

	<h2>Health & Wellbeing Board</h2> <h3>29th September 2022</h3>
Title	2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
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Wards	All
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Enclosures	Appendix A – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
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Summary

The publication of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory responsibility of all Health & Wellbeing Board's (HWBB). The HWBB has a responsibility to publish a new PNA every 3 years and in between updates revise the statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services if there are significant changes for the population in its area. As a result of the pandemic the deadline for publishing an updated PNA was extended to 1st October 2022.

The 5 Boroughs within North Central London ICB footprint jointly commissioned Soar Beyond to produce individual PNAs for each of the 5 Boroughs. The Barnet draft PNA was out for consultation between 13th June and 12th August and was on the agenda of the July 2022 Health and Wellbeing Board for information. The final Barnet PNA has now been completed. The document now includes information on the consultation process, responses and changes made as a result of the consultation.

The PNA reviews the need for a range of pharmaceutical services, which are described in the first section of the report. The PNA Steering Group found no gaps in service for essential pharmaceutical services. For both advanced and locally commissioned services, the Steering Group identified that the Health and Wellbeing Board would like to see improved coverage by more of the existing network of community pharmacies signing up to services supported by commissioners and providers to secure improvements or better access. See the full report for definitions of services and the basis for the conclusions reached.

The Board is therefore asked to approve the PNA. Once approval is given, the PNA will be published to meet the deadline of publication by 1st October 2022.

Officers Recommendations

- 1. That the Board approve the Barnet 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for publication.**

1. Why this report is needed

- 1.1 The publication of a PNA is one of the statutory duties of the HWBB. Members of the Board need to approve the final report prior to the publication deadline of 1st October.
- 1.2 At the July 2022 HWBB meeting, the power to approve the final report was delegated to the Chair and the Chief Officer. However, the timing of the September Health and Wellbeing Board meeting allows for the full Board to review the report and still publish the final report by the deadline. The report is therefore being taken to the full HWBB for approval.

2. Reasons for recommendations

- 2.1 It is a statutory obligation of the Health and Wellbeing Board to produce and approve a PNA by the deadline of 1st October 2022.

3. Alternative options considered and not recommended

- 3.1 None

4. Post decision implementation

- 4.1 Once the report is approved, the final PNA will be published on the Barnet website.

5. Implications of decision

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Approval and publication of the PNA means that the HWBB meets its statutory responsibilities to published a PNA every three years.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 Not applicable

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 (NHS Act 2006) requires each health and wellbeing board to assess the need for pharmaceutical services in its area and to publish a statement of its assessment. Termed a 'pharmaceutical needs

assessment', the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, as amended (the 2013 regulations) set out the minimum information that must be contained within a pharmaceutical needs assessment and outline the process that must be followed in its development.

5.3.2 At the end of 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 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) was suspended until October 2022 – an extra six months. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 were updated to reflect this.

5.3.3 Section 7 of the Council constitution identifies the responsibility of the HWBB is to jointly assess the health and social care needs of the population with NHS commissioners, and use the findings of a Barnet Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) to inform all relevant local strategies and policies across partnership. The JSNA informed the PNA and the PNA will inform future iterations of the JSNA.

5.4 Insight

5.4.1 The Insight & Intelligence Team in collaboration with the Public Health Intelligence Teams in the other Boroughs of the NCL Footprint provided data to support the development of the needs assessment section.

5.5 Social Value

5.5.1 Social Value was considered in the tender process. Social Value is an integral part of a PNA to ensure that communities are able to access Pharmacies at times and locations which are convenient for the local population of an area.

5.6 Risk Management

Not applicable

5.7 Equalities and Diversity

5.7.1 The PNA has been developed considering equality and diversity.

5.8 Corporate Parenting

5.8.1 Not applicable.

5.9 Consultation and Engagement

5.9.1 The consultation and engagement team have supported the development of the public consultation process, including ensure the document and consultation meets accessibility standards. They have also been involved in the review of early drafts of the document.

5.9.2 The Barnet draft PNA was out for consultation between 13th June and 12th August. The final PNA includes information on the process of consultation, the responses received and any and all amendments made to the draft PNA as a result of the consultation process.

5.10 Environmental Impact

5.10.1 There are no direct environmental implications from agreeing the recommendation.

6. Background papers

- 6.1 The public consultation document was published on the 13th June 2022 on the Engage Barnet web portal (<https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/consultation-on-barnet-council-s-pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-2022>).
- 6.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board Minutes on the 14th July 2022 delegating authority to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board and Director of Public Health & Prevention. <https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=11091&Ver=4>
- 6.3 The final PNA is an appendix to this paper.