



Health and Wellbeing Board  
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## Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment: Supplementary Statement and Update

**Purpose of the report:** Policy Development and Review

The Surrey Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) is responsible for delivering a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) every three years. The PNA was last published in 2018, but the PNA Steering Group reviews annually to ensure no substantive changes are required. The attached report provides a supplementary statement to the 2018 PNA which the PNA Steering Group recommends the Board approves.

### Background

1. Health and Wellbeing Boards were given responsibility from 2013 for delivering a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for their area. The PNA determines the local need for pharmaceutical services. The PNA is used principally to inform decisions on whether to allow new pharmaceutical services in a given area (a process called market entry) based on that need. NHS England is responsible for those commissioning decisions. The Surrey PNA, which uses CCG geographies, can also be used to support the work of local clinical commissioning groups around primary care, management of long term conditions and urgent and emergency care.
2. The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013 sets out the legislative basis for developing and updating PNAs. HWBs are required to publish a revised assessment within 3 years of publication of their first assessment. In Surrey, the first PNA was published in March 2018, so the revised PNA must be published by April 2021.
3. Pending the publication of a revised PNA, a HWB may publish a supplementary statement explaining changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its PNA where those changes are relevant to the granting of applications and the HWB is satisfied that making a revised statement would be a disproportionate response to those changes. The supplementary statement becomes part of the PNA.

4. The Surrey HWB delegated responsibility for delivering the Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) to the PNA Steering Group, now chaired by Dr Julie George, Public Health Consultant. Membership of the PNA Steering Group includes representation from Surrey County Council (Public Health and Research & Intelligence), the Local Pharmaceutical Committee, the Local Medical Committee, Medicines Management from the Clinical Commissioning Groups, NHS England and Healthwatch.
5. The PNA Steering Group meets as required to review changes to pharmaceutical provision or when developing a full scale revision, so no meetings were held between April 2018 and the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

#### **PNA Supplementary Statement**

6. The PNA Steering Group met on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to review changes to pharmaceutical provision since the publication of the Surrey PNA 2018 and determine whether there were sufficient changes in provision of pharmaceutical services to require a full scale revision to the PNA.
7. The Steering Group found that the changes to demographic need and pharmaceutical provision were minimal and therefore a supplementary statement detailing the changes, rather than a revision, was sufficient.
8. The attached PNA Supplementary Statement details the changes to pharmacy provision as well as the other information considered.

#### **Recommendations:**

The HWB are asked to approve the PNA supplementary statement.

#### **Next steps:**

The PNA will again be reviewed in January 2020 to determine if a full revision is required or whether a supplementary statement is sufficient. Planning for the 2021 PNA will begin at that point.

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#### **Sources/background papers:**

[Surrey Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2018](#)  
[Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments: Information Pack for local authority Health and Wellbeing Boards](#)  
[The National Health Service \(Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services\) Regulations 2013](#)