

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

29TH JANUARY 2025

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Update

SUMMARY

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 and published subsequent updates in 2018 and 2022.

The legislation that describes the HWB's duties in this regard is the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013¹ (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.

In accordance with this, a full revised assessment of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is due to be published by 1st October 2025 (HWB notified 27th March 2024 meeting). To support this a PNA Steering Group has been established.

The PNA Steering group has needed to review the localities used within the PNA and is proposing the use of four localities to describe pharmaceutical needs in Stockton-on-Tees PNA 2025.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note and approve the revised localities that will be used to develop the PNA 2025.
2. To note that a draft PNA 2025 will be brought to March 2025 HWB for approval ahead of its statutory 60-day consultation with required stakeholders.
3. To note the residents survey.

DETAIL

1. The regulations require the Health and Wellbeing Board to divide its area up into localities. There is no right or wrong way of doing this, but it is suggested that the steering group uses existing boundaries when defining localities e.g. wards to create localities.
2. In the last PNA 2022 the following localities were used

S1: Stockton-on-Tees North	S2: Stockton-on-Tees South
Northern Parishes	Eaglescliffe
Western Parishes	Fairfield
Stockton Town Centre	Hartburn
Billingham Central	Ingleby Barwick East
Billingham East	Ingleby Barwick West
Billingham North	Yarm
Billingham South	Village
Billingham West	Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree
Norton North	Grangefield
Norton South	Mandale and Victoria
Norton West	Parkfield and Oxbridge
Hardwick and Salters Lane	Stainsby Hill
Newtown	
Roseworth	

3. Since the last PNA there has been a boundary review; 23 ward boundaries changes, and an additional ward has been created. Therefore, for the PNA 2025 there was a need to review our localities.
4. Stockton-on-Tees PNA Review Steering group considered several options in related to localities for the PNA 2025 and propose using 4 localities. Factors that influenced this included that; the 2 localities used in 2022 may mask variation of pharmaceutical needs in some parts of Stockton-on-Tees (particularly Thornaby and Billingham), pharmacy closures* that have occurred since PNA 2022, variation in deprivation, local knowledge of steering group and to avoid the document being too complex and lengthy.

*There have been several changes since the last PNA was published.

- Three pharmacies closed in Stockton-on-Tees – from 39 to 36 (Rowlands Billingham, Boots Thornaby and Sainsburys (Elm Tree))
- Application approved on appeal by NHS Resolution to reopen a pharmacy in Elm Tree, the applicant has 12 months to open from date of approval, not opened yet and has until 4th September 2025 to open.

5. Proposed Localities for PNA 2025

S1: Stockton-on-Tees North	S2: Stockton-on-Tees South	S3: Billingham	S4: Thornaby
Northern Parishes	Eaglescliffe East	Billingham Central	Stainsby Hill
Ropner	Eaglescliffe West	Billingham East	Mandale and Victoria
Stockton Town Centre	Yarm	Billingham North	Village
Norton North	Ingleby Barwick North	Billingham South	
Norton South	Ingleby Barwick South	Billingham West & Wolviston	
Norton Central	Southern Villages		
Hardwick and Salters Lane			
Newtown			
Roseworth			
Fairfield			
Hartburn			
Bishopsgarth and Elm Tree			
Grangefield			

6. The residents survey and pharmacy contractors survey are currently underway to help inform the PNA 2025. To complete the residents survey please visit

: <https://www.stockton.gov.uk/current-consultations>

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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 and Social Care (DHSC) powers to make Regulations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

See legal implications above.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

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

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

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