

MEETING	B&NES HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
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<u>Report summary table</u>	
Report title	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) refresh October 2022: Information Paper
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List of attachments	None
Background papers	None
Summary	
Recommendations	The Board notes and comments upon the proposals for the revision of a full PNA by 1 st October 2022.
Rationale for recommendations	N/A
Resource implications	It is anticipated that the costs of producing the PNA by the deadline will be managed within operational budgets.
Statutory considerations and basis for proposal	As laid out in the report (attached).
Consultation	Formal consultation will take place over a period of not less than 60-days during the summer of 2022, in accordance with the regulations.
Risk management	A risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision-making risk management guidance.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) refresh October 2022: Information Paper

1 Background

- 1.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statement from the Bath and North East Somerset Health and Wellbeing Board which describes the provision of pharmaceutical services across Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES), as well as assess whether there are any significant gaps in the provision of local pharmaceutical services. The PNA also considers whether the level of pharmacy provision will be right for local communities over the next three years. Finally, it is intended to assist local decision makers in the commissioning of future local pharmaceutical services in B&NES.
- 1.2 The responsibility for the development, publishing and updating of PNAs became the responsibility of Health & Wellbeing Boards (HWBs) as a result of Section 206 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 which amended Section 128 of the National Health Service Act 2006.
- 1.3 This proposed PNA will be the second revised assessment of local pharmaceutical services since the Health and Social Care Act 2012 amendment, the current one having been published in 2018.
- 1.4 The second revised assessment was due to be published by 1st April 2021. However, due to the impact of the pandemic across all sectors there was an extension of 12 months announced by the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) on 22nd May 2020. There was a further extension announced by DHSC in March 2021 of six months to 1st October 2022.
- 1.5 Revised PNA guidance has recently been published by DHSC.

2 Current position

- 2.1 The last PNA concluded that there were no significant gaps in the provision of easily accessible local community pharmaceutical services that served the three PNA areas in B&NES. This will be revisited and considered again.
- 2.2 The last PNA also anticipated that pharmaceutical provision from pharmacies will be able to cope with the demand from new populations. In areas of significant housing development and population growth, additional future pharmacy provision will need to be considered.
- 2.3 The last PNA stated there were no known planned relevant local NHS services that could significantly alter the need for pharmaceutical services in B&NES. This will need to be considered afresh during the proposed refresh of the PNA.

3 Current Progress and Next Steps

- 3.1 Planning has started on the production of the PNA, to be published by 1st October 2022.

- 3.2 The timetable for key milestones is as follows:
- a) preparation – November and December 2021
 - b) analysis of NHSE/I supplied data and analysis of relevant population and health needs – January to May 2022
 - c) write PNA document – April and May 2022
 - d) statutory consultation – June and July 2022 (60-day period to be determined)
 - e) post consultation changes – August 2022
 - f) final draft and sign-off by HWB – September 2022
- 3.3 The timetable highlighted in 3.2 may be subject to change if there are further impacts of Covid-19, or other unforeseen circumstances, that lead NHSE to further delay the publication of revised PNAs.
- 3.4 The process will be led by the Consultant & Associate Director of Public Health, project managed by the Business Intelligence Team/Insight Team.
- 3.5 The PNA Steering Group will oversee and provide necessary direction for the work.
- 3.6 The post consultation draft will be presented to the HWB on 27th September 2022, along with recommendations, requesting final sign-off before publication by 1st October 2022.

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