

# Health and Wellbeing Board



Date of meeting:	29 September 2022
Title of Report:	<b>Plymouth Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-25</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Dr John Mahony (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care & Planning)
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Your Reference:	PNA
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) from Primary Care Trusts to Health and Wellbeing Boards (H&WBs) from 1 April 2013. This means that Plymouth's H&WB has a legal duty to ensure the production of a PNA for Plymouth going forward.

The purpose of the PNA is to assess and set out how the provision of pharmaceutical services can meet the health needs of the population of a H&WB's area for a period of up to three years, linking closely to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA). Whilst the JSNA focusses on the general health needs of an area, the PNA looks at how those health needs can be met by pharmaceutical services commissioned by NHS England.

If a person (a pharmacy or a dispensing appliance contractor) wants to provide pharmaceutical services, they are required to apply to NHS England to be included in the pharmaceutical list for the H&WB's area in which they wish to have premises. In general, their application must offer to meet a need that is set out in the H&WB's PNA, or to secure improvements or better access similarly identified in the PNA. There are however some exceptions to this, in particular applications offering benefits that were not foreseen when the PNA was published ('unforeseen benefits applications').

As well as identifying if there is a need for additional premises, the PNA will also identify whether there is a need for an additional service or services, or whether improvements or better access to existing services are required. Identified needs, improvements or better access could either be current or will arise within the lifetime of the PNA.

Whilst the PNA is primarily a document for NHS England to use to make commissioning decisions, it may also be used by local authorities and other commissioners of health and wellbeing services. A robust PNA will ensure those who commission services from pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors (DACs) are able to ensure services are targeted to areas of health need, and reduce the risk of overprovision in areas of less need.

## Recommendations and Reasons

The recommendation is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to:

- Formally accept the Plymouth PNA for 2022-25
- Agree to its publication on the Health and Wellbeing Board page of the Plymouth Public Health website (part of the wider Plymouth City Council site).

### Alternative options considered and rejected

There is strict guidance relating to the production and publication of PNAs that all Health and Wellbeing Boards must adhere to. Therefore, no alternatives were considered.

### Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

The PNA will enable the appropriate level of pharmacy provision to be available to the Plymouth population and as such should impact positively upon residents' health and wellbeing.

### Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

None as PCC does not commission or provide pharmacy services.

### Financial Risks

None as PCC does not commission or provide pharmacy services.

### Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

None as PCC does not commission or provide pharmacy services.

### Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

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## Appendices

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

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		If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						
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A	Briefing report title							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

## Background papers:

*\*Add rows as required to box below*

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Robert Nelder											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 15/09/2022											
Cabinet Member approval: Cllr Dr John Mahony (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care) Date approved: 16/09/2022											