



## Health and Wellbeing Board

### Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Supplementary Statement

**Date:** 20 November 2024

**Key decision:** No.

**Class:** Part 1

**Ward(s) affected:** All

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### Outline and recommendations

The purpose of this report is to make the board aware that a Supplementary Statement of the Lewisham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is published.

### Timeline of engagement and decision-making

The latest version of the Lewisham PNA was published in [Spring 2023](#).

The Supplementary Statement is being published in November 2024, after the Health and Wellbeing Board was updated in [July 2024](#).

#### 1. Summary

This report informs the Health and Wellbeing Board that a Supplementary Statement for the Lewisham PNA is published.

#### 2. Recommendations

That the Health and Wellbeing Board is made aware that a Supplementary Statement

for the Lewisham PNA is published.

### **3. Policy Context**

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, March 2018 and April 2023. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the usual schedule was paused, and the deadline was pushed back. If there is a notable change in the population or provision of pharmaceutical services in an area that warrants a review of pharmaceutical services then a PNA supplementary statement must be produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **4. Background**

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.

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.

### **5. The PNA and Supplementary Statement**

The document itself is published on the Lewisham Council Website. This is now accompanied by the Supplementary Statement, dated November 2024.

### **6. Financial Implications**

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report 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**

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred the responsibility for developing and updating PNAs to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

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.

Schedule 1 of the 2013 Regulations sets out matters to be covered in the PNAs.

### **8. Equalities implications**

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**

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

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## 10. Crime and disorder implications

There are no Crime and Disorder implications from this report.

## 11. Health and wellbeing implications

Pharmacies are a key service in the healthcare system. Health and wellbeing implications are core to the PNA.

## 12. Background papers

The current PNA came be found on the [Lewisham Council Website](#).

## 13. Glossary

Term	Definition
PNA	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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