

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

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Papers with report	Appendix A – Hillingdon PNA 2022 Appendix 1 – Demography Appendix 2 – Epidemiology Appendix 3 – Community Pharmacy Provision

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. RECOMMENDATION

That the Board notes:

- 1- that work on the 2022 PNA is on track for publication by 1 October 2022.
- 2- That a 100% response rate was achieved on the survey of pharmacy contractors and 95 responses were received for the patient survey (analysis of both of these surveys form Appendix 3).

3. INFORMATION

The PNA consists of 4 documents, all attached with this report:

1. Main Report (Appendix A) – this report provides an overview of the PNA process; based on the analysis in Appendices 1-3, it concludes:
 - i. The number of current providers of pharmaceutical services, the location where the services are provided, and the range of hours of availability combined meet the need for the provision of the necessary essential services of the community pharmacy contractual framework.
 - ii. The number of pharmacies is sufficient for the current population and population growth over the next 3-5 years.
 - iii. There is sufficient choice of both pharmacy provider and pharmacy services available to residents and visiting population of all localities of Hillingdon, including the days on which and times at which, these services are provided. There is sufficient choice of pharmacy outside the boundary of Hillingdon.
 - iv. Many of Hillingdon’s pharmacies have indicated they would be willing to provide other services if commissioned, which would secure improvement or better access to pharmaceutical services over the lifetime of the PNA.
 - v. There are opportunities for improvement or better access to current services and any new pharmaceutical services in a community pharmacy by:
 - a. promoting services available to the public, including the times and days that they are available
 - b. maximising opportunities for health improvement and intervention in pharmacies.
2. Demographic analysis (Appendix 1) – this section contains an overview of the current demographics of the borough, and projections to 2027. An overview of the new ward structures of Hillingdon is included, though it should be noted that current demographic data is still only available in the 2021 structure so will not reflect the boundaries of the borough at time of publication.
3. Epidemiological analysis (Appendix 2) – this section provides an overview of health conditions and diseases within the resident population, as well as life expectancy and mortality
4. Pharmacy Services (Appendix 3) – this section of the report contains the responses to the pharmacy contractor survey and patient survey, as well as an overview of the essential, advanced and enhanced pharmacy services provided within Hillingdon

4. NEXT STEPS

Once the PNA has been signed off, a statutory 60-day consultation will be undertaken and hosted on the council website, spanning late June to late August. Business Performance will work with the Communications Team and the Engagement team internally to publicise the consultation. Externally partners such as Healthwatch will also be engaged.

Next Health and Wellbeing Board update – 13 September 2022 meeting, prior to publication on 1 October 2022.