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Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013

PART 2

Pharmaceutical needs assessments

Matters for consideration when making assessments

9.—(1) When making an assessment for the purposes of publishing a pharmaceutical needs assessment, each HWB must have regard, in so far as it is practicable to do so, to the following matters—

- (a) the demography of its area;
- (b) whether in its area there is sufficient choice with regard to obtaining pharmaceutical services;
- (c) any different needs of different localities within its area;
- (d) the pharmaceutical services provided in the area of any neighbouring HWB which affect—
 - (i) the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, or
 - (ii) whether further provision of pharmaceutical services in its area would secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specified type, in its area; and
- (e) any other NHS services provided in or outside its area (which are not covered by sub-paragraph (d)) which affect—
 - (i) the need for pharmaceutical services in its area, or
 - (ii) whether further provision of pharmaceutical services in its area would secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services, or pharmaceutical services of a specified type, in its area.

(2) When making an assessment for the purposes of publishing a pharmaceutical needs assessment, each HWB must take account of likely future needs—

- (a) to the extent necessary to make a proper assessment of the matters mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 4 of Schedule 1; and
- (b) having regard to likely changes to—
 - (i) the number of people in its area who require pharmaceutical services,
 - (ii) the demography of its area, and
 - (iii) the risks to the health or well-being of people in its area.