>2022</b></p> <p>January: Equalities Impact Assessment ends. Draft PNA document written.</p> <p>February: Steering groups meets to approve draft. PNA ready to be taken to HWB.</p> <p>March: HWB approves draft PNA.</p> <p>April 1st: 60-day consultation on draft begins (finishing 31st May)</p> <p>June: Draft PNA taken to local groups for comments.</p> <p>July: Steering Group meet to approve responses, PNA redrafted.</p> <p>August: Statement added to PNA responding to consultation</p> <p>September: HWB approves completed PNA.</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Capital/Revenue</u></b>	
12.	None
<b><u>Property/Other</u></b>	
13.	None
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	
<b><u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u></b>	
14.	There is a legal duty to undertake this work as part of the NHS (Pharmaceutical & LPS) Regulations 2013, which result from the amended Health Act 2009.

<b><u>Other Legal Implications:</u></b>	
15.	None
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS</b>	
16.	None
<b>POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS</b>	
17.	None

<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:</b>	All
<b><u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u></b>	
<b>Appendices</b>	
	None

**Documents In Members' Rooms**

	None
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	
<b>Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b>	
<b>Other Background documents available for inspection at: N/A</b>	
<b>Title of Background Paper(s)</b>	<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
	None