

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD  
7 JULY 2022**

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**PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT REVIEW UPDATE**

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**SUMMARY REPORT**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board of the progress and latest draft of Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) before the period of statutory consultation commences.

**Summary**

2. The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has the responsibility for the development and updating of the PNAs. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for 2022 is required to be published by 30 September 2022.
3. The Health and Wellbeing Board approved the plan and proposed timelines for the statutory review of the PNA and requested a review of the draft before it goes out to the statutory public consultation.
4. The final document that will be updated to reflect the comments received from the consultees and will require review and sign off by the Health and Wellbeing Board prior to publication.
5. The latest draft is attached as **Appendix A**.

**Recommendation**

6. It is recommended that:-
  - (a) The Health and Wellbeing Board review the latest draft of the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.
  - (b) The Health and Wellbeing Board note the period of statutory consultation.
  - (c) Note the deadline of 30 September 2022 for final sign off the final document prior to publication and adoption of the document.

## Reasons

7. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
- (a) The production and publication of the PNA is a statutory duty of the HWBB under The NHS Act 2006 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012
  - (b) The PNA expires in 2022 and a new one requires sign off no later than 30th September 2022.
  - (c) The draft document has been updated to reflect the latest data and with the most up to date information.
  - (d) The final document for sign off will be updated to reflect the comments received from the consultees.

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## Background Papers

Darlington PNA Draft 4

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and Well Being	The PNA is a statutory duty of the HWBB and will ensure that essential community pharmacy provision is sufficient for the needs of the people in Darlington..
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Urgent Decision	N/A
Council Plan	This supplements the Council Plan in supporting the growth of the borough
Efficiency	N/A
Implications on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	There are no issues contained within the report that will have implications on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.

## MAIN REPORT

### Background

8. A Pharmaceutical Needs assessment (PNA) describes the health needs of the population and the services delivered by community pharmacies which are in place, or could be commissioned to meet those identified health needs. The PNA maps the health needs and the services to make sure there are no gaps, in order that Darlington Borough Council can be assured that its residents have good access to pharmacy services.
9. The HWBB has a statutory duty to produce a PNA every three years. The requirement to produce a PNA in 2020 was delayed, due to the pandemic. The HWBB is required to produce a PNA by September 2022. The DHSC produced updated guidance for Local Authorities.
10. Work already completed includes
  - (i) establishment of a Steering Group,
  - (ii) approval of timeline and plan by HWBB
  - (iii) Needs Assessment and update of statutory data undertaken
  - (iv) survey for Community Pharmacies
  - (v) development of questionnaire for patients and the public
11. A statutory period of formal consultation commences on 1 July until 22 August 2022. This consultation will be used to correct any factual inaccuracies that may be contained in the current draft and reflect the comments about the PNA and it's contents.
12. Before the deadline of the 30 September the Health and Wellbeing Board will have the opportunity to review and note the report on the statutory consultation and sign off the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.