

CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Reports Cover Sheet

Title of Report:	Delaying the refresh of the Cheshire East Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
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Executive Summary

Is this report for:	Information <input type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision X
Why is the report being brought to the board?	The Health and Wellbeing Board is required to ensure a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is published and updated on a regular basis.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?	Creating a place that supports health and wellbeing for everyone living in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Enable more people to live well for longer <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above X		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?	Equality and Fairness X Accessibility X Integration <input type="checkbox"/> Quality X Sustainability X Safeguarding <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input type="checkbox"/>		
Key Actions for the Health & Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.	That the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board agree to the postponement of a revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for a period of 12 months.		
Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?	N/A		

Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?	N/A
If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.	N/A

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 The NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 require Health and Wellbeing Boards to publish and keep updated, a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNS) for their area.
- 1.2 The current Cheshire East PNA was published in 2018 <https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/pdf/council-and-democracy/health-and-wellbeing-board/cheshire-east-pna2018-final.pdf> and is due for renewal in 2021. However, COVID pressures on the Public Health Team and the Pharmacy profession require this to be delayed.
- 1.3 The Department of Health and Social Care has announced that the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Need Assessments will be suspended until April 2022.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board agree to the postponement of a revised Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for a period of 12 months.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 Following guidance from the Department of Health and Social Care it is advised that there is no capacity in the system currently to undertake revisions to the PNA.

4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 The content of PNAs is set out in Schedule 1 to the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. The PNA must contain:
 - A statement of the pharmaceutical services provided that are necessary to meet needs in the area;
 - A statement of the pharmaceutical services that have been identified by the HWB that are needed in the area, and are not provided (gaps in provision);

- A statement of the other services which are provided, which are not needed, but which have secured improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of the services that the HWB has identified as not being provided, but which would, if they were to be provided, secure improvements or better access to pharmaceutical services in the area;
- A statement of other NHS services provided by a local authority, the NHS Commissioning Board (NHS England), a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) or an NHS Trust, which affect the needs for pharmaceutical services;
- An explanation of how the assessment has been carried out (including how the consultation was carried out); and
- A map of providers of pharmaceutical services.

5.2 Because the PNA development goes through an extensive engagement and formal consultation process, a PNA is likely to take in excess of 6 months to prepare, and the process can take up to a year or even more. The service demands placed upon the Public Health Team and the Pharmacy profession in dealing with the COVID pandemic mean that the capacity to review the PNA this year is not available.

5.3 Recognising this and that Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments are due to be renewed in 2021, the Department of Health and Social Care has announced that the requirement to publish renewed Pharmaceutical Need Assessments will be suspended until April 2022. Health and Wellbeing boards will retain the ability to issue supplementary statements to respond to local changes and pharmaceutical needs during this time. The NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 will be updated in due course.

5.4 The current Cheshire East PNA is published on the Council website and will remain 'live' over the next twelve months. Plans will be put in place to begin the work on the refresh of the PNA from June onwards, if the COVID 19 response requirements have reduced and created capacity to undertake the work.

6 Access to Information

6.1 The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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