

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
22 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**DARLINGTON PHARMACY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
CONSULTATION REPORT AND FINAL APPROVAL**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to provide the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on the consultation and to approve the final version Pharmacy Needs Assessment (PNA) which has been updated as a result of comments received during the consultation.

Summary

2. A period of consultation took place between 12th July and 11th September 2022 with key statutory stakeholders including those who use pharmacy services.
3. A number of responses were received and analysed by the Public Health Team and the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment updated in light of these responses.
4. Overall, the feedback was that there were sufficient pharmacy services in Darlington at this time and that the four 100 hour pharmacies in Darlington provided patients access and choice of pharmacies within the town centre and the main suburbs.

Recommendation

5. It is recommended that:-
 - (a) the consultation report is noted
 - (b) The Health and Wellbeing Board approve the updated Pharmacy Needs Assessment for publication

Reasons

6. The recommendations are supported by the following reasons :-
 - (a) It is a statutory duty that the Council publishes the PNA by 30th September 2022.
 - (b) The draft PNA was considered at the July 2022 HWB Board meeting before it went out to formal consultation

- (c) Consultation took place between 12th July and 11th September 2022
- (d) Any factual inaccuracies have been corrected in the final PNA document. Consideration has been given to all other issues raised.

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Background Papers

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – final Draft

Report of Healthwatch Pharmacy User Survey

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S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no implications arising from this report.
Health and WellBeing	The PNA is a statutory duty of the HWBB and will ensure that essential community pharmacy provision is sufficient for the needs of the people in Darlington..
Carbon Impact	There are no implications arising from this report.
Diversity	There are no implications arising from this report.
Wards Affected	All
Groups Affected	All
Budget and Policy Framework	N/A
Key Decision	N/A
Urgent Decision	N/A
Council Plan	This supplements the Council Plan in supporting the growth of the borough
Efficiency	N/A
Implications on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	There are no issues contained within the report that will have implications on Looked After Children or Care Leavers.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

7. The Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) has the responsibility for the development and updating of the PNAs. The Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) for 2022 is required to be published by 30 September 2022.
8. A paper was brought to the July 2022 meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board which provided the Board with the background detail about the PNA including the process for collecting the information, how the PNA would be used and the services currently commissioned from community pharmacies.

Outcome of Consultation

9. Consultation took place between 12th July and 11th September 2022 with the following groups being consulted as instructed by the regulations:
 - (a) Durham Local Pharmaceutical Committee;
 - (b) Durham Local Medical Committee
 - (c) all those currently on the pharmaceutical list and all dispensing doctors in the borough area;
 - (d) Tees Clinical Commissioning Group (and its successor organisation the Integrated Care Board)
 - (e) Local chemists in Darlington with who have a Local Pharmaceutical Contract with NHS England for the provision of any local pharmaceutical services;
 - (f) Darlington Primary Care Network
 - (g) All GP practices
 - (h) Darlington Healthwatch

- (i) County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust, and Tees Esk and Wear Valley Mental Health NHS Foundation Trusts
 - (j) NHS England
 - (k) Neighbouring Health and Wellbeing Boards in Durham County Council, Stockton Borough Council, Hartlepool Borough Council , North Yorkshire County Council , Middlesbrough Council and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
10. Four responses were received to the formal consultation. Two were written responses from NHS England, and Durham Local Pharmaceutical Committee and two were online responses, one from a pharmacy contractor and one from a member of the public.
11. All errors pointed out by the consultees were corrected in the final document.
12. All suggestions from NHS England have been incorporated into the final document
13. All respondents thought that the document explained the purpose of the Pharmacy Needs Assessment and that it described accurately the pharmacy services available across Darlington.
14. The Local Pharmaceutical Committee felt that the document needed more emphasis on the provision of clinical services by pharmacists. Pharmacy services now included in the final document included
- (a) Community blood pressure monitoring
 - (b) Urinary tract infection treatment protocol
 - (c) Oral contraception pilot
 - (d) Local ICS Stop smoking services.
 - (e) Potential new naloxone service for opiate users.
15. Overall, the feedback was that there were sufficient pharmacy services in Darlington at this time and that the four 100 hour pharmacies in Darlington provided patients access and choice of pharmacies within the town centre and the main suburbs.