

READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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REPORT TITLE:	READING'S PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2018 TO 2021		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To share the findings and the final report *Reading's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2018 to 2021* with the Health & Wellbeing Board and to seek formal approval to publish the final PNA and appendices on the Reading Borough Council website.
- 1.2 *Reading Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 to 2021* is attached and is supported by the following Appendices:

*Appendix A - Berkshire PNA Pharmacy Survey 2017*  
*Appendix B - Berkshire PNS Public Survey 2017*  
*Appendix C - Opening times for Pharmacies in Reading*  
*Appendix D - Equalities Screen Record for Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (Reading)*  
*Appendix E - Consultation Report Reading Borough Council*  
*Appendix F - Berkshire PNA Formal Consultation Survey 2017*  
*Appendix G - Supplementary Statement - February 2018*

Full maps used to support the PNA are outlined below. These are available on request and will be published with the final PNA if approved.

*Map 1 - Pharmaceutical Services in Reading*  
*Map 2 - Reading pharmacies and Index of Multiple Deprivation*  
*Map 3 - Reading pharmacies and population density by ward level*  
*Map 4 - Reading pharmacies and weekend opening*  
*Map 4 - Reading pharmacies and evening opening*  
*Map 5 - 5 and 10 Minute Walking Times Reading*  
*Map 7 - 15 Minute Walking Times Reading*  
*Map 8 - Pharmacies inside and within 1.6km (1 mile) of Reading*

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 Formally approve *Reading's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2018 to 2021*.
- 2.2 Approve publication of *Reading's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018 to 2021* which should be made accessible for the lifespan - noting that if local

pharmaceutical services change during this time, the Local Authority will publish supplementary statements to the relevant host website.

2.3 Note if significant changes occur during the lifespan the HWB will be notified.

### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

3.1 As outlined in the [Health and Social Care Act 2012](#) - as of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 every Health and Wellbeing Board has had statutory responsibility to publish, and keep up to date, a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services in their area. This is referred to as the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). The first PNA had to be (and was) published on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015, and it is required to undertake a revised assessment at least every 3 years.

### 4. Background

A PNA is the statement of the needs of pharmaceutical services of the population in a specific area. It sets out a statement of the pharmaceutical services which are currently provided, together with when and where these are available to a given population. The PNA also considers whether there are any gaps in the delivery of pharmaceutical services and is used by NHS England to make decisions on which NHS-funded services should be provided by local community pharmacies. The PNA can also be used to inform commissioners, such as local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), who may wish to procure additional services from pharmacies to meet local health priorities.

Reading's Health & Wellbeing Board published the last PNA in April 2015 and it has been required to approve and oversee a revised assessment to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. Public Health Services for Berkshire has led the development of the latest PNAs across the 6 Berkshire Local Authorities, as agreed with all the relevant Health & Wellbeing Boards. This report presents the findings of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Reading (2018 to 2021) and summarises the process undertaken to develop this.

#### 4.1 COMMUNITY AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PNA

The process for the development of the PNA was agreed with Reading's Health & Wellbeing Board on the 14 July 2017 ([Item 19](#)). A small task and finish group was set up to oversee the development of the PNA. The membership of this group included the Strategic Director of Public Health for Berkshire, the Consultant in Public Health (Public Health Services for Berkshire), an NHS England pharmaceutical commissioner, a representative from the Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) and the Public Health Intelligence Manager (Public Health Services for Berkshire).

The development of the PNA involved several key stages:

1) *Survey of community pharmacies to map current service provision*

This survey took place from June to July 2017 using an online survey accessed through PharmOutcomes. The survey collated information from local community pharmacies about the services they provided and any gaps that they identified in local pharmaceutical service provision.

2) *Survey of public to ascertain views on services*

The public survey was accessible through an online portal and was live from June to August 2017. Local authorities, CCGs and local Healthwatch were encouraged to promote the survey and gather feedback from local residents.

3) *Development of draft PNA Report*

Public Health Services for Berkshire developed the draft PNA report. This used information gathered from the two surveys, local demographics for Reading, geographical mapping information and data provided from NHS England. A full assessment was made on the provision of pharmaceutical services in the area, based on all the information available.

4) *Public consultation on the draft PNA Report*

The draft PNA Report was signed off for consultation by Reading's Director of Adult Care & Health Services, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Health & Wellbeing Board, following the Board's meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 ([Item 16](#)). The full draft report and supporting appendices were published on Reading Borough Council's website for a formal 60-day consultation period from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.

Responses from the consultation were collated by Public Health Services for Berkshire and the PNA Report was reviewed and amended accordingly

5) The final PNA Report has been shared with Reading's Health and Wellbeing Board chair ahead of the meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

## 4.2 Key findings and conclusion

As outlined in the Executive Summary (Page 2-4) of *Reading PNA 2018 to 2021*, the key findings of Reading's PNA are:

- There is good provision of pharmaceutical services in Reading during normal working hours, with 30 pharmacies and one distance selling pharmacy within the Borough. There are also seven pharmacies outside the borough, but within 1.6km of borders which were considered when assessing provision and access to services.
- All pharmacies are open on weekdays and there is relatively good provision on weekday and Saturday evenings for the majority of residents.
- All residents are within a 10 minute drive of a pharmacy when services in neighbouring boroughs are taken into account; however there are no pharmacies in Mapledurham or Thames ward and no services open on evenings or Sundays in Whitley or Church wards.
- Although 95% of residents are within a 15 minute walk of a pharmacy during normal working hours, residents in parts of Whitley, Mapledurham, and Thames wards and a small area of Peppard ward are not within walking distance of a pharmacy either within or outside the borough.
- Future planned developments in Whitley where there are areas of relative deprivation and a higher proportion of young families may increase need for services in this area.
- The public survey showed that across Berkshire, 95% of respondents were able to get to the pharmacy of their choice, 86% took less than 15 minutes to travel to their regular pharmacy and the remaining 14% stated that it took between 15 and 30 minutes. Overall, 91% were satisfied or very satisfied with the location of their pharmacy
- There is adequate but variable provision of advanced pharmaceutical services for Reading residents, with a number of pharmacies also providing locally

commissioned services (LCS) for emergency hormonal contraception, needle exchange and supervised consumption.

- Whilst not considered 'necessary', there is room to extend the range of LCS that are commissioned in Reading and to increase the number of pharmacies providing these. A number of pharmacies have stated that they would be willing to provide these services if commissioned to do so.
- Based on the information available at the time of developing this PNA, there may be gaps in provision of essential and advanced pharmaceutical services within walking distance for some residents in Whitley, Mapledurham and Thames wards, there may also be increased need for services in Whitley in the lifetime of this PNA if future residential development goes ahead as planned.

## 5. ACTIONS FOR READING'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

The Health & Wellbeing Board are asked to formally approve *Reading's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for 2018 to 2021*. This needs to be signed-off by Reading's HWB by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

With the HWB approval the final PNA and appendices will be published on Reading Borough Council's website and will be accessible for the lifespan of the report (until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021). If local pharmaceutical services change during this time, such as the opening hours, address of premises or needs of the local population, Reading Borough Council will need to publish supplementary statements to the relevant website. The HWB should be aware that if other significant changes occur which impact on need for pharmaceutical services during the lifetime of the PNA this may result in the need to refresh the PNA. No such changes are expected.

## 7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Public Health Services for Berkshire undertook an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) screening to assess the process used to develop and publish the PNA for Reading, as well as the impact that the conclusion may have on the people with protected characteristics. The Bracknell Forest EIA Framework was used and the completed EIA screening report is attached as Appendix D of final report.

## 8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 Failure to have a revised PNA agreed and published by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 would mean Reading's Health & Wellbeing Board would be in breach of their statutory responsibility outlined in the [Health and Social Care Act 2012](#).

## 9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 At this stage there are no immediate financial implications either in relation to the findings of the PNA nor the process of completing the PNA. The outcome of the PNA should be used to inform local commissioners both of the existing needs and provision of pharmaceutical services, gaps and opportunities.