
West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Report being considered by: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Item for: Decision



1. Purpose of the Report

The West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is presented to the Board for approval. This is a statutory requirement every three years and was deferred to this year due to Covid-19.

2. Recommendation(s)

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to approve the statement of need for pharmaceutical services for the West Berkshire population to cover the period from 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2025.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 Following conclusion of the stakeholder consultation, the attached final statement of need for pharmaceutical services.
- 3.2 The report highlights that the 21 existing pharmacies in West Berkshire and 11 pharmacies within a mile of the bordering areas provide adequate community pharmacy services for the needs of West Berkshire population

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 Each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of needs for pharmaceutical services for their population. This is called the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The purpose of the PNA is to:
 - (1) Inform local plans for the commissioning of specific and specialised pharmaceutical services
 - (2) Support the decision-making process for applications for new pharmacies or changes of pharmacy premises undertaken by NHS England services which may impact the need for pharmacy services.
- 4.2 Highlighted issues include:
 - (1) That given the rurality of the district, those living in rural areas who also lack access to private transport will have issues when it comes to accessing to health and social care.

- (2) In addition, some of these are likely to be older residents who will have high health needs.

5. Options Considered

- (1) The Health and Wellbeing Board could approve the PNA as presented. This is the preferred option.
- (2) Alternatively, the Health and Wellbeing Board could choose not to approve the PNA and request further changes. This is not the preferred option, since it would incur delay and the Board would fail to comply with the statutory requirement to adopt an updated PNA by 1 October 2022.

6. Proposal(s)

The proposal is to approve the PNA as presented, which would ensure that the Board discharges its statutory requirements within the required timescale.

7. Conclusion(s)

- 7.1 This PNA has concluded that there is good access to essential, advanced and other NHS pharmaceutical services for the residents of West Berkshire, with no gaps in the current and future provision of these services identified.
- 7.2 No services were identified that would secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services if provided, either now or in the future.

8. Consultation and Engagement

- 8.1 A patient and public engagement survey was carried out in February 2022. Of the 256 people who responded, most were happy with the services provide and chose their pharmacy based on location and parking. This was similarly expressed across the responders with protected characteristics
- 8.2 Statutory stakeholders consulted on the draft PNA included:
 - (1) Local pharmaceutical committee
 - (2) Local medical committee
 - (3) Pharmacy and dispensing appliance contractors included in the pharmaceutical list for the area of the health and wellbeing board
 - (4) Dispensing doctors included in the dispensing doctor list for the area of the health and wellbeing board, if any
 - (5) Pharmacy contractors that hold a local pharmaceutical services contract with premises that are in the health and wellbeing board's area
 - (6) Healthwatch, and other local patient, consumer, community groups
 - (7) Local NHS trusts/NHS foundation trusts
 - (8) NHS England and NHS Improvement, and neighbouring health and wellbeing boards

9. Appendices

Appendix A: West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022 – 2025)

Background Papers:

None

Health and Wellbeing Priorities Supported:

The proposals will support the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities:

- ☒ Reduce the differences in health between different groups of people
- ☒ Support individuals at high risk of bad health outcomes to live healthy lives
- ☒ Help families and young children in early years
- ☐ Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all children and young people
- ☐ Promote good mental health and wellbeing for all adults

The proposals contained in this report will support the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities by ensuring the pharmacy services needs of the West Berkshire population has been considered based on current needs and expected future needs from the service. Population health and accessibility to services.

Appendix A