

## PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL

<b>Subject:</b>	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
<b>Committee:</b>	Health and Wellbeing Board
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<b>Part:</b>	I

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### **Purpose of the 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 (LAs) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). 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.

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**Recommendations:**

The recommendation is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to:

- Formally accept the Plymouth PNA for 2018-21
  - 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).
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