

**Sandwell Health and Wellbeing Board
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Report Topic:	Sandwell Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2022
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Link to board priorities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We will help keep people healthier for longer Poorly managed chronic illnesses can lead to increased morbidity and premature mortality. Pharmacy services play a key role in supporting people with long-term health conditions and in detecting long-term health conditions such as hypertension and diabetes. For pharmacies to support Sandwell residents, pharmacies need to be accessible and provide the right services to support the pharmaceutical needs of the population. The Sandwell PNA 2022 will provide an update to the prior PNA published in 2018 to ensure that services are meeting the needs of local people. 2. We will work together to join up services Health services can be difficult to navigate, and sometimes there are gaps or duplication of services by different providers. It is therefore important to know what services are currently provided by pharmacies and where these services are located to support commissioners with service planning. The Sandwell PNA 2022 will support commissioners and other stakeholders by informing decisions regarding the award of new pharmacy contracts and developing pharmaceutical services for patients. 3. We will work closely with local people, partners and providers of services The public need to be involved in the design and monitoring of services to ensure they are appropriate and deliver what people need. The views of Sandwell residents on the accessibility and provision of pharmacy services will be sought and used to inform recommendations in the PNA report.

<p>Purpose of Report:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PNA is a document which describes the current provision and location of pharmacy services across Sandwell • The purpose of the report is to ensure that there are enough pharmacies, in the right locations, providing the right services to support the pharmaceutical needs of Sandwell residents • The report is also used by commissioners and other stakeholders to inform decisions regarding new pharmacy contract applications and developing pharmaceutical services for patients
<p>Recommendations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to produce a robust PNA for Sandwell and in light of the increased demand on PH intelligence services throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we would recommend an extension to the publication date of the final report from April 2022 to June 2022.
<p>Key Discussion points:</p>	<p>(please include links to our board priorities as shown above)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss with the HWBB the recommendation of an extension to the final report publication date
<p>Implications (e.g. Financial, Statutory etc)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HWBB's are required to publish a revised assessment of the PNA every three years • The last Sandwell PNA was published in June 2018 with the current PNA due to be published in by 1st April 2022 (a modification made in light of the COVID-19 pandemic) • The PNA report is heavily reliant on the support of the public health intelligence team • The PH intelligence team have an ongoing and pivotal role in the local response to COVID-19 • Therefore, given the increased demand placed on PH intelligence due to COVID-19, and the desire to produce a robust assessment of pharmaceutical services in Sandwell, we would like to request an extension for publication of the final report until June 2022 	
<p>What engagement has or will take place with people, partners and providers?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A public questionnaire has been produced and Sandwell residents are being asked to provide feedback on pharmacy services across several channels: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Patient Participation Groups via Healthwatch Sandwell ○ Sandwell Council twitter and Facebook accounts ○ Via networks available to the PHDO's and Covid-19 Vaccine Leaders. • A 60-day consultation period will gather feedback on the draft PNA report from key stakeholders such as NHSE, Sandwell LPC, neighbouring HWBB's and LPC's, Sandwell pharmacy contractors and SWB CCG