

# Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

**Update**

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# What are pharmaceutical services?

- Pharmaceutical services include some services provided from local **community pharmacies** or **specialist appliance contractors**.
- They also provide healthcare **help and advice** and are often the **first point of contact** when people are concerned about their health, their medication or appliance.

# Why do we need to produce a revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment?

- Enfield Health and Wellbeing Board have a **statutory duty to publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)** at least **every three years**, under the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.
- The **current PNA was published early in 2018** and was due for revision and publication early 2021. However, due to the impact of COVID-19 it lead to the postponement, with a revised publication date of October 2022. During this period a supplementary statement process remained in place to cover changes in provision.
- It is anticipated that the process to produce the revised **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will take 11 months.**

# How the findings of PNA will be used?

- If a pharmacy contractor or a dispensing appliance contractor and may operate as a sole trader, partnership or body corporate, wants to provide pharmaceutical services, they are **required to apply to the NHS to be included in a pharmaceutical list.**
- Pharmaceutical lists are compiled and as at October 2021 are held by NHS England and NHS Improvement. This is commonly known as the **NHS “market entry” system.**
- Under the 2013 regulations, pharmacy contractor who wishes to provide pharmaceutical services **must apply to NHS England and NHS Improvement** to be included in the relevant pharmaceutical list by **proving they are able to meet** a need for, or improvements or better access to, pharmaceutical services as set out in the relevant pharmaceutical needs assessment.
- The pharmaceutical needs assessment **sets out needs** for, **or improvements** or **better access** to, a range of pharmaceutical services or one specific service. This then triggers applications to meet those needs or secure those improvements or better access.

# Who will project manage and produce the PNA?

- Public Health Commissioning team, led the procurement of the PNA production on behalf of all 5 North Central London boroughs.

- Cost of PNA production for 5 boroughs:**

Income/ expenditure	21/22	22/23	Total
Total Expenditure	£102,960	£53,040	£156,000
Total income	£96,536	£48,264	£144,800
Cost to LBE	£6,424	£4,776	£11,200

- Following a competitive tendering process, Enfield Council have invited **Soar Beyond to project manage** and produce the revised Enfield PNA.
- Soar Beyond have previously produced **22 PNAs throughout England**. Their project team includes pharmacists with regulatory and commissioning expertise.

# Why do we need a PNA Steering Group?

- Enfield Council, on behalf of Enfield Health and Wellbeing Board, are responsible for the publication of the revised PNA.
- The production of a PNA is a complex process, requiring knowledge and skills from numerous stakeholders.
- To ensure the revised PNA is robust, Enfield Council wish to draw upon stakeholders with local knowledge and expertise relevant to services and health needs of the London Borough of Enfield.

# What happens next?

- Enfield PHI team are collecting data for the **health needs assessment**.
- Soar Beyond undertaking a survey of all commissioners who are responsible for commissioning services from community pharmacies in Enfield (even if they do not commission services currently).
- The health and wellbeing board must consult with certain organisations about the contents of the pharmaceutical needs assessment at least once, and that consultation must run for a minimum period of 60 days.