
Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation

Report being considered by: Health and Wellbeing Board

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Item for: Decision



1. Purpose of the Report

To highlight the current consultation on the Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and agree how the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board should respond.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that Members of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board should consider the consultation on the Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and make individual representations where they feel there is an issue that they wish to raise. A collective, formal response is not considered necessary, since NHS England will make a comprehensive response, drawing on their knowledge of cross-boundary needs.

3. Executive Summary

- 3.1 All Health and Wellbeing Boards have a statutory obligation to develop, consult upon and update a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA) for their areas.
- 3.2 The PNA looks at existing provision of community pharmacy services within the local area, assesses how this meets the current and future needs of the population, and identifies any gaps in current or future provision.
- 3.3 Hampshire's Health and Wellbeing Board is currently consulting on its draft PNA. The consultation will run until 5 June 2022.
- 3.4 Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards are classed as statutory consultees and so West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board has been invited to comment on the Hampshire PNA. Feedback will be used to inform further development of the PNA, with the final version due to be published in October 2022.

4. Supporting Information

Background

- 4.1 Since April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a pharmaceutical needs assessment (PNA).

- 4.2 Its aim is to understand if pharmacy services are currently offered in the right places in order to meet the needs of the local communities they serve, and if they will continue to do so in the future, taking account of changes in population and need. Any gaps in current or future provision of pharmaceutical services are then identified and recommendations made as to how any gaps should be filled.
- 4.3 PNAs are used by NHS England to make decisions on which NHS-funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. They may also be used by bodies involved in commissioning local health services to identify gaps in relation to local priorities.
- 4.4 PNAs are generally updated every three years, but in March 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) announced that due to ongoing COVID-19 pressures across all sectors, the requirement to publish renewed PNAs would be suspended until October 2022. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 have since been updated to reflect this change.
- 4.5 Each Health and Wellbeing Board is required to consult a specified range of organisations on a draft of the PNA at least once during the process of drafting the document. These statutory consultees include the Health and Wellbeing Boards for neighbouring areas. Consultations are also open to members of the public.
- 4.6 Hampshire's Health and Wellbeing Board is currently consulting on its draft PNA. The consultation opened on 4 April 2022 and will run until 11.59pm on 5 June 2022. Further details can be found on Hampshire County Council's website:
- <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-2022>
- 4.7 Locally, a PNA Steering Group has been set up to coordinate the six Berkshire PNAs. The Steering Group has advised that for consultations on PNAs produced by Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards, the NHS England response would be sufficient. Also, this would be more robust than anything that could be produced locally, since they would have better knowledge of the areas beyond our boundaries and would have the capacity to explore cross-boundary issues.
- 4.8 The PNA Steering Group has proposed that all members of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board be made aware of the consultation and be invited to respond individually should they have any particular issues that they wish to raise, since some of the members may have an interest / knowledge that will enable them to do so. An email was sent to all Health and Wellbeing Board members on 13 April to make them aware of the consultation.

5. Options Considered

- 5.1 The options are:
- (1) For members of the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board to consider the draft PNA and make individual representations where they feel there is an issue that they wish to raise. This is the recommended option.
 - (2) In addition to Option (1), for the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board to make a formal, collective response to the draft PNA. However, the Public

Health Team does not currently have the available resources or sufficient knowledge of cross-boundary issues relating to pharmaceutical services, so this option is not recommended.

6. Conclusion

Officers see no need for the West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing Board to make a formal, collective response to the draft Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the Public Health Team does not currently have the capacity to support this. The Berkshire PCN Steering Group is satisfied that NHS England will provide an effective response that fully considers any cross-boundary matters.

7. Consultation and Engagement

The following have been consulted on this report:

- Rebecca Willans (Berkshire PNA Steering Group)
- Health and Wellbeing Board Steering Group

8. Appendices

None

Background Papers:

- [Hampshire's draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#)
- [Needs Appendix](#)
- [Locality Appendix](#)
- [Response Form](#)

Health and Wellbeing Priorities Supported:

The proposals will help achieve the following Health and Wellbeing Strategy aim(s):

- 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 help to achieve the above Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority / priorities by ensuring that pharmaceutical services meet the needs of local communities.
