

	<u>Agenda Item: 10</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	22/08/2022
TITLE:	BIRMINGHAM PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
Presenting Officer	Dr Justin Varney

Report Type:	Approval
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1. Purpose:

- 1.1. To update the Birmingham Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) on the progress towards producing the next Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).
- 1.2. To seek approval from the Birmingham HWB to proceed with the joint arrangements between Birmingham and Solihull for producing a PNA.
- 1.3. To seek approval from the Birmingham HWB to delegate the sign-off of the draft and final PNA to the Birmingham Director of Public Health and the Birmingham and Solihull PNA Steering Group.

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 approve the joint arrangements between Birmingham and Solihull for producing their PNA (a single joint PNA covering both Birmingham and Solihull).
- 3.2. To formally delegate the sign-off of the draft and final PNA to the Birmingham Director of Public Health (DPH) and Birmingham and Solihull PNA Steering Group.

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. The joint arrangements were approved by the Solihull HWB Board on Tuesday 14th June 2022.
- 4.5. The production of the next (2022) PNA for Birmingham and Solihull has commenced. The final PNA should be published no later than 1st October 2022. However, this deadline will not be met as we will only have a Draft version ready by then due to the time frame we have, and the intention is to publish the final PNA in January 2023.
- 4.6. A Birmingham and Solihull PNA Steering Group has been established to produce the PNA. An external expert resource, Soar Beyond Ltd, has been commissioned to support the production of the draft PNA 2022 report. Soar Beyond has extensive expertise in producing PNAs, including eight PNAs in 2015 and twelve in 2018.
- 4.7. The PNA Steering Group held its first meeting on Tuesday, 14th June 2022. A Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) and the Project Plan (Appendix 2) were agreed upon.

- 4.8. The steering group has collected information from service providers, commissioners, and the public on current pharmaceutical service provision. Over the past months, surveys have been completed by the public, commissioners and community pharmacy contractors. This was to seek opinion on current pharmaceutical services in Birmingham and Solihull.
- 4.9. The aforementioned Soar Beyond Ltd is currently producing the draft PNA, which the PNA Steering Group will consider. If approved, it will be made available for a 60-day consultation between October and December 2022.
- 4.10. The Steering Group will consider the results of the 60-day consultation at its meeting in December. Following consultation, the final PNA will be produced for publication. The final assessment will be provided for information to the Birmingham HWB in January 2023.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1. HWB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

5.1.1. None

5.2. Management Responsibility

5.2.1. The Birmingham HWB has a statutory duty to publish a PNA and update it.

5.2.2. The Birmingham and Solihull PNA Steering Group is responsible for producing the next PNA, which will be provided for information purposes to the Birmingham HWB in January 2023.

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk

Appendices

Appendix 1 Birmingham and Solihull PNA Steering Group Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 PNA Project Plan

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

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