

REPORT TITLE	Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 – 2021: Final Version for publication
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REPORT SUMMARY

Wirral's Health & Wellbeing Board has undertaken the production of a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), as a legal, comprehensive, assessment of the current and future needs of local people for community pharmacy services for the period between 2018 and 2021

Following the formal 60+ day consultation period for Wirral's new draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) (ended on 5th February) there has followed a review of the results and comments with the draft PNA document being amended accordingly.

The board is asked to approve the final draft prior to publication on or before 1st April 2018.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. HWBB Members are requested to approve the final Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for the period 2018 to 2021
2. The Final PNA will be published on or before 1st April 2018

[Final Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment \(PNA\) 2018 – 2021](#)

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

The local Health & Wellbeing Board has the responsibility for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) as a result of the provisions in the 2013 Health & Social Care Act. As such a PNA provides a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and opening hours as well as an assessment of population needs including areas of deprivation that can direct future provision. This work has now been completed and publication of PNA is required before April 2018.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

From April 2013, local Health & Wellbeing Boards became responsible for the publication of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which provide a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and opening hours as well as an assessment of population needs including areas of deprivation.

[Wirral's current PNA](#) was published in 2015.

Next Generation Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 - 2021 and its Statutory Consultation period

On behalf of the Health & Wellbeing Board a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) has been undertaken; given it is a legal, comprehensive, assessment of the current and future needs of local people for community pharmacy services.

The PNA is used primarily by NHS England to inform their local commissioning decisions with regard to community pharmacy services. It also informs local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) for planning purposes.

There is a legal requirement for the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board to publish an updated PNA by 31st March 2018.

Key findings from 2018/2021 draft PNA

These include

- Wirral is generally very well served by community pharmacies
- there is currently one pharmacy for every 3,492 residents, which compares extremely favourably to the national average of one pharmacy for every 4,724 resident population (improvement on previous PNA results)
- Wirral has a rate of 29 pharmacies per 100,000 population compared to a national figure of 21 pharmacies per 100,000 residents
- Wirral also has a higher ratio of pharmacies than its geographical neighbours including Cheshire West and Cheshire (at 23.7 per 100,000), Warrington (at 20.6 per 100,000), Cheshire East (at 22 per 100,000) and Halton (26.9/100,000)

- Wirral residents have adequate access to 'out of hours' pharmacy services through the provision of '100 hour contracts' and 'extended hour' contracts and there is good weekend coverage for residents of all four constituencies. Wallasey has the least pharmacies delivering extended or 100 hour contracts, but has reasonable coverage
- locally Commissioned Services are delivered equitably throughout the borough with all local constituencies having access to a range of services such as supervised consumption, alcohol and smoking interventions, emergency hormonal contraception and others
- Geographical mapping of locally commissioned services show that more services are delivered in the most densely populated areas of the borough. We must continue to deliver in line with any population growth and also deprivation
- 2,121 members of the public responded to the public consultation, giving their feedback on local community pharmacy services. Responses were overwhelmingly positive. Small numbers raised concerns over specific operational issues, but there were no significant service gaps identified
- All 92 local pharmacies responded to the community pharmacy survey (conducted as part of the needs assessment process). Again, this reinforced the wide range of services offered
- a total of 14 responses were received during the formal consultation period for reviewing the draft PNA ([see report as appendix thirteen of PNA here](#))
- in Wirral there are an increasing number of pharmacies now co-located with GP surgeries, with 26 in 2017 when compared to 12 in 2014, making the transition and relationships between GP and pharmacy staff more seamless
- This needs assessment has not identified any specific gaps in local service provision at the current time. however, this will be kept under review

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable for Wirral Council though NHS England will use the PNA as the basis for future commissioning decisions in relation to community pharmacy services.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a statutory requirement for the local Health & Wellbeing Board to produce a PNA, currently every three years.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

There are no additional resources to complete PNAs; work to produce this PNA has been undertaken by the Council's Public Health team. It was also completed in collaboration with Cheshire and Merseyside Councils in doing so it provided a consistent approach and production of the PNA.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

The new PNA has been delivered within the required timeframe as before 31st March 2018.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

The headlines from the consultation are:

- 14 responses were received in the 63 days period (8 from those linked to Community Pharmacy and 6 from members of the public)
- 86% (n~12) agreed that the draft PNA accurately reflected the local pharmaceutical needs
- 79% (n~11) agreeing that the draft PNA carried all the important information on local pharmacy services
- with almost 93% (n~13) agreeing with the key findings in the draft PNA
- Some concerns were highlighted and some factual changes were required.
- Overall the responses received added to review the PNA and to make amendments as appropriate though they have not materially altered the content in the draft PNA.

The report on the consultation for the 2018 – 2021 draft Wirral PNA [can be viewed here](#).

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no equality issues arising directly from this report

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APPENDICES

[Final Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment \(PNA\) 2018 – 2021](#)

Or at

<https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/2319/wirral-pna-2018-to-2021-final.pdf>

Previous Draft PNA 2018 – 2021 (December 2017)

<https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/2293/wirral-pna-draft-2018-to-2021-december-2017-final-draft.pdf>

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 - 2021 Statutory Consultation https://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?MIId=6120	30th January 2018
ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Community Pharmacy Scrutiny Review https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/2308/community-pharmacy-scrutiny-review-jan-2017.pdf	1st February 2017
WIRRAL HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2015 – 2018 https://democracy.wirral.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=630&MIId=5124&Ver=4	15th April 2015