

## Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (2022-2025)

### Report of the Director of Public Health

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for Devon.

#### 1. Context

1.1 This paper follows on from previous reports received by the Devon Health and Wellbeing Board, (March 2018) describing the Board's statutory duty to ensure the production of a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Devon by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

1.2 The final Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is available to view on the Devon Health and Wellbeing website (<http://www.devonhealthandwellbeing.org.uk/board/pharmaceutical-need-assessment/>)

#### 2. A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Devon

2.1 Public Health teams in Devon, Plymouth and Torbay have worked closely with the Local Pharmaceutical Committee to produce the PNA in a consistent but locally relevant format, which complies with the regulations.

#### 3. Consultation

3.1 As highlighted in the July 2022 Board report there is statutory requirement to undertake a consultation on the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. The 60-day consultation period took place between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The draft Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment received 132 responses to the online consultation survey were received for Devon. These individuals represented:

- Pharmacists or appliance contractor (1 response)
- Dispensing Doctor (1 response)
- GP Practices (3 responses)
- Members of the public (106 responses)
- Primary Care Network (2 responses)
- Healthwatch (1 response)
- A health or social care professional (8 responses)
- On behalf of an organisation, team or board (8 responses)
- Not stated (2 responses)

3.2 The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Steering Group reviewed all the comments and the key themes are included within the consultation report within Appendix 9 of the final report. The themes were

- Document Structure, Content and Data Quality
- Gap Analysis Methodology
- Population increases and future housing developments
- Pharmacy provision impacting on other health care services
- Opening Times and Emergency Closures
- Not delivering Essential Services
- Feedback received outside the parameters of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
- Closure of Pharmaceutical services/provision
- Travel Time, Accessibility in Rural areas, and Patient Choice
- Tourism
- Public Experience/Engagement

The draft document has been updated and amended to include, where possible, further information identified as needed. A number of small corrections to accuracy were made where these were identified.

#### **4. Summary**

4.1 The draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment was developed in conjunction with Wider Devon local authorities, Devon LPC and discussed with NHS England/Improvement, including a robust gap analysis process. It underwent a comprehensive consultation exercise for a 60-day period in compliance with the statutory regulations. All responses were reviewed, and decisions were made on the necessary amendments to the document. It is recommended the Health and Wellbeing Board endorse the Devon Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

#### **5. Financial Consideration**

There are no financial considerations.

#### **6. Legal Considerations**

The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is used to support the control of entry for new pharmacies. There is a potential risk that an unsuccessful pharmacy application, turned down as a result of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, may result in a legal challenge.

#### **7. Environmental Impact Considerations**

There are no environmental considerations.

#### **8. Equality Considerations**

The needs of people and communities, particularly those most vulnerable or disadvantaged are made explicit in the Devon Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. There are no specific equality issues related to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

#### **9. Risk Management Considerations**

No risks have been identified.

#### **10. Options/Alternatives**

The Health and Wellbeing Board has the statutory responsibility to produce an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022.

#### **11. Public Health Impact**

The Devon Health and Wellbeing Board is central to overseeing the commissioning of services which address public health and other relevant health and wellbeing outcomes

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Background Papers  
Nil