

COMMITTEE: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**Date: 29 SEPTEMBER 2021**

REPORT TITLE:	Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 – 2025
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REPORT SUMMARY

The Health and Wellbeing Board has the responsibility for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The process for producing a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wirral began in Spring 2020 with a view to its publication in March 2021. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the publication date was put back to September 2022 as per national direction.

This report details the proposed process to produce a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wirral.

A further report will be brought forward when the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2022 – 2025 is ready for public consultation and ahead of signing off the final publication of a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wirral on or before 30th September 2022.

The proposed actions affect all wards within the borough.

The decision requested is not a key decision.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

1. request the Director of Public Health to undertake the necessary steps to produce the next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment on or before 30th September 2022.
2. request the Director of Public Health to produce a further report with the final draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for sign-off prior to public consultation.
3. request the Director of Public Health to produce a final report in September 2022 prior to publication of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1 The local Health & Wellbeing Board has the responsibility for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment as a consequence of the 2013 Health & Social Care Act.
- 2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment provides a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and an assessment of population needs that can direct future provision.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 Not applicable as this is a mandatory process as set out in The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made>

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 From April 2013, Health and Wellbeing Boards became responsible for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment which provide a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and opening hours as well as an assessment of population needs.
- 3.2 The Health and Social Care Act 2013 provides the legislation that requires the Health and Wellbeing Board to produce a new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment every three years. To date Wirral has produced three Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments in 2011, 2015 to 2018 and the current version 2018 to 2021.
- 3.3 Since 2014 the approach has been led by Public Health, and since 2017 produced by Wirral Intelligence Service, with support from local and sub-regional partners. This approach will be repeated for the renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025).
- 3.4 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is used primarily by NHS England to inform their local commissioning decisions regarding community pharmacy services. It also informs councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups for planning purposes.
- 3.5 There is a legal requirement for the Wirral Health and Wellbeing Board to publish an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment before the 30th September 2022.
- 3.6 Wirral's current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (see links in subject history below) was produced in 2018 and concluded that the borough is well served in terms of spread of community pharmacies. There was one pharmacy for every 3,402 residents, which compared favourably to the national average of one pharmacy for every 5,000 residents.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications for Wirral Council.
- 4.2 NHS England will use the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment as the basis for future commissioning decisions in relation to community pharmacy services in Wirral.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There is a statutory requirement for the local Health & Wellbeing Board to produce a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment every three years. This has been extended by initially 12 months and then a further 6 months in recognition of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

- 6.1 There are no additional resources to complete the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The work is led by the Council's Intelligence Service and Public Health teams in collaboration with Cheshire and Merseyside Councils to ensure consistency in approach and production.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 7.1 The key risk is that the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is not delivered within the required timeframe of on or before 30th September 2022. In order to mitigate this risk a detailed project timeline has been developed.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Public Survey – Pharmacy Services

A public survey will be conducted during November and December 2021. Responses will be collated and incorporated into the first final draft of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment this will be reported in March 2022.

8.2 Pharmacy Survey – Contractors and provision

A Pharmacy Survey will also be conducted between June and August 2021. Responses will be collated and incorporated into the first final draft of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment this will be reported in March 2022

8.3 Formal consultation on a new draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

As part of the production of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, there is a statutory requirement to consult with a wide group of consultees including some mandated consultee groups (listed in Appendix one). This consultation is scheduled to be held for a minimum of 60 days between April and June 2022. Responses will be collated and reported to the board in September 2022.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equality issues arising directly from this report.
- 9.2 Equality Impact Assessments will be produced where appropriate for surveys and consultations and will be used to inform any final decisions.

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Wirral Council is committed to carrying out its work in an environmentally responsible manner, and these principles will guide the development of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

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APPENDICES

Appendix One

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Pharmaceutical Needs Analysis

WIRRAL PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) 2018-2021 - FOR INFORMATION

Wirral PNA 2018 to 2021 FINAL, item 41

Wirral HWBB PNA Appendix 13 Consultation Report FINAL March 2018, item 41

[Link to final PNA 2018, item 41](#)

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
HWBB briefing note on forthcoming PNA 2021 – 2024 development and publication	11/03/2020
14/03/2018 - Health and Wellbeing Board	14/03/2018
30/01/2018 - Adult Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	30/01/2018
19/07/2017 - Health and Wellbeing Board	19/07/2017