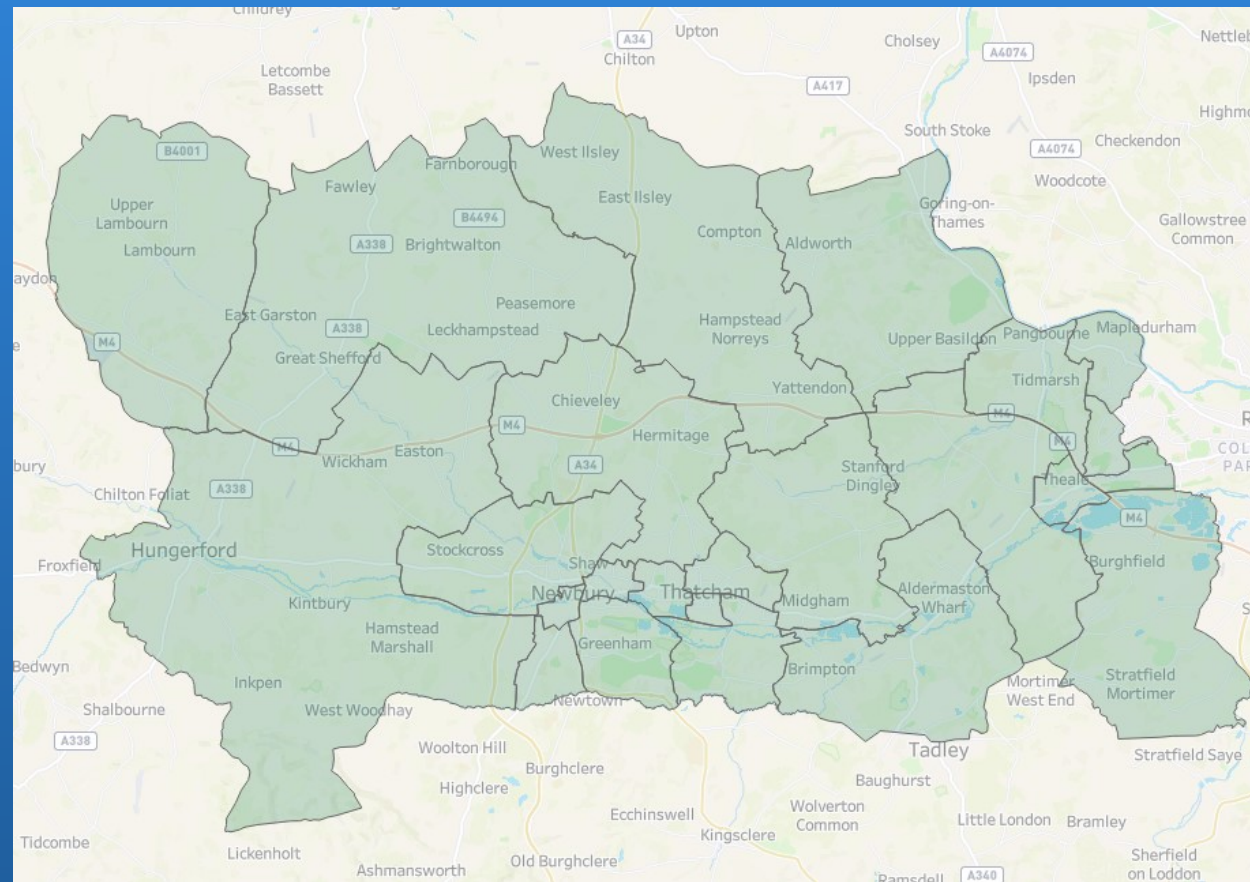


Production of the West Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025

HWB Board Update
21st July 2022



What is the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment?

Each Health and Wellbeing Board 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) (NHS Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013).

The purpose of the PNA is to:

- inform local plans for the commissioning of specific and specialised pharmaceutical services
- to support the decision-making process for applications for new pharmacies or changes of pharmacy premises undertaken by NHS England

The PNA assesses whether the current provision of pharmacies and the commissioned services they provide meet the needs of the West Berkshire residents and whether there are any gaps between 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2025.

Process of the PNA

The PNA includes the collation of information from a range of sources including:

- Nationally and locally commissioned services data
- Views from service users and the general public
- Pharmacy contractor survey
- National and local datasets
- Relevant national, regional and local strategies and policies

The governance of the production of this PNA was managed by the PNA steering group and the Berkshire East Public Health Hub.

The steering group membership consisted of representation from:

- Public Health Berkshire
- Local Pharmaceutical Committee Pharmacy Thames Valley
- Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB), Integrated Care System
- NHS England Pharmacy Team
- Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire LMCs
- Healthwatch
- Patient representative

Public Engagement

Over the period from 13th January 2022 until 4th March 2022 we engaged with 256 residents across West Berkshire. Using a **public survey**, we captured views and experiences on:

- Frequency and reason for use of pharmacy
- Accessibility of pharmacies
- Reasons for pharmacy use
- Protected characteristics (for equality impact assessment)

Using a **contractor survey**, we captured:

- Commissioned services they deliver
- Commissioned services they would like to deliver

Public and contractor engagement

256 respondents:

- 3% Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Communities (1% preferred not to say)
- 48% over 65 years old
- 34% working full or part-time
- 20% have a disability

Overall, people are happy with the services they received and most chose their pharmacy based on location.

Most (98%) of respondents take 20 minutes or less to reach their pharmacy, 2% of respondents take 20-60 minutes.

Contractor engagement

- 19/21 community pharmacies responded (90%).

Survey dissemination:
Berkshire Public Health webpage
West Berkshire Council Website
Council Newsletter
Next Door
West Berkshire Health and Wellbeing
Community Panel
Healthwatch
Family Hubs
Adult Care Community Panel
Caring for Children Community Panel
Community United
Newbury College

Public Consultation

The PNA is currently out for the 60-day consultation (10th June to 9st August 2022)

The consultation is published here: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/article/39410/Pharmaceutical-Needs-Assessment>

The following statutory consultees have been invited to participate:

- Thames Valley Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Berks, Bucks & Oxon Local Medical Committee
- Pharmacy and dispensing appliance contractors included in the pharmaceutical list for the area of the health and wellbeing board
- Dispensing doctors included in the dispensing doctor list for the area of the health and wellbeing board
- Pharmacy contractors that hold a local pharmaceutical services contract with premises that are in the health and wellbeing board's area
- Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust
- Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust
- South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
- Neighbouring health and wellbeing boards

What's happening next

60-consultation closes

- 9st August 2022

Finalised PNA draft for steering group

- 21st September 2022

Final presentation to HWB

- 29th September 2022