

# Berkshire Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

## Scoping document

### Rationale

The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred responsibility for developing and updating the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) to health and wellbeing boards (HWBs). Responsibility for using PNAs as the basis for determining market entry to a pharmaceutical list was transferred from PCTs (Primary Care Trusts) to NHS England from 1 April 2013. The first HWBs' PNA needs to be published by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

Each Health and Well-being Board must in accordance with Department of Health regulations—

- (a) assess needs for pharmaceutical services in its area, and
- (b) publish a statement of its first assessment and of any revised assessment

The PNA will provide information on the current pharmaceutical services in Berkshire and identify gaps in the current service provisions, taking into account any known future needs.

### Purpose of this document

- To set out the scope of the PNA

### What will be included in the PNA [1, 2]

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<b>1. Necessary services – current provision</b> Pharmaceutical services which are identified as services that are provided: (a) in Berkshire and which are necessary to meet its need for pharmaceutical services  (b) outside Berkshire but which nevertheless contribute towards meeting its need for pharmaceutical services	Current services will be mapped to assess the adequacy of current pharmaceutical service provision
<b>2. Necessary services – gaps in provision</b> Pharmaceutical services that have been identified as services that are not provided in Berkshire but which will - (a) need to be provided (whether or not they are located in the area of the HWB) in order to meet a current need for pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specified type, in its area; (b) will, in specified future circumstances,	Gaps will include gaps in pharmaceutical health needs and gaps by service type. These may be gaps in provision of essential services, opening hours, provision of dispensing services or access to pharmaceutical services

<p>need to be provided (whether or not they are located in the area of the HWB) in order to meet a future need for pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specified type, in its area.</p>	
<p><b>3. Other relevant services – current provision</b>  Pharmaceutical services that are identified as services that are provided-</p> <p>(a) in Berkshire or in neighbouring counties, and which, although they are not necessary to meet the need for pharmaceutical services in Berkshire, nevertheless resulted in improvements, or better access to pharmaceutical services</p> <p>(b) in or outside Berkshire and, which do not fall under “necessary” category, help the pharmaceutical service provision in Berkshire</p>	<p>These may be pharmaceutical services that provide improvements to the provision or better access for the public whether at the current time or in the future.</p>
<p><b>4. Improvements and better access - gaps in provision</b></p> <p>Pharmaceutical services which are identified as services that are not provided in Berkshire but which -</p> <p>(a) will, if they were provided, secure improvements, or better access to pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specific type</p> <p>(b) will, if in specified future circumstances they were provided, secure future improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services or a specified type</p>	<p>These may be services that are not currently being provided but which will be needed to secure future improvements to pharmaceutical services – common examples are major industrial, communications or housing developments, service redesign as set out in, for example, the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, or re-provision.</p>
<p><b>5. Other services</b></p> <p>Any NHS services provided or arranged by HWBs, NHS Commissioning Board, a Clinical Commissioning Board (CCG), an NHS trust or an NHS foundation trust, which affect-</p> <p>(a) the need for pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specified type, in Berkshire</p> <p>(b) whether further provision of pharmaceutical services in Berkshire would secure improvements, or better access to pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specific type in its area.</p>	<p>There may be services provided or arranged by the HWBs, NHS England, a CCG, an NHS trust (including foundation trusts) which could, if they were included in a PNA, be provided by pharmaceutical services contractors.</p>

## Methodology

- 1) Existing pharmaceutical services in Berkshire will be mapped.
- 2) Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and other relevant existing documents will be used to identify health needs of the population
- 3) Choice in accessing pharmaceutical services, for example, in terms of opening hours (i.e. evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays) or location (for example close to residence or place of work)
- 3) Stakeholder consultation will be conducted as follows:
  - Face-to-face interview (with professionals)
  - Postal surveys (with public)

Following stakeholders will be consulted:

- Local Pharmaceutical Committee for Berkshire
- Berkshire Local Medical Committee
- Berkshire CCGs
- Any persons on the pharmaceutical lists and any dispensing doctors list for Berkshire population
- Any LPS chemist with whom the NHS England has made arrangements for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services for Berkshire population
- Any Local Health Watch organisation, and any other patient, consumer or community group in Berkshire, which has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services in Berkshire
- NHS Trusts
- Thames Valley NHS England Area Team

**Timelines:**

<b>Milestones</b>	<b>Deadline</b>
Scoping	4 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2013
Meeting key stakeholders	November – December 2013
Draft report going out for consultation	1 April 2014
Consultation period	April 2014 – May 2014
Final report	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2014

**References:**

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May 2013

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pharmaceutical-needs-assessments-information-pack> (last accessed on 5th November 2013)

2. UK Legislations: National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local  
Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349/regulation/8/made> (last  
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