

LONDON BOROUGH OF CAMDEN	WARDS: All
REPORT TITLE Pharmaceuticals Needs Assessment 2025-28	
REPORT OF Director of Public Health	
FOR SUBMISSION TO Health and Wellbeing Board	DATE 9 th July 2025
SUMMARY OF REPORT <p>The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) is a statutory document that evaluates the existing pharmaceutical services within a defined local area and identifies any current or anticipated gaps in service provision for the local population. PNAs must be reviewed and republished every three years or sooner if significant changes to the local pharmaceutical landscape occur.</p> <p>This item is an opportunity for the Health and Wellbeing Board to review the draft PNA report that went out for consultation on 16th June 2025 (included as an appendix to this report). The consultation will remain open for 60 days until 15th August 2025. The board is also asked to delegate authority to Kirsten Watters as Director of Public Health, to approve the final (post-consultation) report, ensuring publication of the final report by October 1st 2025.</p> <p>Local Government Act 1972 – Access to Information</p> <p>No documents that require listing have been used in the preparation of this report.</p> <p>Contact Officer: Wikum Jayatunga Public Health Consultant London Borough of Camden 5 Pancras Square N1C 4AG Wikum.jayatunga@camden.gov.uk </p>	
RECOMMENDATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to consider and approve the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for statutory consultation. • The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to delegate sign-off authority of the final post-consultation report to the of Director Health and Wellbeing to ensure publication of the PNA by 1st October 2025. 	

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Kirsten Watters
Director of Public Health

Date: 27th June 2025

1. Purpose of Report (and Reason for Urgency)

- 1.1. Pharmaceutical Needs Assessments (PNAs) assess the availability and accessibility of pharmaceutical services, taking into account the health needs of the local population, identifying where there may be a lack of pharmaceutical services or unmet needs. Health and Wellbeing Boards are mandated to publish PNAs every three years, with subsequent updates required every three years. The previous PNA for Camden was published on 1 October 2022, which found no gaps in services. The next update is scheduled for release by 1 October 2025.

2. Overview

- 2.1. This full draft PNA report is attached as an appendix to this report and summarised in the appended slide set. The PNA covers the following areas:
- An overview of the PNA process, including definition of services in scope and localities.
 - An analysis of current and future health needs in Camden.
 - A description of community pharmacies in Camden, services and opening times.
 - Findings from a public and contractor questionnaire.
 - An evaluation of existing service provision, accessibility by different travel modes and times of the day/week, and any gaps.
 - A summary of findings and PNA statement.

3. Key findings

- 3.1. Key findings are summarised in greater detail in the attached slide set.
- 3.2. Camden has 61 community pharmacies (as of March 2025) which is a higher number of pharmacies relative to its population size (28 pharmacies per 100,000), compared to London (19.4) and England (18.3). 65% of the 40 survey respondents, when asked how well their community pharmacy meets their needs, responded “extremely well or very well”.
- 3.3. 100% of the population able to get to their nearest pharmacy within a 9-minute walk, or within 10 minutes using public transport, or 5 minutes by car. On a Sunday, all residents across Camden are within a 10-minute journey time to their nearest pharmacy by car, and within a 15-minute public transport journey time.
- 3.4. No current or future gaps were identified in the provision of necessary services during normal working hours and outside normal working hours. No gaps have been identified in the provision of advanced or enhanced services. While outside the statutory scope of this assessment, the PNA appendix provides some information on further opportunities to support prevention and population health improvement.

4. Finance Comments of the Executive Director Corporate Services

- 4.1. The Executive Director of Corporate Services has been consulted on the contents of the report and has no comments to add to the report

5. Legal Comments of the Borough Solicitor

- 5.1. The Health and Wellbeing Board is required by the National Health Act 2006 Section 128A to assess the needs for pharmaceutical services in its area and to publish a statement of its assessment. The assessment must be produced in accordance with The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013. These regulations contain requirements, which among other things, set out what information the assessment should contain, consultation requirements and considerations in making assessments. There must be a revised assessment 3 years after the previous assessment. The draft report covers the requirements of the regulations subject to the formal consultation.

6. Environmental Implications

- 6.1. There are no environmental implications to the contents of this report.

7. Appendices

Appx A – PNA Summary Slideset

Appx B – Camden Draft PNA 2025-2028

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