

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

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Papers with report	Draft PNA

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).</p> <p>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 2025.</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

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that:

- 1- work on the 2025 PNA is on track for publication by 1 October 2025.
- 2- the Draft PNA was signed off for consultation in early June 2025 (a 60-day consultation was hosted on the Council website between 20 June and 19 August 2025).
- 3- two pieces of feedback were received during the consultation period (one piece from a member of the public and one piece from a Boots branch), alongside feedback from:
 - a. the Borough Lead Inequalities Pharmacist;
 - b. the London Region Pharmaceutical Services Regulations Committee; and
 - c. the Harmondsworth & Sipson Residents Association (following June's Older People's Assembly).

- 4- feedback is currently being reviewed and integrated accordingly into the draft PNA; this includes:
 - changes to opening hours and trading names
 - more detail on future housing developments within the localities
 - further details on current and future provision, and any gaps
 - the need to reiterate that many pharmacies who responded to the survey said they are willing to provide services if commissioned
- 5- the verbal update on changes tabled at this meeting.
- 6- the Board is asked to provide delegated responsibility to the Public Health and Business Intelligence teams to make the amendments and sign off the document for publication by 1 October 2025.

3. NEXT STEPS

The Board is asked to agree that the PNA be published by 1 October 2025 and agree to delegate further amendments of the PNA prior to publication to the Public Health team and Business Intelligence team.