

North Tyneside Health & Wellbeing Board Report

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1. **Purpose:**

The purpose of the report is to provide the Board with the first draft of the refreshed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for North Tyneside.

2. **Recommendation(s):**

The Board is recommended to:

- 1) Review the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and approve the first draft for the purposes of the statutory consultation exercise.
- 2) Approve the statutory consultation process.
- 3) Receive the final version of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment at the meeting on 22nd September 2022 for approval and publication by 30th September 2022.

3. **Policy Framework**

There is a statutory duty under section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 for Health and Wellbeing Boards to undertake a PNA. From 1st April 2013, Health and Wellbeing Boards of every local authority in England were required to develop a PNA for the first time and ensure that such an Assessment was published by 1st April 2015. The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 sets out the legislative basis for developing the PNAs. PNAs must be completely reviewed at least every three years (four years in this instance due to Covid-19). The current PNA has been reviewed, updated and a refreshed first draft has been produced. Following a statutory consultation process the document will be published by 1st October 2022.

The development of a PNA is a separate duty to that of developing a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. PNAs inform commissioning decisions by local authorities, NHS England and by NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

4. Information:

The purpose of the PNA is twofold:

- To determine if there are enough community pharmacies to meet the needs of the population of North Tyneside. NHS England and NHS Improvement use the PNA to determine applications to open new pharmacies in the Local Authority area.
- To act as a commissioning guide for services which could be delivered by community pharmacies to meet the identified health needs of the population.

At a previous meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board on 11th November 2021 it was agreed that the 2018 version of the PNA should be updated and published by 1st October 2022 and the process would be jointly led by North Tyneside Council and NHS North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). A steering group was developed to oversee the process.

4.1 Draft PNA report

A steering group with representatives from NHS North Tyneside CCG, NHS North of England Commissioning Support, North of Tyne Local Pharmaceutical Committee, Healthwatch North Tyneside and North Tyneside Council have overseen the development of the first draft of the refreshed PNA.

4.1.2 Consultation with Community Pharmacies

An assessment of current pharmaceutical provision in North Tyneside was undertaken between January and February 2022, via an online questionnaire which was made available to all community pharmacy contractors across North Tyneside. The results of the survey identified the current provision of commissioned community pharmaceutical services and found that as a whole, there are currently no pharmaceutical needs that cannot be met by existing services.

4.1.3 Public engagement exercise

Healthwatch North Tyneside led a public engagement exercise during January-March 2022 to gather people's experience of using local community pharmacy services. Overall, the survey results identified that community pharmacies perform well and are delivering to a high standard.

4.2 Formal consultation on the PNA

The draft refreshed PNA must now be subject to a minimum of 60 days consultation with stakeholders and members of the public in line with the guidance on developing PNAs and section 242 of the Health Service Act 2012, which stipulates the need to involve Health and Wellbeing Boards in scrutinising health services. It is proposed that the formal consultation period will commence on 1st July 2022 for 60 days until 31st August 2022.

In keeping with the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (2013) the following stakeholders will be consulted during this time:

- North of Tyne Local Pharmaceutical Committee.
- Newcastle and North Tyneside Local Medical Committee (LMC).
- All persons on the North Tyneside pharmaceutical lists.
- All North Tyneside GP practices.
- NHS North East & North Cumbria Integrated Care Board.
- TyneHealth Ltd - GP Federation.
- Healthwatch North Tyneside.
- Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHCFT), Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, and Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust.
- NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI).
- Neighbouring HWBs in Newcastle, Northumberland and South Tyneside.
- VODA (Voluntary Organisations Development Agency).
- North Tyneside Patient Forum.
- North Tyneside Council Residents' Panel.

Consultees will be provided with a link to the draft PNA and a response form. The following questions are included:

- Do you think the PNA is accurate?
- Do you think there is anything missing from the PNA?
- Do you agree with the conclusions of the PNA?
- Please provide any further comments

Following the consultation, a final draft of the PNA will be prepared taking account of any feedback and will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at the meeting in September 2022 before being published on the North Tyneside Council website on 30th September 2022 to meet the 1st October 2022 deadline.

5. **Decision options:**

The Board can either: -

Option 1

Accept the recommendations in paragraph 2 above

Option 2

Not accept the recommendations in paragraph 2 above

Option 1 is the recommended option so that the Board fulfils its statutory duty under Section 128A of the National Health Service Act 2006 to undertake a PNA.

6. **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Outline of the 60-day consultation process

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8. Background information:

The following background documents have been used in the compilation of this report and are available from the author:

- Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment: Information Pack for Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards (DH, 2013)
- The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

9. Finance and other resources

The development of the PNA is being managed through existing resources within North Tyneside Council, NHS North Tyneside CCG and NHS North of England Commissioning Support.

10. Legal

The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, as amended, set out the legislative framework for the review and publication of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) including consultation thereon.

Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations prescribes the information that must be included in a PNA including how the PNA was carried out.

11. Consultation/community engagement

The PNA must be developed in consultation with a range of stakeholders in keeping with the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The consultation period will commence on 1st July 2022 for 60 days with the draft PNA on the North Tyneside Council website in keeping with the requirements of the Regulations:

“a person is to be treated as served with a draft if that person is notified by the HWB of the address of a website on which the draft is available and is to remain available (except due to accident or unforeseen circumstances) throughout the minimum 60-day period for making responses to the consultation”.

12. Human rights

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

13. Equalities and diversity

The PNA identifies the health needs of the local population including issues around access to services, inequities in health experience and other inequalities experienced by specific groups in the population. An equality impact assessment has been completed and is available as Appendix 6 in the PNA document.

14. Risk management

If the PNA is not published by 1st October 2022, the statutory obligations set out in the National Health Service(Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 will not be met.

15. Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications directly arising from this report.

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Appendix 1: PNA Statutory online 60-day Consultation

One of the statutory functions of the Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every 3 years (extended to 4 years between 2018 and 2022 due to the impact of Covid-19). The first HWB-led PNA was published in April 2015 and this was updated in 2018. The 2022 PNA is a 3-year assessment of the primary care pharmaceutical needs (pharmacies / dispensing doctors) in the Authority area. It is used by NHS England when it assesses new pharmacy applications, and by commissioners of pharmaceutical services; and links into the HWB Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The first draft of the October 2022 PNA will go to the HWB Board on 30 June 2022, before the statutory online 60 day consultation from 1st July to 31st August 2022.

Regulation 8 in Part 2 of the relevant pharmacy regulations (at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/part/2/made>) describes what the HWB needs to do as part of consulting on the PNA. Key points are:

Regulation 8 - Consultation on pharmaceutical needs assessments

1. When making an assessment for the purposes of publishing a pharmaceutical needs assessment, each HWB Board must consult the following about the contents of the assessment it is making:

(c) any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for its area;

(e) any Local Health watch organisation for its area, and any other patient, consumer or community group in its area which in the opinion of HWB Board has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area.

2. The persons mentioned in paragraph (1) must together be consulted at least once during the process of making the assessment on a draft of the proposed pharmaceutical needs assessment.

3. The persons consulted on the draft under paragraph (2) must be given a minimum period of 60 days for making their response to the consultation, beginning with the day by which all those persons have been served with the draft.

4. For the purposes of paragraph (3), a person is to be treated as served with a draft if that person is notified by HWB Board of the address of a website on which the draft is available.

An email from the chair of HWB Board with a link to the draft PNA on the North Tyneside Council website and the consultation response form will be disseminated to a range of key stakeholders.

Articles about the draft PNA will be placed in organisational newsletters such as LPC, Healthwatch and CCG newsletters.

The draft PNA will be updated to reflect the feedback from consultees during the consultation period and will be published on the 30th September 2022.