



Health & Wellbeing Board

Report title: Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Update

Date: 9 March 2022

Key decision: Yes/No.

Class: Either Part 1

Ward(s) affected: ALL

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Outline and recommendations

This report provides an update on the COVID-19 Impact JSNA and the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

The board is recommended to:

- Note the contents of the report
- Agree delegation of the 2022 Lewisham PNA sign off to the PNA Steering Group

Timeline of engagement and decision-making

This paper is being submitted as part of the revised JSNA process originally agreed by the [Health and Wellbeing Board in 2017](#)

1. Summary

- 1.1. The scope of the COVID-19 Impact JSNA has now been agreed. The aim of the topic assessment is to assess the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and wellbeing of the population of Lewisham and identify any inequalities within those impacts. This will help to inform the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other local strategic plans relating to the boroughs recovery from COVID-19.
- 1.2. The 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment has begun, with publication due by October 2022.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The board is recommended to approve:
- 2.2. The request that sign off of the PNA can be deferred to the PNA Steering Group.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1. JSNA
- 3.2. The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 placed a statutory duty on PCTs and upper-tier local authorities to jointly deliver a JSNA from April 2008. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 placed a new statutory obligation on Clinical Commissioning Groups, the Local Authority and NHS England to jointly produce and to commission with regard to the JSNA. The Act placed an additional duty on the Local Authority and CCGs to develop a joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy for meeting the needs identified in the local JSNA.
- 3.3. The objective of a JSNA is to provide access to a profile of Lewisham's population, including demographic, social and environmental information. Locally this is presented via the '[Picture of Lewisham](#)' document. The JSNA also provides access to in-depth needs assessments which address specific gaps in knowledge or identify issues associated with particular populations/services. These in-depth assessments vary in scope from a focus on a condition, geographical area, or a segment of the population, to a combination of these. The overall aim of each needs assessment is to translate robust qualitative and quantitative data analysis into key messages for commissioners,

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service providers and partners.

- 3.4. The most recent version of the JSNA can be found here:
<https://www.observatory.lewisham.gov.uk/jsna/>
- 3.5. The priorities of The Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-2023 were informed by the JSNA.
- 3.6. PNA
- 3.7. Every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) 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. Previous assessments have been published in April 2015 and April 2018. The originally timeframe to republish in April 2021 was pushed back for all local authorities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, with a new date of October 2022 set instead.

4. Background

4.1. JSNA

To undertake its responsibilities the Board needs to be periodically updated on the local population and its health needs. Individual JSNA topics provide in-depth analysis and recommendations for that specific service / population group.

4.2. PNA

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 local health care and public health and affect NHS budgets. PNAs are also relevant when deciding if new pharmacies are needed, in response to applications by businesses, including 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.

5. COVID-19 Impact JSNA

- 5.1. The broad purpose of the COVID-19 Impact JSNA is to identify the effect of COVID-19 on the Lewisham population and inequalities within those populations in terms of their vulnerability to COVID-19, their experience of the disease and outcomes including; the impact of Long COVID, mortality from COVID and impacts on life expectancy. It will also look at how the response to the pandemic impacted other areas of health including; access to care / delays in diagnosis, mental health and wellbeing, pregnancy and childbirth.
- 5.2. Ultimately the aim of the COVID JSNA is to assess the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the health and wellbeing of the population of Lewisham and identify any inequalities within those impacts. This will help to inform the development of the new Health and Wellbeing Strategy and other local strategic plans relating to the boroughs recovery from COVID-19.
- 5.3. To inform our continued approach to [Health in All Policies](#) there is a need to examine how the wider determinants of health impacted on vulnerability to COVID-19, as well as how COVID-19 impacted on the wider determinants of health. This should aid prioritisation within strategies and effective targeting.
- 5.4. Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, progress in life expectancy had stalled for some groups. Inequalities are still driving differing prevalence of heart disease, lung cancer and lower respiratory diseases. This provides a rationale for the COVID-19 Impact JSNA to also examine COVID-19 within the context of [Vital 5](#). The Vital 5 initiative advocates for people, communities and organisations to make improvements in/to five

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factors that have a major impact on health at an individual and population level: Blood pressure, Obesity, Mental Health, Smoking status and Alcohol intake.

- 5.5. There is a wealth of data around COVID-19, however much of it is at national and regional level. The assessment will look to use Lewisham data wherever possible but will use regional/national information when needed, giving context as and when it is considered that the Lewisham population is likely to be similar or different to the population for which the data applies.

6. JSNA Steering Group

- 6.1. The JSNA Steering Group is responsible for topic prioritisation, review and approval of completed assessments to recommend to the Health and Wellbeing Board. The group was established following the agreed change in the JSNA process in mid-2017 and was meeting regularly from November 2017. Meetings were not held after the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 but a reintroduction meeting has now been scheduled. Representatives from Public Health, Lewisham CCG, Lewisham and Greenwich Trust, South London and Maudsley Trust, Voluntary Action Lewisham, a representative of the local community organisations, Children and Young People's Commissioning, Health Watch and the Local Medical Committee are invited.
- 6.2. Led by Public Health, the JSNA Steering Group will agree actions and gain input on the production of the COVID-19 JSNA topic assessment.

7. PNA

- 7.1. The 2022 PNA has been contracted out due to continued pressures of COVID-19. The final document will provide 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.
- 7.2. There are over 50 pharmacies in Lewisham, providing a range of services, including three core levels of services categorised as Essential, Advanced and Enhanced. As a minimum all community pharmacies are required to provide Essential Services which include dispensing, signposting and promotion of healthy lifestyles.
- 7.3. The PNA is due to be published by October 2022. In many local authorities the HWBB defers the sign off of the finished assessment to the PNA Steering Group. If agreed by the Lewisham HWBB this could then be added to the PNA Steering Group's Terms of Reference, with the final assessment coming back as an information item.

8. Financial implications

- 8.1. There are no specific financial implications. However the financial implications of any recommendations arising from the assessments subsequently produced will be considered either during or once the assessments are completed as appropriate.

9. Legal implications

- 9.1. The requirement to produce a JSNA is set out in the Policy Context section.
- 9.2. The requirements to produce a PNA are set out above.
- 9.3. Members of the Board are reminded that under Section 195 Health and Social Care Act 2012, Health and Wellbeing Boards are under a duty to encourage integrated working between the persons who arrange for health and social care services in their area.

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10. Equalities implications

JSNAs are a continuous process of strategic assessment and planning, with a core aim to develop local evidence based priorities for commissioning which will improve health and reduce inequalities. The services provided by community pharmacies help to address health inequalities. Equitable access is necessary to ensure the reduction of inequalities. The Equality Act 2010 (the Act) introduced a public sector equality duty (the equality duty or the duty). It covers the following protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

11. Climate change and environmental implications

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

12. Crime and disorder implications

12.1. There are no crime and disorder implications from this report.

13. Health and wellbeing implications

13.1. The aim of JSNAs are to inform planning and commissioning to improve the health and wellbeing of Lewisham residents.

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