

Nottingham City Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Title:	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022-25
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<p>Executive Summary:</p> <p>The Board has a statutory duty to assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area and publish a statement of its assessment, as mandated by the National Health Service Act 2006. The last PNA for the city covered the years 2018-21, with this report seeking approval for an updated assessment of pharmaceutical need for 2022-25.</p> <p>The PNA looks at the demographics and health needs of the population of the city and how they will change within its three-year lifetime. The current provision of pharmaceutical services by pharmacies, dispensing appliance contractors and dispensing doctors both within and outside the city has been analysed and mapped so that any current gaps in provision can be identified. In addition, the PNA considers whether any gaps will arise in the time period 1 October 2022 to 30 September 2025. These gaps are then articulated either as a need for a particular pharmaceutical service, or range of pharmaceutical services, or as improvements or better access to an existing pharmaceutical service or range of pharmaceutical services.</p> <p>A steering group was established to oversee the development of the PNA with representatives invited from the two NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, NHS England, the Nottinghamshire Local Pharmaceutical Committee and the Nottinghamshire Local Medical Committee. Views on the provision of services by pharmacies were sought from the public to help inform the PNA’s conclusions.</p> <p>As part of the PNA process, the Board is required to undertake a consultation of at least 60 days. This consultation ran from 26 May to 25 July 2022. All the organisations required to be consulted with were emailed and provided with a link to the document. In addition, the consultation documents were made available and promoted via Nottingham Insight, allowing members of the public the opportunity to also submit their views. The overall response to the consultation has been positive. No concerns have been raised regarding non-compliance with the regulatory requirements, no pharmaceutical services provision has been missed and the main conclusions are agreed with.</p>	

In the city, pharmaceutical services are provided by 64 community pharmacies, including nine 100-hour pharmacies and four distance selling pharmacies (sometimes called mail-order or internet pharmacies). In addition, there are three dispensing appliance contractor premises. All city residents can access a pharmacy within a 20-minute drive. In addition, it is noted that there is a good public transport service across the city, allowing access for all residents to a pharmacy within 20 minutes. Around 98% of residents are within a 20-minute walk of a pharmacy.

The main conclusion of this PNA is that there are no gaps in the current provision of pharmaceutical services as the providers, both within and outside of the city area, are meeting the residents' current needs for such services.

Recommendation(s): The Board is asked to approve the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2022-25 and authorise its publication by 1 October 2022.

The Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Aims and Priorities

How the recommendation(s) contribute to meeting the Aims and Priorities:

Aim 1: To increase healthy life expectancy in Nottingham through addressing the wider determinants of health and enabling people to make healthy decisions

Aim 2: To reduce health inequalities by having a proportionately greater focus where change is most needed

Priority 1: Smoking and Tobacco Control

Priority 2: Eating and Moving for Good Health

Priority 3: Severe Multiple Disadvantage

Priority 4: Financial Wellbeing

As well as identifying if there is a need for additional premises, the PNA will also identify whether there is a need for an additional service or services, or whether improvements or better access to existing services are required. Identified needs, improvements or better access could either be current or will arise within the three-year lifetime of the PNA. A robust PNA will ensure those who commission services from pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors target services to areas of health need and thus contribute towards reducing health inequalities.

How mental health and wellbeing is being championed in line with the Board's aspiration to give equal value to mental and physical health:

In discussing the health needs of the local population, the PNA discusses both the physical and mental health and wellbeing of key patient groups.

List of background papers relied upon in writing this report	None
Published documents referred to in this report	Pharmaceutical needs assessments: Information pack for local authority health and wellbeing boards (link)