

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

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Papers with report	Appendix 1 – Demographic profile Appendix 2 – Epidemiological analysis

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	<p>From 1 April 2013, the statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area transferred to Health and Wellbeing Boards from Primary Care Trusts. This statement is known as the 'Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment' (PNA). The PNA assists in the commissioning of pharmaceutical services to meet local priorities. NHS England also use the PNA when making decisions on applications to open new pharmacies. A revised PNA should be published by 1 October 2022.</p> <p>This paper presents an update on progress to the Health and Wellbeing Board.</p>
Contribution to plans and strategies	The PNA sets analysis of provision of pharmacy services within Hillingdon and contributes to the Hillingdon Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWBS).
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial costs arising from this report.
Ward(s) affected	All

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. notes the additional work completed on the PNA since the last update which should ensure the 2022 PNA is completed and published by the 1 October 2022 deadline.
2. gives delegated authority to Director of Public Health, Head of Health Integration and Head of Business Performance to sign off of consultation documents (June) and consultation responses (September) in consultation with the Co-Chairmen.

Key Updates since last Board

- 1 – Demographic analysis (Appendix 1) - approximately 85% complete and includes:
- an overview of the current borough population

- a five-year population projection and components of change overview
- general demographics at borough and ward level (including the new ward structures where available)
- indices of deprivation overview
- economic activity overview including benefit data
- overview of birth and low birth weight data
- overview of certain patient groups (i.e., university student population)

2 – Epidemiological analysis (Appendix 2) - approximately 85% complete and includes an overview of:

- life expectancy
- mortality
- disease prevalence at ward level
- communicable diseases
- risk taking behaviours

3 – A survey of pharmacy contractors is ongoing, with a deadline for completion of 28 February; the response rate is currently 45% (29 responses) so it is likely that the deadline will be extended to ensure 100% compliance from borough pharmacies. Work to follow up and chase responses is planned for early March.

4 – A patient survey is live on the Council website; this will be promoted on social media. Responses will be mapped alongside prescription dispensing flow data (via the Strategic Health Asset Planning & Evaluation tool (SHAPE)).

3. NEXT STEPS

Throughout March, we will continue to engage with Borough pharmacies to get 100% survey completion; the responses will be analysed for Appendices 3 and 4.

The patient survey will be promoted, and we will overlay responses with SHAPE prescription data.

We will continue to map services across the Borough and 3 localities and the new Primary Care Networks (PCNs).

We will start engagement with partners (specifically the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, Hillingdon CCG and CNWL NHS Foundation Trust), ensuring the PNA reflects the new current structures of the NHS and partnership working.

We will also finalise the overall PNA report for sign off and plan for the statutory 60-day consultation for June / July.

A further update on progress will be provided to the Board at the June meeting.