



Health and Wellbeing Together

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Report title	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – 2022-2025
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Report has been considered by	Health and Wellbeing Together Executive Board 8 June 2022 Public Health Senior Leadership Team Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group

Recommendation for action:

The Health and Wellbeing Together Board is recommended to:

1. Sign off the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Wolverhampton covering the period from 2022-2025.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Health and Wellbeing Together that Wolverhampton's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) has been completed and is ready to be signed off by the Board and published, in line with the national deadline of October 2022.
- 1.2 The draft of the PNA was submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Together Executive Board in June 2022 prior to its mandatory 60-day consultation period. Following the consultation, the feedback has been considered and appropriate changes have been made.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 It is the statutory duty of every Health and Wellbeing Board to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for their geographical footprint, on a three-year cycle. The previous Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) was published in 2018 for the three-year period 2018-2021. However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, all Health and Wellbeing Boards were granted two successive extensions on the deadline for their PNAs, until October 2022.
- 2.2 On behalf of Health and Wellbeing Together, members of the Public Health department have been working to strict timescales to update the PNA for 2022-2025 in line with the October 2022 deadline. The Public Health team have been working closely with partners across the Pharmaceutical Sector in Wolverhampton on this PNA, including the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, the Black Country and West Birmingham CCG, Healthwatch and Central Health.

3.0 Financial implications

- 3.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report or the PNA itself.
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4.0 Legal implications

- 4.1 Health and Wellbeing Boards are under a statutory duty to produce and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. This duty has been fulfilled as a result of the completion of the PNA for 2022-2025.
[TC/29092022/B]

5.0 Equalities implications

- 5.1 The PNA has assessed the access to pharmaceutical services for residents in Wolverhampton. The PNA has assessed the spread of pharmacies in the City, the opening times of pharmacies (including an emphasis around pharmacies open outside of traditional business hours), languages other than English spoken by pharmacists and assessing the time it takes to travel to a pharmacy from all parts of the City. The PNA looked to highlight any gaps and inequalities that may have become evident during the

assessment. The PNA process involves surveying pharmacies and, as part of this process, 100% of pharmacies in the City were surveyed, which ensures that there were no gaps in the intelligence used to inform the assessment of inequalities.

6.0 Health and Wellbeing Implications

6.1 It is a statutory duty of the Health and Wellbeing Together to produce and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and as described above, assessments were made to highlight any inequalities that may arise due to the current access to pharmaceutical services across the City.

7.0 Appendices

7.1 Appendix 1: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – 2022-2025