

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

**Havering Pharmaceutical Needs
Assessment 2025-28**

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- ☒ Theme 1: Primary prevention to promote and protect the health of the community and reduce health inequalities
- ☒ Theme 2: Working together to identify those at risk and intervene early to improve outcomes and reduce demand on more expensive services later on
- ☒ Theme 3: Provide the right health and social care/advice in the right place at the right time
- ☒ Theme 4: Quality of services and user experience

SUMMARY

Background

Each Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of needs for pharmaceutical services for their population. This is called the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) (NHS Pharmaceutical Regulations 2013). Each HWB must publish their PNA by the 1st of October 2025.

The main user of the PNA is NHS England who commission community pharmacy services and its prime purpose is to control market entry of new pharmacies to an area over a three year period. If there are significant unplanned changes during that time then the HWB are responsible for publishing supplementary reports as required.



The HWB delegates to the Director of Public Health the responsibility of overseeing the production of the PNA on its behalf. The delivery of the PNA is then coordinated by a steering group who also quality assure the process and any decisions.

The Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge local authorities collaborated to establish a steering group and commissioned the delivery of their PNAs to North of England Commissioning Support (NECS) through a competitive tender process.

Process

The PNA was overseen by a joint steering group, comprising representatives from the London Boroughs of Barking and Dagenham, Havering, and Redbridge, NEL ICB, Local Pharmaceutical Council and Healthwatch Barking and Dagenham, Healthwatch Havering and Healthwatch Redbridge. Their collective aim was to assess current service provision, address commissioning challenges, and set future priorities for community pharmacy services in each of the three London boroughs.

Community Pharmacy North East London (CPNEL) were also consulted following the steering group meetings about the draft PNA, and feedback provided was incorporated into the document. The previous PNA was published on October 1 2022, with the next update scheduled for release by October 1 2025.

A statutory consultation is currently ongoing. It is gathering input from statutory consultees, the public, and other stakeholders. The final PNA will integrate this feedback.

PNA Report

This PNA examines the current provision of pharmacy services in Havering and evaluates potential gaps in service delivery. It covers the following areas:

- An overview of the PNA process, including the identification of localities.
- An analysis of current and future health needs.
- A description of community pharmacies in Havering.
- An evaluation of existing service provision, accessibility, and any gaps.
- Insights into potential future roles for community pharmacies.
- An assessment of community pharmacy's contributions to the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- Key findings from stakeholder engagement and the statutory consultation.
- A summary of findings and the PNA statement.

Pharmaceutical service providers in Havering

Havering has 44 community pharmacies, including one distance-selling pharmacy (as of April 2025). Havering has an average of 16.6 community pharmacies per 100,000 population, compared with 18.3 per 100,000 in England and 19.4 per 100,000 in London. This is based on the ONS mid-2022 ward-level population estimate of 264,703.

The Greater London Authority (GLA) population dataset estimates that the population of Havering is 272,853 (2025 estimate, based on central fertility and 10-year migration assumptions). Wherever possible, this document uses Greater London Authority (GLA) population estimates (central fertility and 10-year migration assumptions) as the base population. Where national or alternative comparisons are needed, data from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) has been used.

Conclusions:

Current provision of necessary services

- There is **no current gap** in the current provision of necessary services **during normal working hours** across Havering to meet the needs of the population.
- There is **no current gap** in the current provision of necessary services **outside normal working hours** across Havering to meet the needs of the population.
- **No gaps** have been identified in the need for pharmaceutical services in **future** circumstances across Havering

Improvements and better access

- There are **no gaps in the provision of advanced services** at present or in the future (lifetime of this PNA) that would secure improvements or better access in Havering.
- There are **no gaps in the provision of enhanced services** at present or in the future (lifetime of this PNA) that would secure improvements or better access in Havering.
- Based on current information **no current gaps have been identified in respect of securing improvements or better access to locally commissioned services**, either now or in specific future (lifetime of this PNA) circumstances across Havering to meet the needs of the population.

The full PNA draft report and ongoing online consultation can be accessed via link below:

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RECOMMENDATIONS

The HWB members are asked to: Note and participate in the online consultation

The HWB is asked to confirm approval process for the final report as the next HWB meeting will be after statutory publication deadline (1st October 2025).

REPORT DETAIL

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IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None

Legal implications and risks: None

Human resource implications and risks: None

Equalities implications and risks: None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None