

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Buckinghamshire

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Consideration: Information Discussion
 Decision Endorsement

Please indicate to which priority in the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy your report links to:

Start Well	Live Well	Age Well
<input type="checkbox"/> Improving outcomes during maternity and early years	<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing the rates of cardiovascular disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving places and communities to support healthy ageing
<input type="checkbox"/> Improving mental health support for children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving mental health support for adults particularly for those at greater risk of poor mental health	<input type="checkbox"/> Improving mental health support for older people and reducing feelings of social isolation
<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing the prevalence of obesity in children and young people	<input type="checkbox"/> Reducing the prevalence of obesity in adults	<input type="checkbox"/> Increasing the physical activity of older people

None of the above? Please clarify below:

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a statutory obligation of Health and Wellbeing Boards in England. As such, it does not directly link to the Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities, but pharmacies support health and wellbeing in our communities.

1. Purpose of report

Since 1 April 2015, every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up-to-date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area, referred to as a 'pharmaceutical needs assessment' (PNA).

PNAs are used by the NHS as one piece of the puzzle to make decisions on which NHS funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies. PNAs help the NHS decide if new pharmacies are needed.

The purpose of this report is to update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the 60-day technical consultation and the final stages of Buckinghamshire's Pharmaceutical Needs before it is published on 1 October 2022.

2. Recommendation to the Health and Wellbeing Board

1. To note the Executive Summary, full Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and the 60-Day Consultation report.
2. To agree for the report to be published in line with legal requirements
3. Delegate any final responsibility for approval of the PNA following this meeting to the PNA Steering Group.

3. Content of report

This is Buckinghamshire's third Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment under the regulations and requirements set out by the NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013. Since April 2015, all Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) have a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of needs for pharmaceutical services for their population. This is called the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The purpose of the PNA is to:

- Support local commissioners in decisions regarding services that could be delivered by community pharmacies to meet the future identified health needs of the population
- Support NHS England in their decision-making process related to applications for new pharmacies or changes of pharmacy premises and/or opening hours.

There are 85 community pharmacies and one local pharmaceutical services contractor providing pharmacy services within Buckinghamshire.

The PNA assesses whether the current provision of pharmacies, and the commissioned services they provide, meet the needs of the Buckinghamshire residents and whether there are any gaps, either now or within the lifetime of the document, 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2025.

The Buckinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board commissioned Healthy Dialogues to conduct their PNA for October 2022. In January 2022, a steering group was formed to oversee the PNA process and

to ensure that it met statutory regulations. The steering group was chaired by Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, and Berkshire West (BOB), Integrated Care Board.

The process of the development of the PNA included:

- a review of the current and future demographics and health needs of Buckinghamshire population
- a survey to Buckinghamshire patients and the public on their use and expectations of pharmacy services
- a survey to Buckinghamshire pharmacy contractors to determine their capacity to fulfil any identified current or future needs
- an assessment of the commissioned essential, advanced, and other NHS pharmacy services provided in Buckinghamshire

The mandatory consultation period for the draft PNA ran from 23 May to 24 July 2022. Responses to the consultation were considered in the final PNA report and the consultation report is included as Appendix D in the full Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

The Steering Group on behalf of the Health and Wellbeing Board has assessed whether the current and future pharmacy provision meets the health and wellbeing needs of the Buckinghamshire population. It has also determined whether there are any gaps or need for improvements or better access in the provision of pharmaceutical service either now or within the lifetime of this document, 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2025.

Buckinghamshire is well served in relation to the number and location of pharmacies. The Health and Wellbeing Board has concluded that there are no gaps in current and future access to Necessary, Advanced and Other NHS Pharmaceutical Services for the residents of Buckinghamshire, and no needs for improvements or better access were identified.

4. Next steps and review

Following agreement by the Health and Wellbeing Board to publish the report, it will be made publicly available on the Health and Wellbeing Board's webpages.

5. Background papers

The full PNA report includes the executive summary, the full PNA and the 60-day consultation report which details the responses received and how these responses are addressed within the final PNA can be found in appendix 1. The consultation report is included as Appendix D in the PNA document.