

Consultation on the Pharmacy Needs Assessment Questionnaire

Period of Consultation 23rd August to 30th November 2021

The aim of this consultation is to obtain views from interested stakeholders on the Pharmacy Needs Assessment. We would be grateful if you would respond by completing the questionnaire below and the Equality Impact Assessment questionnaire at the end of the document.

Before you submit your response, please read Annex A regarding the confidentiality of responses to public consultation exercises in the context of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Responses must be received no later than 30th November 2021.

The full consultation paper which includes an Equality Impact Assessment and accompanying documents are available on the HSC Board website pages on the following link [Pharmacy Needs Assessment \(PNA\) - HSCB \(hscni.net\)](#).

Written responses should be sent or emailed to:

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If you would like to complete the questionnaire on line a copy can be found at <https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/hsc-new-models-of-prescribing/consultation-on-the-pharmacy-needs-assessment-ques/>

1. Do you agree that Super Output Areas should be used as the base analytical geography within the Pharmacy Needs Assessment?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

2. Do you agree that Mid-Year Estimates should be used as the main population base for the Pharmacy Needs Assessment?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

3. Do you agree that the age/sex needs weightings, as constructed, are appropriate for use in the Pharmacy Needs Assessment?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

4. Do you agree that the additional needs model as developed is appropriate for use in the Pharmacy Needs Assessment?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

5. Do you agree that the Pharmacy Total Needs Index will provide a fair representation of population need for pharmaceutical services across NI?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

6. Do you agree that more specialised services, specific to certain areas, are separately considered as local needs factors when conducting a Pharmacy Needs Assessment?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

7. Do you agree that the dispensing based needs model will adequately represent need across the main community pharmacy services?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

8. Is there any other information that you think should be displayed on the Modelling Tool?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

9. Do you agree with the described definition of accessible pharmacies?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

10. Do you agree with the benchmark of 95% of the population living within the accessible range of a pharmacy?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

11. Do you agree with the approach to use number of accessible pharmacies (or PEUs) per head of weighted population as the central benchmarking metric in the Pharmacy Needs Assessment?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

12. Do you agree that the Pharmacy Needs Assessment should additionally take account of other relevant contextual factors and services that may be required by local communities?

Yes No Unsure

Additional Comments

- 13. What other factors do you think are important when considering benchmarking? How could these be incorporated in the benchmarking process?**

Additional Comments

- 14. Do you have any other comments in relation to the arrangements for the location of pharmacies?**

Additional Comments

Equality Impact Assessment Consultation Questionnaire

The aim of this consultation is to obtain views from interested stakeholders on the Equality Impact Assessment (as set out in Section 11 of the Consultation Paper. A copy of this Consultation Paper can be found at [Pharmacy Needs Assessment \(PNA\) - HSCB \(hscni.net\)](http://hscni.net). We would be most grateful if you would respond by completing the questionnaire below.

SECTION A – EQUALITY AND GOOD RELATIONS

1. Are the actions/proposals set out in this consultation document likely to have an adverse impact on any of the nine equality groups identified under Section 75 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998? Including religious belief, political opinion, racial group, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender, disability and dependency.

YES

NO

If yes, please state the group or groups and provide comment on how these adverse impacts would be reduced or alleviated in the proposals.

2. Are you aware of any indication or evidence – qualitative or quantitative – that the actions/proposals set out in this consultation document may have an adverse impact on equality of opportunity or on good relations?

YES

NO

If yes, please give details and comment on what you think should be added or removed to alleviate the adverse impact.

3. Do you have any feedback or suggestions on how best to engage and involve stakeholders on the development and implementation of the Pharmacy Needs Assessment proposals going forward?

4. Is there an opportunity to better promote equality of opportunity or good relations?

YES

NO

If yes, please give details as to how

5. Are there any aspects of the Pharmacy Needs Assessment which may have human rights implications of the proposals?

YES

NO

If yes, please give details as to how

SECTION B – INFORMATION ABOUT THE RESPONDENT

1. I am responding:

- As an individual
 - As a Health and Social Care Professional
 - On behalf of an Organisation
- (please tick one option)

2. About you or your organisation:

Name:	
Job Title:	
Organisation:	
Address:	
Tel:	
E-mail:	

If you are replying as an individual can you please answer the below questions.

3. Are you:

Male Female Other

4. How old are you? (tick ✓ one box only)

Under 18 18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

5. Religious belief: Please indicate if you practice a particular religion (tick ✓ one box only)

Buddhist Christian Hindu Jewish Muslim
 Sikh None Other

6. Ethnic Group: To which of these ethnic groups do you consider you belong? (tick ✓ one box only)

Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/>	Black African <input type="checkbox"/>	Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>	Black Other <input type="checkbox"/>
Chinese <input type="checkbox"/>	Filipino <input type="checkbox"/>	Indian <input type="checkbox"/>	Irish Traveller <input type="checkbox"/>
Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/>	White <input type="checkbox"/>	Mixed Ethnic Group <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>

Nationality: To which nationality do you belong (tick ✓one box only)

British	<input type="checkbox"/>	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	Filipino	<input type="checkbox"/>	Indian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Latvian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lithuanian	<input type="checkbox"/>	Northern Irish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/>	Polish	<input type="checkbox"/>	Portuguese	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scottish	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welsh	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>				

7. Do you have caring responsibilities for: (tick ✓each box that applies to your circumstances)

A child (or children)	<input type="checkbox"/>
A dependent older person	<input type="checkbox"/>
a person(s) with a disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
None of the above	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. Sexual Orientation: My sexual orientation is towards someone:

Of the opposite sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	Of the same sex	<input type="checkbox"/>
Of the same sex and of the opposite sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	I do not wish to answer	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

Yes No

10. Please complete your postcode.

Annex A to consultation response

Freedom of Information Act (2000) – Confidentiality of Consultations

The HSC Board will publish an anonymised summary of responses following completion of the consultation process. Your response, and all other responses to the consultation, may be disclosed on request. The HSC Board can only refuse to disclose information in exceptional circumstances. **Before** you submit your response, please read the paragraphs below on the confidentiality of consultations and they will give you guidance on the legal position about any information given by you in response to this consultation.

The Freedom of Information Act gives the public a right of access to any information held by a public authority, namely, the HSC Board in this case. This right of access to information includes information provided in response to a consultation. The HSC Board cannot automatically consider as confidential information supplied to it in response to a consultation. However, it does have the responsibility to decide whether any information provided by you in response to this consultation, including information about your identity should be made public or be treated as confidential.

This means that information provided by you in response to the consultation is unlikely to be treated as confidential, except in very particular circumstances. The Lord Chancellor's Code of Practice on the Freedom of Information Act provides that:

- The HSC Board should only accept information from third parties in confidence if it is necessary to obtain that information in connection with the exercise of any of the HSC Board's functions and it would not otherwise be provided
- The HSC Board should not agree to hold information received from third parties 'in confidence' which is not confidential in nature
- Acceptance by the HSC Board of confidentiality provisions must be good reasons, capable of being justified to the Information Commissioner.

For further information about confidentiality of responses please contact the Information Commissioners Office (or see web site at: <http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk/>).