

**Report to:** **HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

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**Executive Member / Reporting Officer:** Councillor Eleanor Wills – Executive Member for Population Health & Wellbeing  
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**Subject:** **PHARMACY NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2022-25**

**Report Summary:**

This report contains a copy of the 2022/25 Pharmacy Needs Assessment. This is a document outlining current Pharmaceutical provision within the Borough. The Health and Social Act (2012) and the NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013 states that there is a requirement for all Health & Wellbeing Board's to produce a Pharmacy Needs Assessment. Owing to COVID-19 there had been an allowance from the government to suspend production of a Pharmacy Needs Assessment, however it is now expected that all authorities publish their Pharmacy Needs Assessment by 1 October 2022.

The conclusion of this Pharmacy Needs Assessment is that the population of Tameside has sufficient service provision (including pharmacy contractors) and no identified gaps to meet their essential pharmaceutical needs. This is clearly demonstrated by the following points:-

- The higher number of pharmacies per 100,000 population (24) compared with the England average (22).
- Since 2012 the number of community pharmacies has increased across Tameside from 47 to 53.
- This figure includes five distance selling or internet pharmacies who do not exclusively serve the Tameside population as they are a service with a England wide footprint.
- This is still an increase of six face to face pharmacies across Tameside since the 2011 Pharmacy Needs Assessment. There have been no increases in pharmacy provision since the last Pharmacy Needs Assessment in 2018.
- Public consultation results indicate high levels of satisfaction with current pharmacy services in Tameside.
- There is good access to a range of pharmacies with almost all the population (90%) able to access pharmacies within one mile of their home.
- There is good location of pharmacies in relation to GP Practices across all four Tameside neighbourhoods.
- Choice of pharmacy is good for the majority of local residents as most people tend to prefer to use a

familiar or 'usual' pharmacy that they tend to stay with for a relatively long period of time and this is to be encouraged as it promotes continuity of care."

- Analysis of opening hours and trading days shows there is adequate provision for out of hour's services across Tameside.
- The maps and data contained in this document clearly show that services meet identified health and care needs in Tameside.

**Recommendations:**

The Health and Wellbeing Board sign the report off so that it can be released in the public domain by the deadline date of the 1 October 2022.

**Links to Health and Wellbeing Strategy:**

As previously reported, The Health and Social Act (2012) and the NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013; states that there is a requirement for all Health and Wellbeing Board's to produce a Pharmacy Needs Assessment.

The Pharmacy Needs Assessment is key to supporting the decision making process for new pharmacy applications in Tameside, however this Pharmacy Needs Assessment also reflects upon the wider public health potential of pharmacy across Tameside.

**Policy Implications:**

From the 1 April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the needs for pharmaceutical services of the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

Health and Wellbeing Boards have until 1 October 2022 to publish their latest Pharmacy Needs Assessment.

**Financial Implications:  
(Authorised by the Section 151  
Officer and Chief Finance  
Officer)**

No financial implications at this stage.

**Legal Implications:  
(Authorised by the Borough  
Solicitor)**

The Health and Social Act (2013) and the NHS Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services Regulations 2013; states that there is a requirement for all Health and Wellbeing Board's working through Local Authorities and Clinical Commissioning Group's (CCGs) to produce a Pharmacy Needs Assessment.

The local Pharmacy Needs Assessment provides vital information that helps local areas plan the provision of community pharmacies for their local population. The Pharmacy Needs Assessment is a way of making sure that pharmacies across the borough are providing the right services in the right locations to support its residents.

**Risk Management:**

The Health and Wellbeing Board need to ensure the delivery of the Pharmacy Needs Assessment, which is robust enough to inform local commissioning plans. The

Health and Wellbeing Board must be able to demonstrate need within Tameside to enable NHS England to make decisions about pharmacy applications and services delivered through pharmacies across Tameside. Without a robust Pharmacy Needs Assessment, applicants who want to open a new pharmacy may appeal decisions made by NHS England on the grounds that the Pharmacy Needs Assessment was not delivered or robust enough to identify need in Tameside.

**Access to Information:**

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