

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Supplementary Statement

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Purpose of the Report

Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Oldham's current PNA is due to be reviewed during 2020/21 and the renewed PNA to be published in April 2021.

The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board that the Department of Health and Social Care has determined that the publication of PNAs be suspended for one year, until 2022, in order to reduce unnecessary extra pressure on local authorities and Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) during the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The report also requests agreement from the Board to publish a supplementary statement which outlines updated information that supersedes the original information in the PNA 2018-21 and the previous supplementary statement issued on 17 December 2018.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

1. Note the suspension to the requirement to publish the renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for one year (until April 2022) as determined by the Department of Health and Social Care as a consequence of the Covid-19 pandemic
2. Agree to the publication of the supplementary statement which responds to local changes in pharmaceutical needs during this time.

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Supplementary Statement

1. Background

- 1.1. From 01 April 2013, Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area, referred to as a 'Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment' (PNA).
- 1.2. The PNA aims to identify whether current pharmaceutical service provision meets the needs of the population. The PNA describes the needs for the population of Oldham. It considers current provision of pharmaceutical services across six districts in the Oldham HWB area and considers whether there are any gaps to service delivery.
- 1.3. The PNA may be used to inform commissioners, such as clinical commissioning groups (CCG) and local authorities (LA), of the current provision of pharmaceutical services and where there are any gaps in relation to the local health priorities. Where such gaps are not met by NHS England, these gaps may then be considered by those organisations.
- 1.4. The PNA is used by NHS England in its determination as to whether to approve applications to join the pharmaceutical list under [The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) Regulations 2013](#). The relevant NHS England area team (AT) will then review the application and decide if the application meets the criteria for approval, as set out in the Regulations. When making the decision NHS England is required to refer to the local PNA.

2. Current Position

- 2.1. Oldham's current PNA was published on 31 March 2018 and covers the period until 31 March 2021 in accordance with HWB's duties to publish PNAs on a three-yearly basis. The PNA can be found at: <http://www.oldham-council.co.uk/jsna/data-and-reports/pharmacy-needs-assessment-2018-2021/>. Work was due to take place during financial year 2020/21 to renew the PNA in preparation of the publication of the new PNA no later than 1 April 2021.
- 2.2. We are currently experiencing an outbreak situation in the UK and globally. Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19) was characterized as a global pandemic by the World Health Organisation on 11 March 2020.
- 2.3. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has determined that the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) will be suspended for a year in order to reduce unnecessary extra pressure on local authorities and LPCs during the response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.4. DHSC's announcement means that renewed PNAs will not need to be published until April 2022. HWBs will retain the ability to issue supplementary statements to respond to local changes and pharmaceutical needs during this time.
- 2.5. The information in the attached appendices outline identified corrections, clarifications, and updates to service provision or premise details. This updated information supersedes some of the original information within the PNA v2.0 and the previous supplementary statement issued on 17th December 2018 as indicated. This statement should be read in conjunction with those documents.

3. Appendices

- 3.1. Appendix 1 – Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) – Supplementary Statement June 2020
- 3.2. Appendix 2 - Community Pharmacy Opening Hours v3.0 (Appendix 8 to PNA)