

Meeting Name:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report title:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Briefing
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All
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RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Note the scope, process and timeline set out in this document for the refresh of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (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 2021 and is due to be refreshed in 2025. This is a requirement set out by the Department of Health & Social Care.
3. As part of the process for developing the PNA, we are required to consider the current service provision and consult local stakeholders as part of the process.
4. The PNA refresh for Southwark is due for publication in October 2025 and will:
 - 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).

SCOPE

Local context

5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The PNA will link into national and local strategic plans, including the local commissioning strategies and the local Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Description of pharmaceutical services

8. 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.
9. Commissioners are recommended to commission services which are evidence-based, high quality, consistent, equitable, and accessible and evaluated.
10. Pharmaceutical services provided in the borough cover:
 - Essential services (distribution of pharmacies / opening hours and access / dispensing)
 - 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)

Policy framework implications

11. There are no policy implications.

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

Community impact statement

12. There are no community implications.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

13. There are no equalities implications.

Health impact statement

14. There are no health implications.

Climate change implications

15. There are no climate change implications.

Resource/Financial implications

16. The PNA will be led by the Public Health Division within Southwark Council and will require input from the Integrated Care Board and NHS England.

Legal implications

17. 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

18. The PNA process will be overseen by a 'task & finish' group that will include members from the council (PH Team), SEL ICB, Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), Community engagement team, and NHS England. The group will consult the views of a range of stakeholders (neighbouring boroughs across the South East London network, local pharmacies, etc.).

Timeline

19. The final draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will be brought back to the Health & Wellbeing Board in Autumn 2025 for approval.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

Head of Procurement

20. None sought.

Assistant Chief Executive, Governance and Assurance

21. None sought.

Strategic Director of Resources

22. None sought.

Other officers

23. None sought.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Southwark Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-25	Public Health / Southwark Council	Tom Seery: tom.seery@southwark.gov.uk
Southwark's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment		

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Chris Williamson, Assistant Director of Public Health	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments Included
Assistant Chief Executive,	No	No
Governance and Assurance	No	No
Cabinet Member	No	No
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