

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 4 July 2022	Meeting Name: Health and Wellbeing Board
Report title:		Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Update	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All Southwark wards and population groups	
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RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. The Board note the progress of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) to date.
2. The Board are aware that the results of the consultation and amended draft PNA will be shared towards the end of August 2022.
3. The Board virtually approve the revised draft as the final version of the PNA for publication on or before 30 September 2022, in order to meet the statutory deadline for publication of 1st October 2022

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

4. Southwark's Health and Wellbeing Board is required by law¹ to undertake and publish a pharmaceutical needs assessment² that sets out the existing provision of pharmaceutical services available to local residents, and assess current and future needs.
5. The PNA is used by:
 - NHS England, as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list: whether a new pharmacy should open or an existing pharmacy relocate; and, for commissioning services; and
 - Southwark Council, NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and other organisations to inform current and future commissioning decisions.

¹ The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013: (No.349; Part 2 - Regulation 6). Available online at:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/regulation/6/made>

² Pharmaceutical needs assessments: Information pack for local authority health and wellbeing boards October 2021.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1029805/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-information-pack.pdf

6. The last PNA was published in April 2018. There is a duty to publish an updated PNA every 3 years. The deadline for publication has been extended to 1 October 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. This report has two main objectives:
 - To update the board on progress so far
 - To outline the next steps for publication in a timely fashion

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

8. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment report provides an update on pharmaceutical services provided in Southwark. It seeks to enable commissioners and providers to better meet current need within Southwark and take steps to ensure that needs continue to be met in the future.
9. The report forms part of the borough's Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) work programme, and informs the Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) and it is envisaged other local action to improve health and wellbeing in Southwark.
10. Southwark's PNA 2022 contains the following chapters:
 - *Background*
 - *Developing the PNA*
 - *Health needs profile for Southwark*
 - *Assessment of current pharmaceutical provision*
 - *Future planning*
11. The PNA process has been led by the Public Health team in Southwark Council. The process has been overseen by a reference group established in October 2021 that has included representation from:
 - Medicines Optimisation Team, NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group (Southwark Borough)
 - Community-Based Care Team, NHS South East London Clinical Commissioning Group (Southwark Borough)
 - Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LSL LPC)
 - Healthwatch Southwark
 - Pharmacy Contracts Team, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I)
 - Community and Voluntary Sector Engagement Division, Southwark Council
12. Two surveys were conducted as part of developing the PNA. The first was a survey of pharmaceutical contractors which collected information on individual pharmacies that operate within Southwark and the services that they provide. The other was a survey of the public to understand how they use and engage with pharmaceutical services.

13. The first draft of the PNA was completed in late May 2022 and has been shared with the Director of Public Health and the reference group.
14. The draft PNA is currently in the statutory 60 day consultation phase required as part of the PNA process. This is via online questionnaire involving members of the public and other interested parties. The closing date is 9th August 2022. During this time, two focus groups are also planned involving resident groups who were under-represented in the initial public survey to complement responses from the online survey.
15. Once responses are received from the online consultation, the PNA will be reviewed and amended as necessary. Feedback from the focus groups will also be considered in this amendment. The final version of the PNA will be shared with Board members following this process.

Policy framework implications

16. The PNA should inform plans of the Council and NHS partners, including the emerging South East London Integrated Care System as well as other local plans and policies designed to improve health and wellbeing in the borough.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

17. The PNA team have engaged with partners on the reference group and have sought consultation with pharmacies, community and voluntary organisations and residents in the development of their report.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

18. A key component to this type of report is to develop our understanding of health inequalities in the borough. All JSNA reports consider how different population groups and communities are affected by the issue being considered. This includes the protected characteristics outlined in the Equality Act 2010, along with other factors such as socio-economic status.

Health impact statement

19. The PNA is designed to consider how pharmaceutical services can help to meet the health needs of Southwark's residents and to promote health and wellbeing in the borough.

Climate change implications

20. The PNA includes work assessing the availability and accessibility of services locally which reduces travel time and implications for the environment.

Resource implications

21. The PNA is undertaken in-house and led by the Public Health division on behalf of the Health & Wellbeing Board. While the majority of the resource for producing the PNA will come from within Public Health, co-production and consultation is an important aspect to the development of these types of projects. A reference group with broad representation has guided the work and there have been public and pharmacy consultations as outlined above.

Legal implications

22. The timely publication of the final PNA will fulfil the statutory duty of this board.

Financial implications

23. There are no financial implications. The PNA is delivered in-house, led by the Public Health division with contributions from partners.

Consultation

24. The current draft of the PNA is out for a statutory 60-day consultation period from 10 June – 9 August 2022. The PNA will be reviewed following responses to the consultation and amended as appropriate.
25. Two focus groups are also planned during this time with resident groups who were under-represented in the initial public survey. Feedback from these groups will be considered when reviewing the PNA.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Director of Law and Governance

26. None sought.

Strategic Director of Finance and Governance

27. None sought.

Other officers

28. None sought.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
(Public Pack)Agenda Document for Health and Wellbeing Board, 07/03/2022 15:00 (southwark.gov.uk)	Southwark Council, Tooley Street	Joia de Sa - Acting Consultant in Public Health

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

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