

Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Board

Meeting to be held on 10 May 2022

Corporate Priorities:

Delivering better services;
Caring for the vulnerable;

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

(Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report provides an overview of the purpose of the Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 together with an update on the current development of the PNA prior to a formal public consultation taking place later this summer.

Recommendation/s

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

- i) Endorse the continued development of the Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022.
- ii) Note the proposed public consultation that is due to take place during July/August.
- iii) Receive the final version of the PNA once completed in early Autumn 2022.

Background

The three health and wellbeing boards (HWBBs) across pan-Lancashire have a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area. This is referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and describes the needs of the citizens of the pan-Lancashire area for pharmacy services and includes information on:

- Pharmacies across pan-Lancashire and the services they currently provide.
- Maps of providers of pharmaceutical services across the pan-Lancashire area.
- Pharmaceutical contractors in neighbouring health and wellbeing board areas.
- Potential gaps in provision and likely future needs for the population of pan Lancashire.
- Opportunities for existing pharmacies to providing local public health services and join the healthy living pharmacy scheme.

Decisions on whether to open new pharmacies are made by our local NHS England team and when making the decision NHS England is required to refer to the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). As these decisions may be appealed or challenged via the courts, it is therefore important that pharmaceutical needs assessments (PNAs), both in their content and in the process of their construction, comply with regulations and that

mechanisms are established to keep the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) up to date.

In accordance with these regulations, the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) must be updated every three years and the 2022 version is currently being prepared for publication later this year.

A sixty-day public consultation with a wide range of stakeholders, primarily notified via our pre-existing email distribution lists, is due to take place during July/August this year. This will be supplemented by a communications and engagement plan including social media approaches and working in conjunction with the three Healthwatch organisations operating on a Pan-Lancashire basis. Following consideration of the feedback received and any relevant amendments to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) report, the three Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBBs) across pan-Lancashire will then receive the final version of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for sign-off in early Autumn 2022.

List of Background Papers

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (Appendix 'A') - Information pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards (Published October 2021)