

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board
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Title:	Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Hampshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)

Recommendation(s)

2. That the Hampshire Health and Wellbeing Board:
 - Consider the update and support the work programme

Summary of work progress

3. The health and wellbeing board are now consulting with relevant organisations and the public about the contents of the pharmaceutical needs assessment in line with statutory requirements.
4. Key organisations – neighbouring HWBs, LMC, LPC, GPS have had an email notifying them of the consultation which can be accessed here
[Consultation on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Hampshire 2022 | About the Council | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
5. The consultation will run for a period of 60 days from 4 April closing at 11.59pm on 3 June 2022.
6. Conclusions will be reflected in the final version of the PNA and circulated to Health and Wellbeing Board Members via email for final sign off.

Contextual Information

7. Since April 2013 every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has a legal 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). The PNA looks at existing provision of community pharmacy services across Hampshire, whether this meets the current and future needs of the population and identifies any gaps in current or future provision.
8. The PNA has been undertaken in line with the requirements of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations and the latest guidance published in the information pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards in October 2014. The Hampshire PNA has been in development since September 2021.
9. The document has been written with assistance from partners in neighbouring local authorities, NHS England and Community Pharmacy South Central (Local Pharmaceutical Committee) which is gratefully acknowledged.

Consultation and Equalities

10. As recommended in the PNA information pack, a steering group was established to support the PNA process in Hampshire and to oversee the production of the document in accordance with the regulations. The group has representation from key stakeholders including Community Pharmacy South Central and NHS England.
11. All community pharmacies in Hampshire were invited to complete a brief questionnaire about their services to inform the development of the PNA. This survey was open from 13 December 2021 until 17 January 2022. Response was initially low due to seasonal winter pressures and additional pressures placed on pharmacies by the accelerated COVID-19 booster roll-out and lateral flow test distribution. As a result, the deadline was extended but response was still relatively low, resulting in 38 responses (a response rate of 16.5%).
12. Health, demographic, pharmaceutical service provision and all other information were collated to examine how the health needs of the population can be met by current provision of pharmaceutical services. Those who share a protected characteristic as defined in the Equality Act

as well as any other groups with specific needs that exist within the area such as university students and offenders, were identified in the PNA.

Co-Production

13. This report was compiled by the Public Health Intelligence Team in Hampshire working collaboratively with our colleagues in Portsmouth, Southampton and Isle of Wight to ensure consistency in methodology and content across all the council PNA

Conclusions

14. The board will continue to be updated on progress and consultation findings will be presented in the final report and emailed to members for final approval and publication.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	No
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	Yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	No
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> Update to Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment	<u>Date</u> July 2021
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Please see 10-12 above.