
**Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board
Report for Resolution**

Report to: Manchester Health and Wellbeing Board – 22 January 2014

Subject: Pharmacy Needs Assessment (2014): final draft

Report of: David Regan, Director of Public Health

Summary

Following the production of the draft 2014 Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA), in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Commissioning Support Unit (CSU), local health partners have been invited to comment on the document. A final draft is now available for sign off by the Manchester HWB.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. provide final comments by 31/1/13
 2. delegate authority for sign-off of the PNA to the Director of Public Health
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Board Priority(s) Addressed:

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) and transferred responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to HWBs.

Priorities 1-8

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Background documents (available for public inspection):

None

1.0 Introduction

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 established Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWBB). The Act also transferred responsibility to develop and update Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNA) from Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) to HWBBs. HWBB's first PNA must be published by 1 April 2015 or earlier, if possible. The previous PNA issued by the PCT will be adhered to until the LA publishes their first one.

The PNA is a legal document which details services which would be desirable and necessary in a locality based on the local health needs and population demographics. The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 set out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs and can be found at: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/health/2013/02/pharmaceutical-services-regulations>

PNAs will inform commissioning decisions by local authorities (public health services from community pharmacies) and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). NHS England area teams will also use the PNA to inform whether a pharmacy application would be desirable for a particular location.

2.0 Background

Following the production of the draft 2014 PNA, in collaboration with the Greater Manchester Commissioning Support Unit (CSU), local health partners including:

- the Local Pharmaceutical Committee
- the Local Medical Committee
- all local pharmacies
- the Local Healthwatch organisation
- all NHS trusts or NHS foundation trusts
- the NHS Commissioning Board (Greater Manchester Area Team)
- and all neighbouring HWBs.

have been invited to comment on the document.

The final draft, including the consultation comments from local health partners (Appendix 3), is available at www.manchester.gov.uk/pna

3.0 Manchester PNA

This PNA looks at the current provision of pharmaceutical services across Manchester's Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) footprint and whether this meets the needs of the population and identifies any potential gaps to service delivery.

The PNA will be used by NHS England in its determination as to whether to approve applications to join the pharmaceutical list under [The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) Regulations 2013](#).ⁱ

The PNA is required to be published by each HWB by virtue of section 128A of the 2006 Act updated in 2009.ⁱⁱ

The conclusion of this PNA is that the population of Manchester's HWB area has sufficient service provision (including pharmacy contractors) to meet their pharmaceutical needs. This is clearly demonstrated by the following points:

- a significantly higher number of pharmacies per 100,000 population than the England average
- Since 2011 pharmacies have been increasing at a faster rate than the increase in total population
- the public survey indicates that 106 out of 109 (97%) respondents are able to access a pharmacy of their choice
- Public have access to pharmacies within one mile or 20 minutes journey time
- The maps and data contained in this document clearly show that services which are commissioned, in addition to Pharmacy's NHS contract, meet identified health needs in the necessary areas.

In the new NHS there is a need to bring Manchester City Council and Manchester's Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) and Manchester pharmacies together, along with other providers to ensure that the health and pharmaceutical needs of the local population are met through the appropriate commissioning of services. There is also a need for ensuring that those additional services that are commissioned by Manchester City Council and Manchester CCGs from Manchester pharmacies are promoted to Manchester's population so as to improve their uptake. The patient survey indicated that on average a third of respondents would like to use one of these services.

The current Pharmacy services commissioned from Manchester pharmacies lend themselves to assisting Manchester's HWB in achieving the required outcomes identified as the health priorities outlined in their strategy.

Commissioners need to review the currently commissioned services and assess service delivery and health outcomes achieved. Review should include whether all pharmacy contractors should be engaged in commissioned additional services or whether targeted delivery by a small number of contractors would be preferential. It is important that any review includes possible or actual service delivery by other providers where they also meet specific pharmaceutical needs.

4.0 HWB Actions

The Board is asked to:

1. provide final comments by 31 January 2014
2. delegate authority for sign-off of the PNA to the Director of Public Health

ⁱ The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. Accessed 6.8.13 <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2013/349/contents/made>

ⁱⁱ <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/21/section/25>