



**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

REPORT TITLE:	WIRRAL PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA) 2022 – 2025
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

REPORT SUMMARY

The Health and Wellbeing Board has 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 provides the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2022 – 2025 following the period of public consultation between April and June 2022, requiring signing-off for publication of this new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wirral on or before 30th September 2022.

The completed Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025 can be accessed via Appendix One.

In addition, there is a Consultation Report that details the public consultation process and results as required to be produced by national legislation (Appendix Three).

The proposed actions affect all wards within the borough.

The decision requested is not a key decision.

There are several opportunities for community pharmacies to contribute to the Wirral Plan, these are outlined on page 36 of the PNA. Some examples are as follows:

- Support people to adopt healthy lifestyles through advice, signposting and medicines management (Wirral residents live healthier lives)
- Signposting and advice to support action to tackle the wider determinants of health e.g., reducing fuel poverty and optimising finance (Wirral residents live healthier lives)
- Raising awareness/reducing stigma re mental health, promoting access to community based interventions e.g., smoking cessation (Active and healthy lives)

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to approve the final Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022 to 2025) for its mandatory publication on or before 30th September 2022.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 The local Health and Wellbeing Board has the responsibility for the publication and update of the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) as a consequence of the 2013 Health & Social Care Act.
- 1.2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment provides a detailed review of existing pharmacy provision, including current service provision and an assessment of population needs that direct future provision.
- 1.3 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment process has completed the statutory 60-day public consultation (April - June 2022) as outlined in the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
- 1.4 Following this consultation period, and the required amendments to the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, being incorporated into the final document, alongside a specific Consultation Report, to lead onto the sign-off of the final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and its publication on or before 30th September 2022 (*see Appendix One*).

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>
- 2.2 By not undertaking, and publishing, a review of local pharmaceutical services, then the Council could be challenged to justify its alleged failure to discharge its duty.

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 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025) is being coordinated by the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Development Group and is on track to meet the necessary delivery timeframe.
- 3.4 NHS England primarily uses the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment to inform their local commissioning decisions regarding community pharmacy services. It also informs councils and new local Integrated Care Boards 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.

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 mandatory requirement for the local Health and 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 to account for the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

5.2 The next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (for 2025 - 2028) will need to be published before 1st October 2025.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS

6.1 There are no additional resources required to complete the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The work is led by Wirral 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 was that the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was not delivered within the required timeframe of on or before 30th September 2022. This potential risk has been mitigated with detailed project plan and PNA Development Group leadership.

7.2 With other Cheshire and Merseyside Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment leads within Local Authorities, NHS England Community Pharmacy and Community Pharmacy leads, review of the process is being undertaken to consider future improvements to the delivery of a future Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment approach.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 Pharmacy Survey – Contractors and provision - Complete

A Pharmacy Survey was conducted between June and August 2021. Responses were collated and incorporated into this first final draft of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

8.2 Public Survey – Pharmacy Services - Complete

A public survey was conducted during November 2021. Responses were collated and incorporated into this first final draft of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

- 8.3 **Formal consultation on a draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment - Complete**
As part of the production of the new Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, there is a mandatory requirement to consult with a wide group of consultees including a mandated consultee groups (*listed in Appendix Two below*).
- 8.4 This consultation was held for 67 days (legislation requires a minimum of 60 days) from Tuesday 5th April and Friday 10th June 2022. This was undertaken using the council engagement platform, 'Have Your Say'. Please see *Appendix Three - Statutory Consultation Report and Appendix Four - EasyRead version of same report* – for full results of consultation.
- 8.5 **Headlines from formal consultation on a draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment are:**
- Fifty-one (51) responses were received, forty-four (44) via the online facility and seven (7) via paper copies
 - 94% (n~48) agreed that the purpose and need for a PNA was accurately reflected in the draft local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.
 - 88% (n~45) agreed that the draft PNA describe the types of services that are, and can be, provided across Wirral
 - 78% (n~40) agreed the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025 reflected the health and other needs of our population. Some respondents were unsure (n~7 or 14%) and 4 believing it did not reflect local health needs (8%).
 - 80% (n~41) agreed with the key findings and conclusions of the draft Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025
 - 16% (n~8 of 51) felt there was further information about local pharmacy services that could have been included in the draft Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025. The majority, 84% where either happy everything was included or unsure if anything needed to be added. It was felt that the suggested further information, that could be added, was already covered within the report.

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 Equality Impact Assessments have been produced where appropriate for surveys and consultations and used to inform any final decisions.
- 9.2 The equality issues that could be envisaged from the consultation of this report have been recorded, and actions to mitigate incorporated, into an EIA and this is published at <https://www.wirral.gov.uk/communities-and-neighbourhoods/equality-impact-assessments>

10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS

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

11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment does not directly impact community wealth building, but it does direct NHS England commissioning intentions, and as such the level of community pharmacy services in Wirral.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/contents/made>

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 – 2025 2022 – 2025 draft PNA for consultation	23/03/2022
Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022 – 2025 2022 – 2025 development and publication	29/09/2021
Pharmaceutical Needs Analysis 2021 – 2024 development and publication	11/03/2020
14/03/2018 - Health and Wellbeing Board	14/03/2018

APPENDICES

- Appendix One: FINAL Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025)
Appendix Two: Mandatory Engagement List - as per legislation
Appendix Three: Statutory Consultation Report
Appendix Four: EasyRead version of Statutory Consultation Report

Appendix One: FINAL Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025)

- [Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment \(PNA\) 2022 – 2025](#)
- Or use link <https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/3639/final-wirral-pna-2022-to-2025-final-september-publishing-v5-acc-chkd.pdf>

Appendix Two: Mandatory Engagement List - as per legislation

Consultation on pharmaceutical needs assessments - consultee list (minimum requirements and extended list)

According to pharmaceutical regulations the draft document must be distributed for comment to: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/regulation/8/made>

- Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC)
- Local Medical Committee (LMC)
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists
- Dispensing doctors (if situated within Wirral boundary)
- Any Essential Small Pharmacies (known as LPS chemists) contracted under the Local Pharmaceutical Services provisions by NHS England
- Local Healthwatch
- Any consumer or community group that Wirral H&WBB consider having an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services
- Any local NHS trust of NHS Foundation Trusts in the area
- NHS England/NHS Commissioning Board
- Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards

The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment invite to comment has been extended to:

- Councillors and Committees
- Wirral Partnership
- GPs, Practices, and other Primary Care Staff
- Wirral Health and Care Commissioning (covering NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group, Wirral Council Adult Social Care and Public Health)
- Cheshire and Wirral
- Neighbouring Local Authorities
- Neighbouring Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- Neighbouring Local Medical Committee
- Local Dental Committee
- Local Ophthalmic Committee

Patients and Public

- Patient Participation Groups
- Older People's Parliament
- Voluntary Sector Groups
- Community Sector Groups
- Faith Sector Groups

Other Methods considered:

- Press releases to variety of outlets
- Council and Partners websites
- Wirral Intelligence Service Website and Bulletin
- Council Engagement Contacts via email distribution
- Local Pharmaceutical Committee website and bulletin

Note: Four hard copies of the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025) were placed in accessible main libraries for the duration of the consultation period (one per constituency). All opportunities to widen engagement identified in the EIA and other opportunities were explored in this process to extend access wherever possible.

Appendix Three: Statutory Consultation Report

- [Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 – 2025 - Statutory Consultation Report](#)
- Or use link <https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/3637/final-wirral-hwbb-pna-appendix-11-consultation-report-for-september-2022-v4-accchkd.pdf>

Appendix Four: EasyRead version of Statutory Consultation Report

- [Wirral Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 – 2025 - EasyRead version of Statutory Consultation Report](#)
- or use link <https://www.wirralintelligenceservice.org/media/3638/final-wirral-pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-easyread-post-consultation-report-july-22-accchkd.pdf>