

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Health & Wellbeing Board

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Report Title

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

Summary

What is it

A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory responsibility as set out under the [NHS \(Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) Regulations 2013](#). The PNA records the assessment of the need for pharmaceutical services within a specific area. As such, it sets out a statement of the pharmaceutical services which are currently provided, together with when and where these are available to a given population. In assessing need for services the document also considers current and future demographic and health intelligence. The Regulations require NHS England to use the PNA to consider applications to open a new pharmacy, move an existing pharmacy or to commission additional services from pharmacy. The PNA can also be used by patients, current service providers, future service providers and commissioners.

What we have done

We are required to update our PNA every 3 years, although there has been a 2-year extension due to Covid. This means Trafford's PNA must be published by 1st October 2022. Over the past 7 months Trafford has been updating our PNA. We have followed the guidance to do this, which has included:

- Setting up a PNA Steering Group made up of key stakeholders, including Healthwatch, NHS GM Trafford, and NHS England.
- Carrying out a pharmacy survey (24 responses – an increase on 20 in 2017)
- Carrying out a public survey (145 responses – an increase on 47 in 2017)
- Carrying out a 6 week consultation on the PNA

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A key purpose of updating the PNA is to identify any gaps in pharmacy provision. The only gap identified is Partington where there is not currently any provision available on a Saturday afternoon or all-day Sunday. The exact gap identified is between midday and 5pm on Saturday and 10am – 2pm on Sunday. No other gaps in pharmacy provision were identified. This is based on:

- Trafford has 26 pharmacies per 100,000 population, which is higher than the Greater Manchester and England averages.

- Trafford has fewer prescription items dispensed per month per pharmacy than the Greater Manchester and England average.
- A total of 98.8% of Trafford resident postcodes are within 1 mile of a Trafford pharmacy. A total of 90.8% of resident postcodes are within 0.5 miles of a Trafford pharmacy
- The location of pharmacies within each of the four neighbourhoods and across the whole HWB area.
- The number and distribution of pharmacies within each of the four neighbourhoods and across the whole HWB area.
- The choice of pharmacies covering each of the four neighbourhoods and the whole HWB area.
- 97% of respondents to the public survey stated they had no issues accessing a community pharmacy.
- 91% respondents to the public survey had no issues travelling to their pharmacy.
- Trafford has a choice of pharmacies open a range of times including early mornings, evenings and the weekend.
- Trafford pharmacies offer a range of pharmaceutical services to meet the requirements of the population.

Recommendation(s)

1. For an action plan to be developed to address the gap in pharmacy provision, within Partington.
2. For the Health & Wellbeing Board to sign off the updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

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