

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

25 March 2026

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Update

SUMMARY

The HWB published its latest PNA on 1st October 2025.

The HWB is required to keep the PNA up to date by maintaining the map of pharmaceutical services, assessing any on-going changes which might impact pharmaceutical need or require publication of a Supplementary Statement.

A review of the existing PNA has identified some changes in the availability of pharmaceutical services. The Director of Public Health has prepared two supplementary statements and an updated map of pharmaceutical services on behalf of the HWB. These will, once approved, be published on the Health and Wellbeing Board website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the two supplementary statements in relation to PNA 2025, which will be published on the HWB website
2. To note the updated map which will be published on the Stockton-on-Tees website

DETAIL

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) published its latest PNA on 1st October 2025.
2. The legislation that describes the HWB's duties in this regard is the **National Health Service (Pharmaceutical and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013ⁱ** (as amended). As well as describing what each PNA was required to consider when they were first developed and published, these 2013 Regulations also describe how each local Assessment must be maintained by the HWB.
3. In accordance with these, the HWB is required to keep the PNA up to date by maintaining the map of pharmaceutical services, assessing any on-going changes which might impact pharmaceutical need or require publication of a Supplementary Statement.
4. As a result of changes in the HWB area 2 supplementary statements are required to be issued and an updated map has been produced

PHARMACY CONSOLIDATION

The following pharmacies have consolidated onto one site ;4 Varo Terrace, Yarm Lane, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1JY, (the remaining site) and 106 Yarm Lane, Stockton on Tees, S18 1YE, (the closing site) with effect from 13/01/2026 and the pharmaceutical list for the area of Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board will be amended with effect from that date.

Please note that a temporary amendment has been made in respect of Whitworth Chemists Ltd, included in the pharmaceutical list for the area of Stockton Health and Wellbeing Board currently at 7 Healaugh Park, Leven Park, Yarm, TS15 9 XM.

As of 16 February 2026, the new temporary address for the pharmacy is 1 Healaugh Park, Leven Park Yarm, TS15 9XN, this change is for a total period of 6 months.

PHARMACY OPENING

Expertcare Ltd T/A Elm Tree Pharmacy 9 Elm Tree Centre, Elm Tree, Avenue, Stockton on Tees, TS19 0UW opened on 1/12/25

CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP

None

CHANGES TO PHARMACY OPENING HOURS

None

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. No direct financial implications

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. The NHS Act (the "2006" Act), amended by the Health and Social Care Act 2012, sets out the requirements for HWBs to develop and update PNAs and gives the Department of Health (DH) powers to make Regulations.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. See legal implications above.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

8. A new pharmacy has opened in Elm Tree this will secure improvements, or better access, to pharmaceutical services for residents of Elm Tree. The consolidation of the two Allied pharmacy premises in the Yarm Lane was not judged to have created a gap in pharmaceutical services in that part of the HWB area.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

9. The PNA was reviewed with due consideration of the Stockton-on-Tees Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Council Plan.

CONSULTATION, INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

10. The review

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ⁱ Available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/349> and hereafter referred to as the Regulations

Enclosures

Updated PNA 2025 Map

Supplementary Statement 1 – Elm Tree Opening

Supplementary Statement 2 – Consolidation Allied Pharmacy Yarm Lane / Varo Terrace