

	<u>Agenda Item: 19</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	28 March 2023
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Dr Justin Varney

Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:

- 1.1. To inform Health and Wellbeing Board members around the publication of the Birmingham and Solihull Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022-2025.
- 1.2. To seek the endorsement of Board Members of the Birmingham and Solihull PNA 2022-2025.

2. Implications (tick all that apply):

Creating a Bolder, Healthier, City (2022-2030) – Strategic Priorities	Closing the Gap (Inequalities)	
	Theme 1: Healthy and Affordable Food	
	Theme 2: Mental Wellness and Balance	
	Theme 3: Active at Every Age and Ability	
	Theme 4: Contributing to a Green and Sustainable Future	
	Theme 5: Protect and Detect	
	Getting the Best Start in Life	
	Living, Working and Learning Well	
	Ageing and Dying Well	
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		✓

3. Recommendation

- 3.1. To note the publication of the Birmingham and Solihull Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025.

4. Report Body

Background

- 4.1. A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory requirement of Health and Wellbeing Boards (HWB) in England; its purpose is to assess the current provision of pharmaceutical services in an area and the 'need' for such services now and in the near future.
- 4.2. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 outlines the duty of local authorities, through the local HWB, to produce a PNA for their population. The PNA should be informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) process and any other relevant needs assessments that identify a role for pharmaceutical services in addressing health needs.

Birmingham and Solihull PNA

- 4.3. Birmingham HWB and Solihull HWB have made joint arrangements for their PNA. This is in line with Section 198 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012, which allows two or more HWBs to work together to discharge their functions. It also supports the Birmingham and Solihull (BSol) Integrated Care System.
- 4.4. This steering group and the relevant Directors of Public Health were granted delegated authority by the relevant HWB's for approval and sign-off of the PNA.
- 4.5. During the development of the Birmingham and Solihull PNA, there has been a public consultation to gather the views on the adequacy of pharmaceutical services from a wide range of stakeholders. This has included the distribution of professional and public surveys, aimed at pharmacy contractors and members of the public, respectively.
- 4.6. The public survey received 533 responses from members of the public; 84 were received from pharmacy contractors (out of a total of 317 pharmacies in BSOL ICS). The relatively low response rate has been noted. Of the responses to the public survey:
- 92% have a regular or preferred pharmacy
 - 73% rated their pharmacy service as '8', '9' or '10' out of 10
 - 84% stated that it takes them up to 15 minutes to travel to a pharmacy
- 4.7. The assessment concluded that no gaps have been identified in provision either now or in the future (over the next three years) for pharmaceutical services deemed necessary.

4.8. While no gaps have been identified, the PNA still suggests opportunities to enhance provision and support improvement in the health of residents across the following areas:

- Highlight to the public the services that are currently available from community pharmacies to support the improved utilisation of these existing services.
- Identify and promote the best way to deliver the new and current Advanced Services and Locally Commissioned Services.
- Consider the provision of new Locally Commissioned Services to meet specific health needs in BSOL.

4.9. There will be a review session in February 2023 where any lessons will be recorded, and discussion will be had on how the PNA will be maintained until the next one is published.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1. HWB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

- None

5.2. Management Responsibility

- The Birmingham HWB has a statutory duty to publish a PNA every three years and keep this PNA updated.
- The Birmingham HWB will need to make preparations in 2024 for the development and publication of the next PNA in 2025.

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Pharmacy closures leave an area without suitable access to pharmaceutical services.	Medium	Medium	The Governance Team will keep an up-to-date log of all pharmacy closures within Birmingham and publish updates to the PNA accordingly.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Birmingham and Solihull Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022-2025

The following people have been involved in the preparation of this board paper:

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