



## Health and Wellbeing Board

### Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022

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**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### Outline and recommendations

The purpose of this report is for the Health and Wellbeing Board to acknowledge and approve the Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022.

### Timeline of engagement and decision-making

The PNA is typically required to be updated every three years. However the latest was postponed from Spring 2021 to the end of 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The previous PNA was published in [Spring 2018](#).

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. The process for the updated Lewisham PNA began at the start of 2022. Contractors and service users were consulted during the assessment before a draft document was put out for the statutory consultation period. The finalised document was subsequently published.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. For the Health and Wellbeing Board to acknowledge and approve the Lewisham PNA 2022.

## **3. Policy Context**

- 3.1. Every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has a statutory responsibility to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area (known as the PNA) and update it at least every three years, from 2015 onwards. The previous assessments were published in April 2015 and March 2018. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the usual schedule was paused, with a revised deadline for completion of Autumn 2022.

## **4. Background**

- 4.1. PNAs are used by NHS England to make decisions on which funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. These services are part of the local health and care system, and affect NHS budgets. PNAs are also relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed in response to applications by businesses, which can include independent owners and large pharmacy companies. If there is a notable change in the population or an area that warrants a review of pharmaceutical services then a PNA supplementary statement must be produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 4.2. A statutory 60 day consultation period was concluded on 15 November 2022 on the 2022 Lewisham PNA. The comments arising from this consultation have been addressed in the final report.
- 4.3. This PNA follows previous assessments published in 2015 and 2018.

## **5. The PNA**

- 5.1. The document provides an assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within Lewisham; as well as outlining the current provision of such services and considering what may be required in the future. For the 2022 PNA, the production was outsourced to PHAST to produce on Lewisham's behalf.

### **5.2. Pharmacies in Lewisham**

Currently Lewisham has 52 pharmacies, distributed across the borough. Pharmacies provide a range of services, including three core levels of services categorised as Essential, Advanced and Enhanced. The Advanced are commissioned by either Lewisham Council or the South East London Integrated Care System (Lewisham) and Enhanced services by NHS England. As a minimum all community pharmacies are required to provide Essential Services which include dispensing, signposting and promotion of healthy lifestyles.

### **5.3. Production of the PNA**

The process began with information and data gathering, (including mapping of services). This was followed by a consultation with both service users and pharmacy providers to seek their views on how community pharmacies were performing in Lewisham. A multi-agency steering group was also established to inform the content, with representation from the South East London Integrated Care System (Lewisham); Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC), Local Medical Committee (LMC), Lewisham and Greenwich Trust (LGT) and Public Health. A draft was then produced, subject to a further 60 day statutory consultation, informing the final document, which can be found in Appendix 1.

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## 6. Financial implications

- 6.1. There are no specific financial implications at this stage. If further discussions take place on commissioning services in the future the financial implications will be considered at that point.

## 7. Legal implications

- 7.1. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the responsibility for developing and updating PNAs to the Health and Wellbeing Board.
- 7.2. Pursuant to The National Health Service(Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013, the Health and Wellbeing Board was required to produce its first PNA by 1 April 2015, and reviewed every three years thereafter.
- 7.3. Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations sets out matters to be covered in the PNAs.

## 8. Equalities implications

- 8.1. The services provided by community pharmacies help to address health inequalities. Equitable access is necessary to ensure the reduction of inequalities.

## 9. Climate change and environmental implications

- 9.1. There are no climate change or environmental implications from this report.

## 10. Crime and disorder implications

- 10.1. There are no Crime and Disorder implications from this report.

## 11. Health and wellbeing implications

- 11.1. Pharmacies are a key service in the healthcare system. Health and wellbeing implications are core to this report and detailed within.

## 12. Background papers

- 12.1. The previous PNA can be found on the [Lewisham Council website](#).

## 13. Glossary

Term	Definition
PNA	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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