

**SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

**11 July 2022**

**SUNDERLAND PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (JULY 2022 - JULY 2025)**

**Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities**

**1 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with information about the changes that have been made to the consultation draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Sunderland since the previous meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and to seek approval of the final (post consultation) Sunderland PNA, in line with its statutory responsibility to agree and publish an updated PNA for Sunderland by 1 October 2022.

**2. PNA process**

- 2.1 One of the statutory functions of Health and Wellbeing Boards is to prepare PNAs at least every three years.
- 2.2 The consultation draft PNA, as prepared by the PNA Steering Group, was presented to the Board on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. At this meeting the Board agreed that the Steering Group should proceed with the statutory consultation.
- 2.3 The 60-day statutory consultation was undertaken between 21<sup>st</sup> March and 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.
- 2.4 In keeping with the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations (2013) the following stakeholders were consulted during this time (and feedback was welcomed from any agency or individual):
- Sunderland Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC)
  - Sunderland Local Medical Committee
  - All persons on the pharmaceutical lists and all dispensing doctors list in Sunderland
  - Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group
  - Sunderland Healthwatch
  - Change Grow Live (CGL)
  - Local NHS Foundation Trusts (including those delivering services within the Sunderland boundary):
    - South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust,
    - Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust
    - North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust
    - Country Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
    - The Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust
    - Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust

- Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust
- Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust
- NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI)
- Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards in Durham, South Tyneside and Gateshead

2.5 Stakeholders were asked to respond to the following specific consultation questions:

- Does the pharmaceutical needs assessment reflect the current provision of pharmaceutical services within your area?
- Are there any gaps in service provision i.e. when, where and which services are available that have not been identified in the pharmaceutical needs assessment?
- Does the draft pharmaceutical needs assessment reflect the needs of your area's population?
- Has the pharmaceutical needs assessment provided enough information to inform future pharmaceutical services provision and plans for pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors?
- Do you agree with the conclusions of the pharmaceutical needs assessment?
- Do you have any other comments?

2.6 In total, 8 responses to the statutory consultation were received from:

- the Local Pharmaceutical Committee;
- those currently on the pharmaceutical list in the city (4);
- NHSEI; and
- individuals (2).

In addition, the draft PNA was discussed at Sunderland Council Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 6 April 2022.

2.7 Key themes in the feedback are shown in Appendix 1.

2.8 Changes were made to the document in relation to:

- Correction of any errors identified;
- Updates to information about commissioned services;
- Changes to organisations and the Sunderland health system described in the PNA;
- Issues identified through discussion at the Health and Wellbeing Board, Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, LPC and Healthwatch Board; and
- Feedback through the consultation process.

2.9 Issues requiring action which fall outside the scope of the PNA have been passed to relevant partners to progress.

2.10 The consultation draft PNA was well received and feedback was generally positive.

2.11 The final draft of the PNA is appended. A summary of findings is set out in section 11 and the statement of PNA is in section 12 of the document. Feedback from the statutory consultation is included as Appendix 7 of the document.

### **3. Recommendations**

3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- i. agree the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Sunderland (July 2022 to July 2025);
- ii. delegate authority to the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities to agree any further minor changes to the PNA in advance of formal publication by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022;
- iii. receive appropriate updates through the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities; and
- iv. delegate authority to the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities to identify any changes to the need for pharmaceutical services that arise during the lifetime of the PNA and determine whether a supplementary statement needs to be issued or whether it would be proportionate to produce a new PNA.

Appendix 1: Key themes in the feedback

Appendix 2: Final Draft Sunderland PNA (July 2022 - July 2025)



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In relation to service provision:

- An additional point has been added that commissioners of NHS services as well as local pharmacy services should consider how to communicate about the availability of services with the population of Sunderland and with other healthcare professional teams to increase engagement and interaction with services.
- Information regarding the council's weight management programmes has been added.
- It has been noted that should there be significant changes to supplementary hours, a detailed review would need to be undertaken to explore provision, with early involvement of the LPC and local community pharmacies to explore solutions.

In relation to services responding to needs:

- The PNA has been updated to reflect the information from NHSE regarding access to linguistic services.
- The long-standing lack of opening hours in the Coalfield has been reviewed and additional wording has been added to say that should there be further evidence identifying specific need in this locality then there may be an opportunity to work with Sunderland LPC and local pharmacies to review this and explore a rota for out of hours provision.
- A statement has been added that pharmacies in neighbouring areas can provide further choice of community pharmacies, particularly in terms of the Washington and Coalfields localities.
- Additional information has been added to reflect the number of new dwellings planned by locality.
- Information on partnership working on a successful marketing campaign aimed at addressing antimicrobial resistance has been included.
- A statement has been added regarding out of area dispensing, which means lost revenue to community pharmacies in Sunderland.
- A sentence has been added regarding the work that the LPC and the Sunderland COVID volunteer co-ordinator undertook to ensure that volunteers and community pharmacies worked in partnership to ensure that many vulnerable people and those individuals in isolation, could gain access to their medication.

In relation to accuracy of information:

- Maps have been reviewed and updated to reflect the correct provision of services.
- Opening and closure of distance selling pharmacies since the last PNA has been clarified.

In relation to organisational changes:

- A regional approach to the role of community pharmacy is being explored across the Integrated Care System and this has been included.
- The difference between the 5 Sunderland Council localities and the 6 PCN geographies has been clarified.

There is general broad agreement about the conclusions arising from the PNA.