

# Southend Health & Wellbeing Board

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Agenda  
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**Health & Wellbeing Board**  
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## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2022-2025

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### 1 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is as follows:

- 1.1 To provide the Board with the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment covering three years – 2022-25 including noting conclusions and recommendations.
- 1.2 To provide the Board with the new draft PNA, following a public consultation and follow up review by the PNA Steering Group

### 2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the conclusions and recommendations
- 2.2 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that there is a requirement to reassess and revise the PNA within three years of its previous publication.
- 2.3 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note that a revised assessment must be made as soon as it is reasonably practicable after identifying any changes that have occurred since the previous assessment, that may have an effect on the needs of the pharmaceutical services

### 3 Background & Context

- 3.1 The purpose of the PNA is to map pharmaceutical services against the local health needs of Southend-on-Sea.

- 3.2 This mapping provides a framework for strategic development and commissioning of services, enabling local pharmacy service providers and commissioners to:
  - 3.2.1 Understand the pharmaceutical needs of the population
  - 3.2.2 Gain a clearer picture of pharmaceutical services currently provided
  - 3.2.3 Make appropriate decisions on applications to join the pharmaceutical list or to amend an entry on the pharmaceutical list
  - 3.2.4 Commission appropriate and accessible services from community pharmacies
  - 3.2.5 Clearly identify and address any local gaps in pharmaceutical services
  - 3.2.6 Target services to reduce health inequalities within local health communities
- 3.3 The NHS commissioning and service delivery landscape has seen significant development over the past three years, leading to the creation of the Mid and South Essex STP and from July 2022, the new Integrated Care System replaced the CCGs
- 3.4 The new South East Essex Alliance, which covers the area of Southend-on-Sea, Castle Point and Rochford will play a vital role in the local delivery of health and wellbeing and has been developing a new Place based commissioning plan
- 3.5 In Southend-on-Sea approximately 19% of people are 65 or over, which is similar to the rate of 19% nationally. Population forecasts suggest that this proportion is set to increase by 7.17% by 2031.
- 3.6 The increasing population and its diversity will require significant planning for the delivery of services, in particular to meet its varied health and social care needs.
- 3.7 There is growing recognition that health inequalities are widening, and now exacerbated due to the impact caused by COVID.
- 3.8 One of the major health inequalities for Southend is the contrast in life expectancy, between those living in the most deprived wards and the more affluent wards. There is a ten year gap in life expectancy.
- 3.9 The other major health inequality for Southend is the contrast in healthy life expectancy, between those living in the most deprived wards and the more affluent wards. There is a sixteen year gap in healthy life expectancy.
- 3.10 Lifestyle issues are of a concern, especially those related to drug and alcohol use, obesity, sexual health, smoking, and oral health.

- 3.11 Locally commissioned services are provided by many community pharmacies to address these lifestyle issues
- 3.12 Southend-on-Sea has 38 community pharmacies (as of March 2022) for a population of around 182,773. Detailed maps identifying all Southend-on-Sea HWB pharmacies and cross-border pharmacy provision can be found in section 3
- 3.13 Provision of current pharmaceutical services and locally commissioned services are well distributed, serving all the main population centres.
- 3.14 Using current population estimates, the number of community pharmacies per 100,000 population for Southend-on-Sea is currently 20.8, which has decreased slightly from 21.4 in 2018.
- 3.15 The majority (61%) of community pharmacies in Southend-on-Sea are open on weekday evenings (after 6 pm) and on Saturdays (87%). A number are open on Sundays (18%), mainly in shopping areas.
- 3.16 This document must be reassessed and revised every three years, However, due to the pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care postponed the requirement for all PNAs to be published until 1 October 2022.

#### **4 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Update**

- 4.1 The consultation for the PNA closed on Friday 8th July 2022, with a total of 412 responses received from the public questionnaire. A full copy of the results can be found in Appendix G.
- 4.2 All feedback was reviewed at the PNA Steering Group meeting on Tuesday 2nd August 2022, and the document was updated accordingly.
- 4.3 It was agreed that the 'Consultation Comments Report' document would be included as an Appendix on the final PNA document.
- 4.4 Final PNA to be published the last week in September/ first week of October 2022. The current version is still therefore in 'draft' form, although we do not expect any material change in the final version.
- 4.5 This document must be reassessed and revised every three years, However, due to the pandemic, the Department of Health and Social Care postponed the requirement for all PNAs to be published until 1 October 2022.

#### **5 Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 5.1 There is no current gap in the provision of Necessary Services during normal working hours across Southend-on-Sea to meet the needs of the population
- 5.2 There are no current gaps in the provision of Necessary Services outside of normal working hours across Southend-on-Sea to meet the needs of the population.

- 5.3 No gaps have been identified in the need for pharmaceutical services in specified future circumstances across the whole of Southend-on-Sea.
- 5.4 No gaps in the provision of Advanced Services at present or in the future that would secure improvements or better access to Advanced Services across the whole of Southend-on-Sea.
- 5.5 No gaps have been identified that if provided either now or in the future would secure improvements or better access to Enhanced Services across the whole of Southend-on-Sea
- 5.6 Based on current information, no current gaps have been identified in respect of securing improvements or better access to locally commissioned services, either now or in specific future circumstances across Southend-on-Sea to meet the needs of the population.

## **6 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 6.1 To ensure local pharmaceutical services meet the identified needs of Southend-on-Sea residents
- 6.2 To continue to deliver a comprehensive pharmaceutical service within Southend

## **7 Financial / Resource Implications**

- 7.1 The conclusions and recommendations are on the basis that funding is at least maintained at current levels and or reflects future population changes.

## **8 Legal Implications**

- 8.1 None at this stage.

## **9 Equality & Diversity**

- 9.1 This Assessment is population wide and aims to ensure that everyone, who lives, works, studies and travels within the borough, has access to high quality pharmaceutical services.