

Report to:	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Relevant Officer:	Stephen Boydell, Principal Epidemiologist, Public Health
Relevant Cabinet Member:	Councillor Jo Farrell, Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, and Community Health and Wellbeing
Date of Meeting	5 October 2022

PAN-LANCASHIRE PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 For the Health and Wellbeing Board to be aware of the newly published Pan-Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To receive the new Pan-Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 – 2025.

2.2 To note the finding that there is currently no need for any further additional pharmacies as current pharmaceutical service provision is deemed adequate across Blackpool.

2.3 To note the recommendations from the Pan-Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022 – 2025.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment describes the needs of the citizens of the pan-Lancashire area for pharmacy services and includes information on:

- pharmacies across pan-Lancashire and the services they currently provide
- maps of providers of pharmaceutical services across the pan-Lancashire area
- pharmaceutical contractors in neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Board areas

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is used to support NHS England in making decisions to approve/reject applications to join the pharmaceutical list (also known as market entry), as well as applications to change existing pharmaceutical services. When making the decision NHS England is required to refer to the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

As these decisions may be appealed or challenged via the courts, it is important that Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments, both in their content and in the process of their

construction, comply with regulations and that mechanisms are established to keep the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment up-to-date. In accordance with these regulations, Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are updated every three years.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is both:

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

6.0 Background information

6.1 Blackburn with Darwen, Blackpool and Lancashire's Health and Wellbeing Boards have responsibility for the on-going review, development and publication of the pan-Lancashire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). This is a statutory document, by virtue of the National Health Services (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

6.2 The content of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment must be considered by those responsible for the approval of pharmacy contract applications at NHS England as well as those commissioning other related health services for our local population. From a primary care perspective, this includes both the successors of Clinical Commissioning Groups as well as local authorities, looking to commission and develop local services from pharmacy contractors, general practice, dental, and optometry.

6.3 This is the third formal Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, across pan-Lancashire, which outlines the pharmaceutical services available to our population and makes a number of key recommendations covering the period 2022 through to 2025.

6.4 This document will assist all commissioning partners when reviewing our commissioning arrangements for community pharmacy, recognising the pivotal role that our community pharmacy colleagues have in helping us all to develop and deliver the best possible pharmaceutical services for local communities across Lancashire.

6.5 The document is still to be finalised on the date of agenda is dispatch and will therefore be circulated to members in a separate document.

6.6 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment will be circulated to members under separate cover once completed.

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment must be published by 28 September 2022

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.