

Section 9

Equality impact assessment

The PNA seeks to improve access to pharmacy services for all sectors of the population, with an emphasis on meeting the needs of specific groups. The PNA gives the Local Authority the opportunity to highlight ways to enhance available services to a wide range of target groups including those covered by the Equality Act.

As with the previous PNA Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) in 2011, few negative impacts have been identified for this PNA. However through the process of assessment we have identified that more work needs to be undertaken to determine whether there is suitable wheelchair access to the consulting rooms or alternative private space. This work needs to be undertaken as soon as possible and may help provide important information in relation to the commissioning of additional services

We have also identified that further work is required to ensure a good level of access and clarity of need for those people with disabilities, older people, young people and children as well as for those on low incomes; The possibility of improving pharmacy services for women, such as EHC and to increase overall access for men.