

## **HARINGEY PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT (PNA)**

**Report for:** Haringey Health and Wellbeing Board, September 2025

**Title:** Delegated sign off of Haringey's Pharmacy Needs Assessment 2025.

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**Ward(s) affected:** All

**Report for Key/ Non-Key Decision:** N/A

### **1. Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of this report is to:

- Remind the Health and Wellbeing Board of the statutory duty to undertake a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) and the requirement to produce an updated and approved PNA for Haringey for publication by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025; and;
- Provide information on the work undertaken by the PNA Steering Group to produce an updated PNA for Haringey in line with this statutory duty.
- To formally seek delegated authority for the sign-off of the draft and final PNA to Haringey Councils Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### **2. Background**

Under the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the responsibility for conducting PNAs was transferred to Health and Wellbeing Boards, effective from 1st April 2013. This process is governed by the NHS (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 and any subsequent amendments.

The previous PNA for Haringey was published on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022. According to regulations, PNAs must be reviewed and updated at least every three years. Therefore, the next PNA must be renewed and published by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025.

The Health and Wellbeing Board is tasked with producing the PNA as part of its wider responsibility to foster a comprehensive understanding of Haringey's current and future health needs. The North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) were

commissioned to provide specialist input and project management to support the Health and Wellbeing Board in producing the PNA.

### 3. PNA process

In line with DHSC guidance on PNAs the work to produce the PNA was supported by a PNA Steering Group. This was led by the Council's public health team with representation, advice and support as required from communications teams, the ICB, Local Pharmaceutical Committee and Healthwatch. The Steering Group reports directly to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Guidance recommends that the Health and Wellbeing Board has a named board member to take overall responsibility for ensuring the document meets the regulatory requirements and is published in a timely manner. **It is therefore recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board requests that Haringey Council's Director of Public Health takes responsibility for ensuring the PNA is reviewed, updated and published in line with the statutory requirements, and has delegated authority to approve the PNA (in consultation with the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board) prior to consultation and publication.** This will ensure that the timelines outlined in the project plan are met and also allows for flexibility if required, in order to meet the designated publication date.

The regulations require the Health and Wellbeing Board to consult for a minimum of 60 days with the following statutory consultees about the contents of the PNA:

- the Local Pharmaceutical Committee.
- the Local Medical Committee.
- all those currently on the pharmaceutical list in the council area.
- Healthwatch, and through them with any other patient, consumer or community groups with an interest in the issue.
- all NHS foundation trusts providing services in Haringey.
- NHS England and NHS Improvement (staff managing the pharmacy contracts transferred to the ICB on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023)
- Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards
- North Central London ICS Integrated Care System (ICS).

### 4. Recommendations

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- i. **Note its statutory role in relation to pharmaceutical needs assessment, and to note the work that has been undertaken so far to produce an updated PNA for Haringey.**
- ii. **Formally delegate the sign-off of the draft and final PNAs to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board.**