

Westminster Health & Wellbeing Board

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Classification:	General Release
Title:	<i>Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment</i>
Report of:	<i>Director of Public Health</i>
Wards Involved:	<i>All Wards</i>
Policy Context:	<p><i>Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to publish and maintain a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for their local area by virtue of Section 128a of the National Health Service Act 2006 (Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments) and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.</i></p> <p><i>PNAs are a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services of the population in a defined geographical area.</i></p>
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report presents the final version of the Westminster Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for approval, to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board meets its statutory requirement to publish a PNA by 1 April 2015. In addition, it reports on the proposed changes to the PNA following the mandatory 60 day consultation undertaken between October-December 2014

2. Key Matters for the Board

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board are requested to approve the PNA report for Westminster. The PNA Task and Finish Group consider that the report includes all the information required from the PNA as set out in Schedule 1 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 and allows the Health and Wellbeing Board to meet its legal requirements.

3. Background

- 3.1 PNAs are an important tool, used by NHS England, in market entry decisions (in response to applications from business, including independent owners and large pharmacy company). The assessments are also used by commissioners to make decisions on which funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies.
- 3.2 Across the three Boroughs the PNA has been incorporated as part of the JSNA work programme. The project has been managed by the PNA Task and Finish Group and a PNA has been produced for each Borough
- 3.3 When producing a PNA, Health and Wellbeing Boards are required by law to consult a specified list of bodies at least once during the process of developing the PNA.
- 3.4 There is a minimum duration of 60 days for the consultation. The consultation for the Westminster PNA ran alongside the consultation for the other two boroughs from 21 October to 19 December 2014.
- 3.5 Prior to the consultation the draft PNA was circulated to the Health and Wellbeing Board in October 2014.
- 3.6 In total 10 responders submitted comments as part of the consultation on the Westminster PNA. These comments have been collated and summarised in Appendix 1, which also describes how the consultation responses have informed the final PNA.
- 3.7 NHS England submitted a detailed response with feedback to ensure the PNA would meet statutory requirements and allow NHS England to complete its statutory function with regard to market entry decision making. The proposed changes in Appendix 1 have taken this feedback into account and have been approved by NHS England.

4. Options / Considerations

- 4.1 Schedule 1 of the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 sets out the information that is required in a PNA <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/schedule/1/made>
- 4.2 The PNA Task and Finish Group consider that this information is contained in the Westminster PNA and allows the Health and Wellbeing Board to fulfil its statutory obligations.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards are legally required to publish and maintain a PNA for their local area by virtue of Section 128a of the National Health Service Act 2006 (Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments) and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
- 5.2 All Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to publish a fully revised PNA by 1 April 2015
- 5.3 PNAs must be developed in line with the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

**If you have any queries about this Report or wish to inspect any of the
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APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 Consultation Report - Westminster Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Appendix 2 Westminster Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment DRAFT