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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and  
Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013**

**PART 2**

**Pharmaceutical needs assessments**

**Subsequent assessments**

6.—(1) After it has published its first pharmaceutical needs assessment, each HWB must publish a statement of its revised assessment within 3 years of its previous publication of a pharmaceutical needs assessment.

(2) A HWB must make a revised assessment as soon as is reasonably practicable after identifying changes since the previous assessment, which are of a significant extent, to the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, having regard in particular to changes to—

- (a) the number of people in its area who require pharmaceutical services;
- (b) the demography of its area; and
- (c) the risks to the health or well-being of people in its area,

unless it is satisfied that making a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes.

(3) Pending the publication of a statement of a revised assessment, a HWB may publish a supplementary statement explaining changes to the availability of pharmaceutical services since the publication of its or a Primary Care Trust's pharmaceutical needs assessment (and any such supplementary statement becomes part of that assessment), where—

- (a) the changes are relevant to the granting of applications referred to in section 129(2)(c)(i) or (ii) of the 2006 Act; and
- (b) the HWB—
  - (i) is satisfied that making its first or a revised assessment would be a disproportionate response to those changes, or
  - (ii) is in the course of making its first or a revised assessment and is satisfied that immediate modification of its pharmaceutical needs assessment is essential in order to prevent significant detriment to the provision of pharmaceutical services in its area.