



Oldham
Council

Report to HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to present the Health and Wellbeing Board with the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, 2022.

Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The Department of Health and Social Care determined that the publication of PNAs be suspended during the pandemic with the deadline now set for publishing the PNA by October 2022.

Requirement from the Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board is requested to:

1. Review and approve the draft PNA report for public consultation
2. Recognise the timescale for the activity required to complete the PNA
3. Discuss the suggestion that should housing development progress as expected and one or more new village centre(s) be planned then it would be beneficial to have a new pharmacy as part of such development(s).

Guidance for production of the PNA

The guidance for the production of the PNA was published in October 2021. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack>).

Whilst this information pack has no statutory standing and does not constitute non-statutory guidance, it aims to support local authorities to interpret and implement their duties with regard to pharmaceutical needs assessments and sets out the process to be followed.

The information pack is set out as follows:

- chapter 1 introduces the requirements for pharmaceutical needs assessments,
- chapter 2 defines a number of the terms used in the regulations,
- chapter 3 provides an overview of the process of developing a pharmaceutical needs assessment,
 - chapter 4 describes the engagement that should be undertaken whilst the document is being written,
 - chapter 5 sets out the information that must be contained within the pharmaceutical needs assessment,
 - chapter 6 provides advice on how to identify gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services,
 - chapter 7 sets out the requirement to consult on a draft of the document, and
 - chapter 8 sets out the requirements on the health and wellbeing board once the document is published.

There are three appendices:

- appendix 1 contains a suggested timeline,
- appendix 2 contains a decision-making flowchart in relation to the requirements set out in chapter 8 and 6
- appendix 3 contains three supplementary statement templates

Current position

On behalf of Oldham Health and Wellbeing Board, the Medicines Optimisation Team has undertaken the process of developing the PNA according to the guidance.

1. The draft Oldham PNA is presented for review and approval such that it can undergo the mandatory 60day consultation period.
2. The consultation period is planned for 9th May – 10th July 2022.
3. Following consultation, the final version (after any necessary amendments are made) will be presented at the Health and Wellbeing Board in August for final approval before publication online by October 2022.