

**To:** Reading Health and Wellbeing Board  
**Date:** 6 October 2017  
**Title:** **Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Update**  
**Report By:** Public Health Services for Berkshire



**Purpose of Report:**

To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) that is currently underway.

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Since April 2013, every Health & Wellbeing Board in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in their area. This is referred to as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Each Health & Wellbeing Board had to publish their first PNA by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, and is required to undertake a revised assessment at least every 3 years. The refreshed PNAs therefore need to be signed-off and published by 31st March 2018.

Public Health Services for Berkshire have been leading the development of the 2018 PNAs across the 6 Berkshire Local Authorities. Part of this work has included conducting a survey of local pharmacies to identify the services that they provide or would like to provide. This closed in September with a total response rate of 82.4% of pharmacies across Berkshire. For Reading Borough Council, 30 out of 35 pharmacies responded (86%). An online public survey was also open from June to September to gather feedback about local pharmacy services. This received 184 responses across Berkshire and 44 of these were from Reading residents.

Public Health Services for Berkshire are now in the process of collating and analysing survey responses and mapping the local pharmacy services provided. These will be used to identify any possible gaps in service provision and will form the basis of the PNA. A draft PNA will be completed in October and is required to go out to a public consultation for 60 days, which will be across November and December. It is our understanding that the Director of Adult Care & Health Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board, will approve the draft PNA prior to going out for consultation.

Following the public consultation, any necessary amendments will be made to the final PNA report in early 2018. This will then be formally signed-off by the Health & Wellbeing Board on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018, in line with the NHS Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013.

**Actions for HWBBs:**

- **October 2017** - HWBB Chairs to sign off draft for public consultation
- **November and December 2017** - Support public consultation on the draft PNA
- **By 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018** – Agree final PNA at HWBB meeting in public, including any recommendations and publish in formal papers

**Recommended Action for Reading Health and Wellbeing Board:**

1. **That the Director of Adult Care & Health Services be authorised to sign off the draft Reading PNA for public consultation, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board;**
2. **That public consultation on the draft PNA in November and December 2017 be supported;**
3. **That the final Reading PNA be submitted to the 16 March 2018 Board meeting for approval.**