

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

27 March 2024

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Update

SUMMARY

This report serves to notify the HWB that the statutory review of the 2022 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment has now commenced and an updated PNA is now due to be published by 1st October 2025.

In the interim, 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 an updated map of pharmaceutical services on behalf of the HWB. This will be published on the Health and Wellbeing Board website.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the existing 2022 PNA is now under review.
2. To note the updated map which will be published on the Stockton-on-Tees website
3. To note the changes in ownership, pharmacy closure and change in opening hours of 100 hour pharmacies
4. To note the establishment of the PNA Steering Group to oversee the review of the existing PNA and publication of an updated PNA by October 2025

DETAIL

1. The Stockton-on-Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) published its first Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) on 25 March 2015, in accordance with the statutory duty to do so and published subsequent updates in 2018 and 2022.
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 this, you will be aware that a full revised assessment of the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is due to be published by 1st October 2025
4. In the interim, 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.
5. The following changes to availability of pharmaceutical services are noted

PHARMACY CLOSURES

The following pharmacy closed on 16th March 2024.

Boots UK Ltd, 12 Wrightson House, Mitchell Avenue, Thornaby, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 9EP

The Pharmacy provided the following pharmaceutical services; essential services, advanced services (Pharmacy First, NMS, Flu Immunisation, Emergency Supply) and Public Health Commissioned Services – Supervised Consumption, Condom Supply, Stop Smoking and EHC.

CHANGES IN OWNERSHIP

31/1/24 The pharmacy trading as Pharmacy 365, 161-162 High Street, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS18 1PL changed ownership to Bestway National Chemists Ltd trading as Well

31/1/24 The pharmacy trading as Norchem, Queens Park Surgery, Farrer Street, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS18 2AW changed ownership to Bestway National Chemists Ltd trading as Well

1/2/24 The pharmacy trading as Well, 70 Bishopton Lane, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS18 2AJ changed ownership to Pyramid Pharma 7 Ltd trading as Stockton Pharmacy

20/2/24 The pharmacy trading as Rowlands 106 Yarm Lane, Stockton on Tees, TS18 1YE changed ownership to Sharief Healthcare Limited trading as Allied Pharmacy Yarm Lane

CHANGES TO PHARMACY OPENING HOURS

On 25th May 2023 regulatory changes were made to allow existing 100-hour pharmacies to apply to reduce their hours to a minimum of 72 hours / week subject to certain restrictions. Any existing core opening hours must remain that are: - Monday to Saturday between 5pm and 9pm; - Sunday between 11am and 4pm, and - Sunday's total opening hours (i.e., the existing, total core opening hours on Sundays must remain). There are 8, 100-hour pharmacies in Stockton on Tees. Since the change in regulations 6 of the 8 pharmacies have reduced their hours to between 72-90 hours / week. 2 of our 100 pharmacies remain open 100 hours / week.

An updated map has been produced and will be published.

An updated pharmaceutical list will be published alongside the updated map.

6. This report also serves to provide notice from the HWB that the 2022 PNA is now undergoing review in-line with the extended Regulatory requirement. Whilst the PNA review process is on-going, the HWB will continue to monitor any changes to availability of pharmaceutical services.
7. A Stockton- PNA Steering Group will be established to oversee the review and production of the updated PNA. The Health and Well Being Board will be kept updated on its progress.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. No direct financial implications

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. 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

10. See legal implications above.

COMMUNITY IMPACT IMPLICATIONS

11. The aim of the PNA is to assess the pharmaceutical services required to meet the needs of the local population, taking account of demographic change and the current and future health needs in Stockton-on-Tees.

COUNCIL PLAN POLICY PRINCIPLES AND PRIORITIES

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

CONSULTATION, INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS

13. The review of the PNA includes a formal consultation requirement which is defined in the regulations. All relevant local stakeholders will be consulted as part of this process.

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