
Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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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 was 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 determined that the publication of PNAs be suspended for one year, until April 2022, in order to reduce unnecessary extra pressure on local authorities and Local Pharmaceutical Committees (LPCs) during the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Further notification has been received that the deadline for publishing the PNA has been further postponed until October 2022. Guidance for production of the PNA is to be produced within the next few months.

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 in the previous supplementary statements issued on 17 December 2018 and in June 2020. It is anticipated that the new supplementary statement will be available by mid-July.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

1. Note the suspension of the requirement to publish the renewed Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) until October 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 a new supplementary statement which reflects local changes in pharmaceutical provision since the previous supplementary statements.