

Date: 1st September 2021

Dear Colleague

Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) in Northern Ireland

The Health & Social Care Board commissions pharmaceutical services, principally, from community pharmacies. A part of the commissioning process is needs assessment and to help inform the current commissioning process, the Board has established a pharmacy needs assessment model. We now wish to consult with appropriate stakeholders around the factors that have been considered as part of that model.

There has been extensive scoping work carried out taking into account demographics, geography and population health which has assisted in the establishment of a proposed model and a series of recommendations. It is these recommendations that we are now seeking your views on.

We attach a questionnaire along with supporting documentation to assist you in the completion of this questionnaire and would appreciate your views. We would also be happy for you to forward the questionnaire to anyone who you feel would have an interest in taking part in this consultation.

Please send completed responses to PNAconsultation@hscni.net or to Declan Beare at the above address by 30th November 2021. You can also complete the

questionnaire online at the following link <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-new-models-of-prescribing/consultation-on-the-pharmacy-needs-assessment-ques/>

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joe Brogan', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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