

**REPORT FOR: HEALTH AND SOCIAL
CARE SCRUTINY SUB-
COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting:	14 March 2018
Subject:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018
Responsible Officer:	Designate Director of Public Health
Scrutiny Lead Members:	Councillor Michael Borio Chair and Scrutiny Policy lead for Public Health and Wellbeing Councillor Vina Mithani Vice-Chair and Scrutiny Performance lead for Public Health and Wellbeing
Exempt:	No
Wards affected:	All
Enclosures:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 (Appendix)

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a special assessment of pharmaceutical services provision in an area. The PNA includes information on current pharmaceutical service provision, information on health and other needs, and an assessment on whether current provision meets current or future needs of the area

Recommendation:

For Information

Section 2 – Report

Introductory paragraph

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Why do we need a PNA?

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for developing and updating PNAs to Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBs). Section 128A of the National Service Act 2006 provides that the Health and Wellbeing Board must in accordance with regulations assess need for pharmaceutical services in its area and publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment.

The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs. According to Regulation 6 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 the HWB must update the PNA at least every 3 years.

The PNA is used to identify any gaps in current services or improvements that could be made in future pharmaceutical service provision. To prepare the report, data is gathered from pharmacy contractors, pharmacy users and other residents and from a range of sources (commissioners, planners and others). The report also includes a range of maps that are produced from data collected as part of the PNA process.

The last Harrow PNA was produced in 2015 and covers the period 1 April 2015 - 31 March 2018.

Process for PNA delivery

The Health and Wellbeing Board has previously approved the process for producing the Harrow PNA 2018-21. The draft report has now completed a 60 day consultation and the results have been incorporated into the final version. Once approved, the report will be published on the council website no later than 31st March 2018 to comply with the regulations.

Findings of the Needs Assessment

The report does not identify any gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services within the borough and does not anticipate any gaps to occur as a

result of changes in the borough's population or housing plans within the forthcoming three years.

Financial Implications

Although the PNA is the responsibility of the Health and Wellbeing Board, following the introduction of the Health and Social Care Act in 2012, the process of producing the PNA has been managed by the Public Health team. Whilst the funding for the production of the 2018 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment had not been included within the annual budget plan, given the cyclical nature of its production, funding was been identified within the specific Public Health reserve from the Public Health ring-fenced grant. This funding covered the production of the PNA and the maintenance of the document over the next three years.

Future funding (with associated Public Health resources) will need to be identified within the available funding envelope and as part of the overall council financial budget setting process for the next PNA report which will become due in 2021.

Performance Issues

None

Environmental Impact

None

Risk Management Implications

None

Equalities implications

Was an Equality Impact Assessment carried out? Yes

No equalities issues were identified in the current provision of pharmaceutical services.

Council Priorities

The Council's vision:

Working Together to Make a Difference for Harrow

The PNA contributes to all of the four categories of making a difference.

- Making a difference for the vulnerable
- Making a difference for communities
- Making a difference for local businesses
- Making a difference for families

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

Not applicable.

Ward Councillors notified:

Not applicable – affects
all wards

Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None