

REPORT TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WB) of its statutory duty to publish an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA); and to update the H&WB on the plans to complete the Barnsley PNA and agree the suggested approval process for H&WB members to sign off the final PNA.

2. Recommendations

2.1 H&WB members are asked to: -

- Note the requirement to approve a PNA before the end of October 2022 (replacing 31st March 2021).
- Note the process for carrying out the Barnsley PNA set out in this paper.
- Agree the proposed sign of process for approval of the final draft and final version of the PNA 2022.

3. Delivering the [Health & Wellbeing Strategy](#)

3.1 The PNA is a statutory responsibility of the H&WB. It contributes to all three of the H&WB ambitions for Barnsley, Starting Well, Living Well and Ageing Well.

3.2 It particularly contributes to the Living Well ambition since the PNA will ensure that everyone in Barnsley can access the pharmaceutical resources they need to live a healthy life. This can include both physical and mental health since Pharmacies offer a range of wellbeing services.

4. Reducing Health Inequalities

4.1 The PNA will ensure we have local community pharmacies which meet the needs of the Barnsley population. Community Pharmacy teams are often well established within local communities and have a good understanding of their needs and challenges.

4.2 The PNA aims to:

- Identify gaps in provision or accessibility, including by area or population group
- Provide area profiles with insights into the health burden in different areas of Barnsley.

5. Introduction/ Background

5.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility to develop and update PNA's from Primary Care Trusts to H&WB with effect from 1 April 2013. At the same time responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list transferred from Primary Care Trusts to NHS England and NHS Improvement.

5.2 Barnsley H&WB published their [current PNA](#) on 1 April 2018, which was due to be reviewed and updated by 1 April 2021. Due to ongoing pressures across all sectors in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the requirement to publish renewed PNAs has been suspended by the Department of Health and Social Care and a revised publication of 1 October 2022 has been set.

5.3 Requirements for PNAs are set out in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These cover the minimum information to be included, the matters which must be considered and the process to be followed. This process includes formal consultation with specific stakeholders for a minimum of 60 days.

5.4 The PNA is a key commissioning tool to ensure that local areas have high quality pharmaceutical services that meet local needs. The PNA sets out the community pharmaceutical services that are currently provided and gives recommendations to address any identified gaps, taking into account future needs.

5.5 The PNA supports the commissioning intentions for pharmaceutical services and other services that could be delivered by community pharmacies and other providers. It will inform commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and Clinical Commissioning Groups. The PNA is also a key document used in decisions around applications to open new and close pharmacy premises.

6. Summary of the approach

6.1 A local steering group has been established to advise and support the preparation of a comprehensive PNA, building on expertise from Barnsley partners from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, Local Medical Committee, Clinical Commissioning Group, Healthwatch, NHS England and Barnsley Council.

6.2 An outline timetable for completion of this work has been developed and agreed by the project group. The new PNA should be published and available on the BMBC website on 1st October 2022.

6.3 A 'final draft' of the PNA will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board taking place on the 4th of August 2022.

6.4 If there are any changes required to the final draft, an electronic sign off from the Board would be required after the August Health and Wellbeing Board meeting.

7. Conclusion/ Next Steps

7.1 The PNA Steering Group will meet at critical points in the delivery of the 2022 PNA to approve actions to date and escalate any issues.

7.2 A 'final draft' version of the PNA will be presented at Health and Wellbeing Board on the 4th of August 2022.

8. Financial Implications

8.1 No financial implications identified at this time.

9 Consultation with stakeholders

9.1 The PNA is subject to a 60-day statutory consultation period which will take place during May and June 2022. Regulation 8 of the Pharmaceutical Services Regulations specifies that the Health and Wellbeing Board must consult with the following: -

- the Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- the Local Medical Committee
- any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area
- any Local Pharmacy Services (LPS) chemist in its area with whom NHS England has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services
- Healthwatch, and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area which in the view of the Health and Wellbeing Board has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area;
- any NHS Trust or NHS Foundation Trust in its area
- NHS England
- any neighbouring HWB.

9.2 Those being consulted will be directed to a draft PNA published on the Barnsley Council website.

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