



Report of: Director of Public Health

Health and Wellbeing Board	Date: 18 October 2017	Ward(s): All
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SUBJECT: Draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018

The draft PNA has been circulated separately to members of the Board.

1. Synopsis

- 1.1 This is Islington Health and Wellbeing Board's (HWB) second Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) under the 2013 regulations and requirements. The PNA regulations require that each local HWB publish a PNA covering their area. The HWB is responsible for publishing a PNA and ensuring that all required information and assessments are included; specifically: -
- Ensuring an up-to-date map of services is included in the assessment;
 - Publishing any statements or revisions within 3 years of the previous publication;
 - Ensuring that other HWBs have access to the PNA;
 - Consulting stakeholders, including the public, and other areas about the content of the assessment for the minimum 60-day period;
 - Responding to a consultation from a neighbouring HWB;
 - Ensuring that once published, the PNA is kept up-to-date and any supplementary statements or full revisions are published as soon as possible following any changes.
- 1.2 Islington's first PNA was published on 1 April 2015. This second, refreshed PNA is intended to meet the requirement to publish any statements or revisions to the PNA within 3 years of the previous publication.
- 1.3 Islington's PNA includes a comprehensive analysis of the health needs of the population at a locality level, key themes and insight from previous qualitative research with local residents, a summary of more recent local and national research which helps us better understand people's views of pharmacy services, and a thorough assessment of each pharmacy's services, using service data to determine any

1.4 gaps.

Overall, this updated PNA has determined that Islington's population has sufficient provision of pharmaceutical services to meet the health needs of the population.

The attached PNA is a final draft, produced by the PNA Steering Group. Once approved by the HWB, the draft PNA will be subject to a mandatory 60-day consultation period. The consultation will run from October 2017 to December 2017, with exact dates to be confirmed. Communications will be sent out to raise awareness of the consultation, and the consultation documents will be available on the Council and CCG websites for downloading.

2. Recommendations

2.1 To approve the draft PNA, prior to launching the mandatory 60-day consultation period.

2.2 To delegate final approval of the PNA to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, subject to any necessary changes being made in response to the consultation.

3. Background

3.1 The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the requirements of the PNA, as well the process for market entry of pharmacies into an area. The PNA, as part of this process, assesses the need for pharmaceutical services in Islington's population, identifying any gaps in service delivery and any areas for improvement. The PNA will be used by NHS England when determining whether to approve applications for pharmacies in the area to join the pharmaceutical list, and to inform NHS England's commissioned services.

3.2 Previously, PNAs were the responsibility of Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to produce. The first PNAs were published in 2005, as the basis for deciding market entry of pharmacies to PCT areas. The publication of the White Paper *Pharmacy in England: Building on strengths – delivering the future* proposed a review of the requirements of PNAs in order to make the process more robust, and make PNAs more effective in assessing the need for services. The Health and Social Care Act (2012) transferred this responsibility to local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs), and further widened the scope of the PNA.

4. Key Findings

4.1 The assessment has determined that Islington's population has sufficient provision of pharmaceutical services to meet the health needs of the population.

4.2 Islington has a similar rate of community pharmacies per 100,000 residents to the London average and there is at least one pharmacy in most wards of the borough, and a late opening pharmacy in three localities. Resident engagement undertaken as part of the previous PNA has showed that pharmacies are generally viewed positively, with pharmacists viewed as professional and knowledgeable, with regular pharmacy users in particular commenting that they highly value the support and personal service that they receive at local pharmacies. However, there is scope for more work to improve awareness of the services offered by pharmacies, as well as improving their accessibility for people with mobility needs. This was also reflected and in more recent local and national reports.

Data analysis indicates that the current demand for essential services is being met and there would be

4.3 capacity, on average, to meet any increased demand for prescriptions that might arise over the next few years as a result of inward migration and an increase in the prevalence of long term conditions.

Within the context of the PNA, areas where improvements can be made in order to maximise the potential of community pharmacies in helping Islington's population stay healthy, look after their health needs, and reduce demand on other parts of the health system were identified. These are:

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- Improving population awareness of available pharmacy services
 - Improving population awareness of longer opening hours
 - Addressing the areas where pharmacies can increase the provision of key public health programmes, such as the Healthy Living Pharmacy

4.5 These recommendations should also be reviewed by the responsible commissioners (the CCG, NHS England, London Borough of Islington) in order to determine ways in which pharmacy services could be improved in general.

Implications

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5.1 **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. Any future action that the council decides to take in order to further the objectives set out in this report will need to be managed from within relevant existing budgets. Any details relating to such actions will be assessed for financial implications as and when they arise.

5.2 **Legal Implications:**

PNA is a statement of needs for pharmaceutical services which each Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBs) is required to publish by virtue of s.128A of the NHS Act 2006 (as amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012) and this applies to any revised assessment.

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the responsibility for developing and updating PNAs to Health and Wellbeing Boards. Under the Act, the Department of Health has powers to make Regulations. Regulations 3-9 and Schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the requirements for PNAs.

5.3 **Environmental Implications**

There are no significant environmental impacts associated with the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The report will be available online, with printed versions only on request, as required by the regulations.

5.4 **Resident Impact Assessment:**

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

As this is a needs assessment, equalities were included in assessing pharmacy services. Protected characteristics were also fully considered, as required by the Regulations (schedule 1, paragraph 6)

6. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

This report seeks HWB approval of the final draft PNA, ahead of public consultation. Following the end of the consultation period, the PNA steering group will review all comments received during the consultation period, and agree and make any necessary changes. In order to meet the statutory requirement to publish the final Islington PNA before 1 April 2018 and in light of the schedule of future Islington HWB meeting dates, the Board is also asked to delegate approval of the final PNA to the Chair of the HWB.

Appendices

- Draft PNA – *circulated separately*

Background papers:

- None

Signed by:



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