

6 January 2021**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH****UPDATE TO THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS
ASSESSMENT 2018-21****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the publication of a Supplementary Statement to update the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018-2021 for Nottinghamshire based on changes to services from April 2020 to September 2020.
2. To seek approval for future supplementary statements to be produced quarterly and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in the form of an update within the Chairs Report.

Information

3. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021 (PNA) for Nottinghamshire was published in April 2018 following approval by the Health and Wellbeing Board in March 2018.
4. The PNA describes available pharmaceutical services across Nottinghamshire County and assesses whether these services meet the needs of the population.
5. Pharmaceutical services include contracted 'essential services' such as providing prescription medicines and safe disposal of medicines. In addition, community pharmacies are important providers of supplementary health services to their communities such as medicines reviews, health promotion and self-care services (such as emergency hormonal contraception and minor ailments).
6. The PNA provides NHS England with robust and relevant information to support decisions around new and altered pharmaceutical services. The Health & Wellbeing Board is included in the consultation for these pharmacy applications.
7. The PNA is governed by Regulations issued by the Department of Health. These Regulations require that periodic Supplementary Statements are prepared and published where there are changes to pharmaceutical services which do not warrant a complete review of the PNA.
8. The current Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was due to be refreshed and published by April 2021. As a result of COVID-19 this has been postponed to April 2022 following this announcement from the Local Government Association on the 21st May 2020:

“Due to current pressures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care has today announced that the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Need Assessments will be suspended until April 2022. Your health and wellbeing boards will retain the ability to issue supplementary statements to respond to local changes and pharmaceutical needs during this time. The NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 will be updated in due course”.

9. Changes to pharmaceutical services from April 2020 until September 2020 are summarised in **Appendix 1**.
10. The majority of the changes relate to changes to supplementary hours which are those offered by pharmacies over and above the core hours required (i.e. 40 hours per week). There have been two closures of pharmacies during this period.
11. The PNA does not identify any significant gaps in pharmaceutical services for the Nottinghamshire County population and these changes do not impact on that assessment.

Pharmacy applications

12. There have been no new pharmacy applications during this period.

Supplementary Statement Approval Process

13. Supplementary statements are currently produced and presented to Health and Wellbeing Board bi-annually. Each supplementary statement covers two reporting quarters, either quarter 1 and 2 or quarter 3 and 4. Once approved by Health and Wellbeing Board they are published [here](#) on Nottinghamshire Insight.
14. Moving forward it is proposed that supplementary statements are produced quarterly, published on Nottinghamshire insight and shared with Health and Wellbeing Board in the form of an update in the Chairs Report. This will enable supplementary statements to be published as soon as possible, at the end of each quarter.
15. However, at any point should it be felt that information within the supplementary statement identifies a significant gap in pharmaceutical services the update will be presented as a paper to Health and Wellbeing Board.

Other Options Considered

16. An assessment of need was undertaken during the preparation of the PNA 2018-21.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

17. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a statutory responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Supplementary Statements are a requirement of the Regulations for PNA to update the assessment where changes do not warrant a refresh of the PNA.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

19. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) The Health and Wellbeing Board approves the Supplementary Statement to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018-2021 for the period April 2020 until September 2020.
- 2) For all future supplementary statements to be produced quarterly and presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board in the form of an update within the Chairs Report.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 12/12/2020)

20. This report falls within the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (DG 14/12/20)

21. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

[Nottinghamshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](https://www.nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk)
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[Approval of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment](#)

Report to the Health and Wellbeing Board

March 2018

[Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments: Information Pack for Local Authority Health and Wellbeing Boards](#)

Department of Health and Social Care

May 2013

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

