

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

30 MARCH 2022

**REPORT OF THE
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
HEALTH**

PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) 2022 UPDATE

SUMMARY

This report serves to notify the HWB that the statutory review of the 2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is on-going and a draft document has been produced for consultation. Regulation 8 requires the Health and Wellbeing Board to consult a specified range of organisations on the draft of the pharmaceutical needs assessment. They must be given a minimum of 60 days to submit their response, beginning on the day by which they are 'served with a draft'. The updated PNA is due to be published by 1st October 2022.

In the interim, the HWB is required to keep the PNA up to date by maintaining the map of pharmaceutical services, assessing any on-going changes which might impact pharmaceutical need or require publication of a Supplementary Statement.

Since the Board was last updated in July 2021 two Pharmacies in Stockton-on-Tees have consolidated into one premises therefore reducing the number of pharmacies in the area by one. The Director of Public Health has prepared a Supplementary Statement and an updated map of pharmaceutical services on behalf of the HWB this will be published on the Health and Wellbeing Board website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To consider the draft PNA 2022 and to approve the document for statutory consultation with specified organisations.
2. To approve the planned 60-day consultation due to be undertaken April / May 2022
3. To note that following the consultation a final draft PNA 2022 will be brought to the HWB for approval (July or September 2022).
4. To note the supplementary statement and updated maps which will be published on the Stockton-on-Tees HWB website in relation to the current PNA (2018)

DETAIL

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) published its first Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) on 25 March 2015, in accordance with the statutory duty to do so by 1st April 2015. The document was subsequently reviewed and a new version published 1st April 2018.

2. The legislation that describes the HWB's duties in this regard is the **National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013ⁱ** (as amended). As well as describing what each PNA was required to consider when they were first developed and published, these 2013 Regulations also describe how each local Assessment must be maintained by the HWB.
3. In accordance with this, you will be aware that a full revised assessment of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was due to be renewed and published by Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board by 1st April 2021. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic this was deferred, and the regulations updated to require an updated PNA to be published by 1st October 2022.
4. The regulations identify that the following organisations must be consulted; the local pharmaceutical committee, the local medical committee, pharmacy and appliance contractors included in the pharmaceutical list for the HWB area, dispensing doctors in HWB area, Healthwatch, NHS trusts or NHS foundation trusts in HWB area, NHS England and NHS improvement and neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards.
5. Consultation questions have been agreed by the SBC PNA Review Steering Group.
6. The 2013 regulations require a report of the consultation to be included in the final version of the pharmaceutical needs assessment.
7. In the interim, the HWB is required to keep the PNA up to date by maintaining the map of pharmaceutical services (**attached**), assessing any on-going changes which might impact pharmaceutical need or require publication of a Supplementary Statement. When changes take place, Supplementary Statements can provide updates to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, but only in relation to changes in the availability of pharmaceutical services, they cannot be used to provide updates on pharmaceutical need. This can only be achieved through a review of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment itself.
8. There has been a change in availability of pharmaceutical services due to the consolidation of two pharmacies (Rowlands Tennant Street and Rowlands Endurance House (closed premises)) and a Supplementary Statement has been prepared. (**attached**)

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9. No direct financial implications

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The NHS Act (the "2006" Act), amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out the requirements for HWBs to develop and update PNAs and gives the Department of Health (DH) powers to make Regulations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

11. See legal implications above.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

12. The aim of the PNA is to assess the pharmaceutical services required to meet the needs of the local population, taking account of demographic change and the current and future health needs in Stockton-on-Tees.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

13. The PNA will be reviewed with due consideration of the Stockton-on-Tees Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Council Plan.

CONSULTATION, INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

14. The review of the PNA includes a formal consultation requirement which is defined in the regulations. All relevant local stakeholders will be consulted as part of this process.

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ⁱ Available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349> and hereafter referred to as the Regulations