

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Classification:</b> Open	<b>Date:</b> 13 January 2022	<b>Meeting Name:</b> Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Report title:</b>		Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Briefing and update on timeline	
<b>Ward(s) or groups affected:</b>		All	
<b>From:</b>		Sangeeta Leahy, Director of Public Health	

## RECOMMENDATION(S)

### That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

- Comment and agree the scope, process and timeline set out in this document for the refresh of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).
- Receives regular updates on development of the PNA.

## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Since 1 April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has held 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).
2. The current PNA for Southwark was published in 2018 and was due to be refreshed in 2021.
3. Due to pressures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care agreed that the requirement to publish renewed PNAs was suspended for all local authorities until 2022. There is a requirement that PNAs are now renewed and published by October 2022.
4. HWBs will need to consider the current service provision and consult local stakeholders as part of the process.
5. The PNA refresh for Southwark and due for publication in October 2022 seeks to:
  - Identify current and expected future pharmacy needs for Southwark's population including by reviewing population demographics and services within neighbouring areas;
  - Engage with stakeholders including health professionals and the public to identify whether unmet need is experienced;
  - Review services to ensure effective allocation of resources to best meet

- population needs;
- Present current pharmacy provision in Southwark - including dispensing, advice on health, medicine reviews and local public health services (such as stop smoking, sexual health and support for drug users).
6. From April 2022, Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) will take delegated responsibility for pharmaceutical services; by April 2023 NHS England and NHS Improvement expects all ICBs will have done so. Health and wellbeing boards should therefore be aware that some services that are commissioned from pharmacies by clinical commissioning groups (and are therefore other NHS services) will move to the integrated care boards and will fall then within the definition of enhanced services.

## **SCOPE**

### **Local context**

7. The PNA will be undertaken in the context of the needs of the local population. Health and wellbeing needs for the local population are described in Southwark's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The PNA will not duplicate these detailed descriptions of health needs and should be read in conjunction with the JSNA.
8. The Southwark profile will include demography including age/ gender (including population projections), ethnicity and deprivation; and health needs of the local population (including healthy lifestyles) compared to England average / inequalities within the borough.
9. The PNA will link into national and local strategic plans, including the local commissioning strategy, CCG Primary Care Plan and the local joint Health and Wellbeing strategy.

### **Description of pharmaceutical services**

10. Providers of pharmaceutical services have an important role to play in improving the health of local people as they are easily accessible and often the first point of contact, including for those who might otherwise not access health services. Community pharmacies can contribute to the health and wellbeing of the local population by providing access to medications, support for self-care or self-limiting illnesses, information and advice, support for behaviour change, and signposting to other services.
11. Commissioners are recommended to commission services which are evidence-based, high quality, consistent, equitable, and accessible and evaluated.
12. Pharmaceutical services provided in the borough:
- Essential services (distribution of pharmacies / opening hours and access / dispensing)

- Premises (consultation areas / access for those with a disability)
- Advanced services (Medicines Use Reviews / New Medicines Service / appliance use reviews / stoma appliance customisation service)
- Enhanced services (London Pharmacy Immunisation Service / seasonal influenza vaccination)
- Locally commissioned services (stop smoking / sexual health / NHS Health Checks / supervised consumption / needle and syringe exchange service/ free (vitamin) D distribution)

*Considerations from four PNA supplementary statements produced during the current PNA (2018-2021)*

13. Four local pharmacies closed 2019-2020; all four are located in the Borough & Walworth area (1 in Chaucer ward, 1 in Faraday ward, and 2 in east Walworth ward). Southwark have now a total of 58 community pharmacies. Pharmacy closures were presented to the HWBB meeting on Sep. 2020 (PNA supplementary statement no.3).
14. Despite these closures, there remains a good network of pharmacies in the affected ward areas with a local average rate of 18.8 pharmacies per 100,000 population. That level is similar to our neighbouring boroughs, higher than England average (18.3 per 100,000), but lower than the London average (22 per 100,000).

### **Review of pharmaceutical services**

This will include ensuring pharmacy provision is:

- Equitable across the borough;
- Appropriate to key issues in each area/ward;
- In-line with strategies across the borough.
- Increases population awareness of pharmacy services, e.g. language services.
- Includes forward looking and planning to ensure they meet the needs of projected demographic changes (e.g. aging population needs), new housing developments and new estates.

### **PROCESS/ TIMELINE**

### **Resource / Financial**

15. The PNA will be undertaken by the Public Health team within Southwark Council. Some resources may be required to conduct a public engagement survey and/or a pharmacy workshop to engage with the public and community pharmacies in the borough; these options will be discussed at the next PNA Reference Group meeting.

### **Legal implications**

16. The refreshed PNA will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements set out in regulations 3-9 Schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

### **Consultation**

17. The PNA process is overseen by a 'task & finish' group that will include members from the council (PH Team), Southwark CCG and Medicines Optimisation Team, Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), Community engagement team, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI).

- The group will consult the views of a range of stakeholders (neighbouring boroughs, local pharmacies, etc.).
- A 60-day public consultation is planned from May – June 2022 to seek feedback on the PNA from members of the public and other stakeholders. *See Appendix 1 for the PNA timeline.*

### **HWBB timeline**

18. The PNA updates will be brought back to the HWBB on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Southwark Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021	<a href="https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/6399/Southwark-PNA-2018-2021.pdf">https://www.southwark.gov.uk/assets/attach/6399/Southwark-PNA-2018-2021.pdf</a>	Dr Leidon Shapo: <a href="mailto:Leidon.Shapo@southwark.gov.uk">Leidon.Shapo@southwark.gov.uk</a>

## APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix 1	Gantt Chart for Southwark's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, 2021 refresh (attached - below)

## AUDIT TRAIL

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<b>CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER</b>		
<b>Officer Title</b>	<b>Comments Sought</b>	<b>Comments Included</b>
Director of Law and Democracy	No	-
Strategic Director of Finance and Governance	No	-
List other officers here		-
<b>Cabinet Member</b>	No	
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	Map current service provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Identify gaps in current service provision against the identified needs and priorities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prioritise identified gaps in current service provision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Synthesis and PNA drafting	PNA briefing at a Local Pharmaceutical Meeting (TBC with LPC)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	First draft of the PNA (March - April)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Finalise draft of the PNA (April-May)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Consultation	Formal consultation process (60 days)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Analyses of consultation responses / prepare consultation response	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Amend PNA in light of consultation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Report on consultation to DPH and HWB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Finalise PNA for submission to HWB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	PNA signed off by DPH and HWB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>PNA published (1st Oct. 22)</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Important dates

