

# LONDON BOROUGH OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

**Report to:** Health and Well Being Board

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**Subject:** Hammersmith and Fulham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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## SUMMARY

This report notes the requirement for the Health and Wellbeing Board to develop and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Hammersmith and Fulham by October 2022 and sets out the process for developing and delivering the PNA.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For the Health and Wellbeing Board to comment and note the statutory requirement to develop and publish an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) by October 2022.
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**Wards Affected:** All

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## DETAILED ANALYSIS

1. Health and Wellbeing Boards are required to publish and maintain a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by virtue of the National Health Service Act 2006 (Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments) and the Health and Social Care Act 2012.
2. PNAs are a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services of the population in a defined geographical area (i.e. the area covered by the Health and Wellbeing Board).
3. PNAs are an important market entry tool. Anyone who wishes to provide NHS pharmaceutical services in a given area must apply to NHS England (NHSE) to be included on the local Pharmaceutical List and prove that they are able to

meet a pharmaceutical service need. The local PNA is used by NHSE to make such decisions in response to any applications.

4. PNAs are also used by commissioners to make decisions on which funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies.
5. All Health and Wellbeing Boards were required to publish their first PNA by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, and then to publish a new PNA every 3 years. The current PNA for Hammersmith and Fulham was published in 2018.
6. Under the existing NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 (the “2013 Regulations”), the next PNA was due to be published by April 2021. However, this was extended to October 2022 due to the Covid19 pandemic
7. When producing a PNA, Health and Wellbeing Boards are required by law to consult a specified list of bodies at least once (and for a minimum period of 60 days). These bodies are:
  - Local Pharmaceutical Committee;
  - Local Medical Committee;
  - Any persons on pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors;
  - Any Local Pharmaceutical Services chemist in the area with whom NHS
  - England has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services;
  - Any local Healthwatch or any other patient, consumer and community group which (in the opinion of the Health and Wellbeing Board) has an interest;
  - Any NHS trust or Foundation Trust;
  - NHS England
  - Any neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards.
8. To deliver the PNA for 2022 a specialist provider has been appointed in accordance with Contract Standing Order 9 (CSO 9). The advertising and competition process was followed and three quotes were sought from the market through the e-tendering service. Healthy Dialogues have been appointed to support the production of the PNA.
9. Delivery will be monitored closely by an established PNA Steering Group which will include representation from key stakeholders including the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, NWL Clinical Commissioning Group, and Healthwatch.

## **LIST OF APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – Production of the Hammersmith and Fulham Needs Assessment