**Appendix A**

**Development of the Essex PNA**

The process of developing the PNA has taken into account the requirement to involve and consult people about changes to health services. The specific legislative requirements in relation to development of PNAs were considered.

**Stage 1**

The PNA was developed using a project management approach. A steering group was established in October 2021, the group met regularly during the development of the PNA. The steering group included representation from the following groups:

* The Local Pharmaceutical Committee (LPC) for the area
* The Local Medical Committee (LMC) for the area
* Local Healthwatch
* Essex CCGs
* NHS England Midlands and East Area Team
* Local Pharmacy Network (LPN)
* Essex County Council (ECC) Public Health and Intelligence Teams

Stakeholder views were gathered through feedback in meetings, via telephone or online via email.

The content of the PNA including demographics, localities and background information was approved by the steering group. In looking at the health needs of the local population, the local Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNAs), 12 district and borough profiles and other local health data were considered.

**Stage 2**

**Stage 3**

The contractor and resident/patient surveys were approved by the steering group. A contractor survey was undertaken from December 2021 to January 2022. A resident survey was undertaken in December 2021 and January 2022 of the views of Essex residents on the current pharmaceutical services provision. Once completed the results of both surveys were analysed by ECC’s Public Health team. The contractor survey results were validated against data from NHS choices and NHS England.

**Stage 4**

As required by legislation, a statutory consultation exercise with stakeholders was carried out from 30 May 2022 – 5 August 2022.

The consultation responses were taken into consideration and the final PNA, once agreed with the steering group and signed off by the HWB is published on [Essex Open Data](https://data.essex.gov.uk/)

**Stage 5**

The contractor and resident/patient surveys were approved by the steering group. A contractor survey was undertaken from December 2021 to January 2022. A resident survey was undertaken in December 2021 and January 2022 of the views of Essex residents on the current pharmaceutical services provision. Once completed the results of both surveys were analysed by ECC’s Public Health team. The contractor survey results were validated against data from NHS choices and NHS England.

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