

## Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee

18 February 2025

### PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT

#### Summary

The Committee will receive an update on the local Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025.

#### Detail

1. Mindful of recent developments involving pharmacies (closure of one within Stockton-on-Tees earlier in 2024; the push for the public to go to pharmacies instead of GPs for certain issues / treatments) and the anticipated publication of an updated Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) in October 2025 (referenced within the minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting in March 2024), the Committee has requested further details on:
  - the existing situation regarding pharmacy provision across the Borough
  - whether this is deemed sufficient
  - what is being identified as part of the consultation phase of the latest PNA review
2. A report has been prepared and is included within these meeting papers. The SBC Director of Public Health and the SBC Pharmaceutical Adviser are scheduled to be in attendance to provide a summary and address any Member comments / questions.
3. In preparation for this item, Members may wish to familiarise themselves with the following related documents:
  - Department of Health & Social Care PNA Guidance Document  
<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/617bdc31d3bf7f5601cf3168/pharmaceutical-needs-assessment-information-pack.pdf>
  - Healthwatch Stockton-on-Tees: Enter & View – Views & Experiences of People Accessing Pharmacy Services (Apr 24)  
<https://www.healthwatchstocktonontees.co.uk/sites/healthwatchstocktonontees.co.uk/files/Experiences%20%26%20Views%20of%20People%20Accessing%20Pharmacy%20Services%20FINAL.pdf>
  - Report to Health and Wellbeing Board (Jan 25)  
<https://moderngov.stockton.gov.uk/documents/s15939/HWB%20PNA%20Jan%2025.pdf>

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