

**PWYLLGOR STRATEGAETH A CHYNLLUNIO  
STRATEGY AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	24 April 2025
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment
<b>CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR:</b>	Jill Paterson, Director Primary Care, Community and Long Term Care
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**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad** (dewiswch fel yn addas)

**Purpose of the Report** (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

**ADRODDIAD SCAA**

**SBAR REPORT**

Sefyllfa / Situation

The publication of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020 required Health Boards to produce and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment by October 2021.

Cefndir / Background

Section 82A of the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (the “2006 Act”)<sup>1</sup> requires each local health board (LHB) to assess the pharmaceutical needs for its area and to publish a statement of its assessment and of any revised assessment. Termed a “pharmaceutical needs assessment” (PNA), the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020 (the “2020 Regulations”) set out the minimum information that must be contained within a PNA and also outline the process that must be followed in the development of the PNA.

In summary, the 2020 Regulations provide:

- The definition of pharmaceutical services (Regulation 2)
- The date by which the first PNA must be published (Regulation 5)
- When LHBs are required to publish a subsequent assessment or supplementary statement (Regulation 6)
- The minimum information that must be contained within a PNA (Regulations 3, 4 and 8 and Schedule 1)
- The minimum consultation process that each LHB is required to undertake during the development of its PNA (Regulation 7)
- How the PNA is to be published (Regulation 9)

Health Boards have a statutory duty to prepare and publish a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment and once published to undertake a review and publish a revised document within five years of the first publication. The PNA is intended to improve the planning and delivery of pharmaceutical services through the consideration of population health needs and the alignment of services (Community Pharmacies and Dispensing Doctors) accordingly.

“Pharmaceutical services”, are defined within the 2020 Regulations as all pharmaceutical services that fall within Section 80 and 81 of the 2006 Act, namely: essential services, and advanced and enhanced services set out in Directions made by the Welsh Government (as published in the Drug Tariff).

The following, as outlined in Regulation 10 of the 2020 Regulations, are included in a pharmaceutical list. They are: 2020 Regulations: Non-statutory Guidance for LHBs pharmacy contractors, and dispensing appliance contractors

Since the publication of the Hywel Dda University Health Board (HDdUHB) PNA in October 2021, there have been three changes to pharmaceutical services that have necessitated the issuing of a Supplementary Statement in line with the Regulations:

- Solva Surgery cessation of dispensing rights on the termination of the General Medical Services (GMS) contract (April 2023)
- Superdrug Llanelli when they closed the branch (December 2023)
- Saundersfoot Surgery following notification of their intention to cease dispensing (April 2025)

For each of the above situations it was determined that given the level of local provision of pharmaceutical services the withdrawal of service provision for each of these contractors did not leave a gap in service provision.

All Supplementary Statements were considered by the Primary Care Contracts Review Group which includes membership from Community Pharmacy Wales and the Local Medical Committee, prior to issuing in line with the statutory requirements.

### Asesiad / Assessment

In line with the development of the Primary Care and Community Services Strategic Plan it is timely to begin the review of the current pharmaceutical needs to ensure that a revised PNA is published in line with the statutory duty.

Given that a PNA is already in existence, it is proposed that the review of current service provision and service need is reviewed at Cluster level. Each Cluster has a population health summary and has membership from both GP and Community Pharmacy Collaboratives to inform the discussion.

Each Cluster review will be considered by an overarching group, with membership in line with the Regulatory Guidance that will review all the updated Cluster submissions and reconsider the overarching needs assessment narrative to assist in finalising the PNA.

### Argymhelliad / Recommendation

- Members are asked to **NOTE**:
  - The process in place for oversight of issuing Supplementary Statements in line with the Regulations; and
  - The outline process for the review and re-issuing of the Hywel Dda PNA.

**Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)**  
**Objectives: (must be completed)**

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	3.1.15. Seek assurances on the development and delivery of the Primary Care and Community Strategic Plan.
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not Applicable
Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	7. All apply
Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: <a href="#">Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com)</a>	6. All Apply
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives:	All Strategic Objectives are applicable
Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives	7 Primary and community strategic plan
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: <a href="#">Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022</a>	9. All HDdUHB Well-being Objectives apply

<b>Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:</b>	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	The NHS (Pharmaceutical Services) (Wales) Regulations 2020
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Within document
Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Strategaeth a Chynllunio Parties / Committees consulted prior to Strategy and Planning Committee:	Primary Care Contract Review Group (PCCRG)

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
<b>Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:</b>	Not Applicable

<b>Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Gweithlu: Workforce:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Risg: Risk:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Cyfreithiol: Legal:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Enw Da: Reputational:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:</b>	Not Applicable
<b>Cydraddoldeb: Equality:</b>	Not Applicable