

<b>KIRKLEES HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING BOARD</b>
<b>MEETING DATE: 07/08/25</b>
<b>TITLE OF PAPER: Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025-28 final sign-off</b>
<p><b>1. Purpose of paper</b></p> <p>The Board is asked to sign off the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) 2025-28, prior to publication on the Kirklees Council web site.</p>
<p><b>2. Background</b></p> <p>Since 1st April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Broadly, the PNA should describe the current range of pharmaceutical services, the need for such services and potential future need. It should identify any service gaps and highlight any new services that may be required.</p> <p>PNAs have a lifespan of three years. The current (2022-25) Kirklees PNA remains valid until 22/09/25, at which point it must be replaced by a new PNA. The process used for creating the new (2025-28) PNA was similar to the process previously adopted in 2022, with a West Yorkshire PNA Steering Group coordinating the work regionally, and separate PNAs being produced for each of the five Health and Wellbeing Board areas.</p> <p>The 2025-28 PNA delivery timeline was presented to the Board at the September 2024 meeting. The Board reviewed and approved the draft PNA in February 2025, prior to the report being made publicly available for a 60-day consultation period in March and April 2025.</p> <p>Four consultation responses were received in total, including two from members of the public. A public survey had previously gathered views from the public at an earlier stage in the process to help shape the content of the draft report. The Steering Group agreed that the consultation feedback did not alter the original conclusions of the report.</p> <p>Changes in pharmacy provision between publication of the draft and final PNA documents have also been considered. This relates to any changes coming into effect between March and July 2025, including a consolidation of two closely located pharmacies onto a single site, and changes to supplementary hours for four other pharmacies (two reducing their opening hours and two increasing their opening hours). None of these changes are deemed have sufficient impact to change the original conclusions of the PNA.</p> <p>The final PNA report includes new appendices containing the consultation responses and recent pharmacy changes, along with details of the considerations given to this additional information.</p>
<p><b>3. Proposal</b></p> <p>A summary of the amendments to the final version of the PNA is provided with this paper (Appendix 1). It is proposed that the Board approves the final version of the 2025-28 PNA, prior to publication on the Kirklees Council web site.</p>
<p><b>4. Financial Implications</b></p>

None
<b>5. Sign off</b> Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Public Health and Corporate Resources
<b>6. Next Steps</b> Once approved, the 2025-28 PNA will be published on the Kirklees Council web site on 22/09/25 (when the current PNA expires): <a href="#">Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA)   Kirklees Council</a>
<b>7. Recommendations</b> The Board to approve the final version of the 2025-28 PNA
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## Appendix 1

### **Kirklees Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment 2025-28: Summary for Health and Wellbeing Board meeting, 07/08/25**

This Appendix provides a summary of the amendments to the final 2025-28 Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), following a 60-day consultation period (April to May 2025). The draft PNA was approved by the Board in February 2025, prior to publication for consultation; the final version has been amended to incorporate consultation feedback and any additional pharmacy changes coming into effect between March and July 2025.

The following extracts from the full PNA are included here:

1. Executive Summary
2. Appendix A17: Consultation responses
3. Appendix A18: Changes in pharmacy provision between draft and final documents

Once approved by the Board, the 2025-28 PNA will be published on the Kirklees Council web site:

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If any members of the Board would like to receive a copy of the full PNA prior to publication, please email [owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:owen.richardson@kirklees.gov.uk).

## 1. Executive Summary

Since 1st April 2013, every Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) in England has had a statutory responsibility to publish and keep up to date a statement of the need for pharmaceutical services for the population in its area, referred to as a Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA). Broadly, the PNA should describe the current range of pharmaceutical services, the need for such services and potential future need. It should identify any service gaps and highlight any new services that may be required.

The PNA is used by NHS West Yorkshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) to assess applications for new pharmacies, to determine if the proposed pharmacy meets an identified need. PNAs are also used by local commissioning bodies to make decisions about which other NHS and Local Authority funded services need to be provided by local community pharmacies.

This PNA was undertaken in accordance with the requirements set out in Regulations 3-9 Schedule 1 of the NHS (Pharmaceutical Services and Local Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2013.

A joint steering group was initially established to produce the 2022-25 PNA by the five West Yorkshire HWBBs (Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees, Wakefield, and Leeds) in November 2021, and has continued in existence to produce the current PNA (2025-28). The steering group consists of representatives from each Local Authority's Public Health Intelligence team, West Yorkshire ICB Medicines Optimisation, West Yorkshire ICB, Community Pharmacy West Yorkshire, the Local Medical Committee (LMC) and Healthwatch.

Local information was gathered relating to population counts and projections, health conditions, mortality, levels of deprivation and income, planned housing developments, car availability and travel times. This was combined with insight from local surveys and the Kirklees Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (KJSA) and utilised alongside details of pharmacy location, service provision and dispensing activity, to assess level of need and provision in Kirklees.

A systematic approach was taken to identify whether any of the following gaps in pharmaceutical service provision existed:

- Geographical gaps in location of premises
- Geographical gaps in provision of services
- Gaps in the times at which, or days on which, services are provided.

In total, there are 95 pharmacies in Kirklees, with a good geographical spread across the district. All residents live within a 20-minute drive of at least one pharmacy (including pharmacies outside the Kirklees border), and surveys suggest most residents find it easy to access a pharmacy when needed. Seventy-six pharmacies offer evening opening hours, 52 are open on a Saturday, and 10 offer 72-plus-hour opening. The majority of residents live within a 20-minute drive of at least one 72-plus-hour pharmacy; only the sparsely populated very rural areas of South Kirklees have a longer travel time to a 72-plus-hour pharmacy.

The number of pharmacies providing necessary services (as defined by the Kirklees HWBB), in addition to those essential services provided at all 95 premises, include 92 signed up to provide the Pharmacy First service. Based on dispensing activity between April 2023 and March 2024, 93 Kirklees-based pharmacies provided at least one New Medicine Service intervention, and 62 Kirklees-based pharmacies provided at least one flu vaccination. All pharmacies with a consultation room, which are the majority, are potentially able to provide the New Medicine, and

Flu Vaccination services. Not all pharmacies are required to offer these necessary services; nearby pharmacies offering these services are regarded as providing adequate local coverage.

Projections suggest the population of Kirklees will increase by 1.99% (+8,803 people) between 2020 and 2028. Over the three-year period 2025/6 – 2027/28, there are 5,359 new housing developments allocated or planned (sites of 25 or more dwellings). It is not envisaged that the increase in population or new housing will place an excessive additional burden on existing pharmaceutical services or needs for future provision.

In conclusion this PNA has not identified any gaps in the provision of pharmaceutical services or any needs for future provision that could not be met by existing providers.

## **2. Appendix A17: Consultation responses**

### **A17.1 Introduction**

Regulations require that a draft PNA is made available for consultation for a period of at least 60 days prior to publication of the final Assessment. The draft report was publicised through the following channels:

- Kirklees Council's web site and social media account
- Healthwatch contacts
- Local media channels via a press release
- Voluntary sector contacts and electronic bulletins.

### **A17.2 Consultation process**

A short consultation survey was developed to capture views and comments. Consultation on this draft PNA commenced on 01 April 2025 and remained open until 30 May 2025. Key stakeholders consulted during this period included:

- the local pharmaceutical committee
- the local medical committee
- pharmacy and dispensing appliance contractors included in the pharmaceutical list for the area of the health and wellbeing board
- dispensing doctors included in the dispensing doctor list for the area of the health and wellbeing board, if any
- any pharmacy contractor that holds a local pharmaceutical services contract with premises that are in the health and wellbeing board's area
- Healthwatch, and any other patient, consumer, or community group in the area which the health and wellbeing board believes has an interest in the provision of pharmaceutical services
- any NHS trust or NHS foundation trust in the health and wellbeing board's area
- NHS England, and
- any neighbouring health and wellbeing board.

The above consultees were directed to Kirklees Council's website to access the document and consultation questionnaire.

All consultees were given the opportunity to respond via an online questionnaire. The questions were developed to capture views on current pharmaceutical provision, consider future potential changes, and identify if there are any current or potential future gaps in pharmaceutical services.

This section outlines the considerations and responses to the consultation. The consultation received a total of 4 responses: two from members of the public, one from a pharmacy chain, and one from the Local Authority. Note that feedback had already been incorporated into the draft PNA from members of the public and pharmacies, via surveys carried out in November-December 2024 (see Section 5.4 and Appendices A5 and A6).

### A17.3 Summary of responses

Count of Yes/No responses to questions and associated comments:

Question	Yes	No	Comments
Has the purpose of the pharmaceutical needs assessment been explained?	4	0	
Does the PNA reflect the current provision of pharmaceutical services within your area?	2	2	'No' responses were from members of public. Comments provided: Continued poor availability of drugs We don't have enough in my area and many don't have stock of items. Many don't deliver for disabled people either.
Are there any gaps in service provision i.e. when, where and which services are available that have not been identified in the PNA?			One response from member of public: Not enough local pharmacies will be supported, leading to more issues in obtaining prescriptions
Does the draft PNA reflect the needs of your area's population?	2	2	'No' responses were from members of public. Comments provided: Not enough local pharmacies will be supported, leading to more issues in obtaining prescriptions
Has the PNA provided information to inform market entry decisions i.e. decisions on applications for new pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractor premises?	2	2	'No' responses were from members of public.
Has the PNA provided information to inform how pharmaceutical services may be commissioned in the future?	2	1	'No' response was from member of public.
Has the PNA provided enough information to inform future pharmaceutical services provision and plans for pharmacies and dispensing appliance contractors?	2	1	'No' response was from member of public.
Are there any pharmaceutical services that could be provided in the community pharmacy setting in the future that have not been highlighted? If yes, what are those services?			No comments received.
Do you agree with the conclusions of the pharmaceutical needs assessment?	2	1	'No' response was from member of public.

#### **A17.4 Response to consultation feedback**

The Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledges comments received in relation to quality and availability of pharmacy services but does not consider that any further amendments to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment are required. The reasoning for this decision is described below.

Table 4 in Section 7 of the report summarises the provision of pharmaceutical services by Electoral Ward. None of the 23 Wards in Kirklees is identified as having a gap in provision of services, based on an analysis of geographical gaps in location of premises (Section 7.2), geographical gaps in the provision of services (Section 7.3), and gaps in the times at which, or days on which, services are provided (Section 7.4).

Results from local surveys (Section 5.4) show that most residents feel able to visit their pharmacy of choice when needed (including those people with a disability), with only a small proportion of respondents finding it difficult.

In relation to proximity and accessibility, distance-selling pharmacies can be accessed without the need for residents to travel. Across Kirklees, 11.6% of items were dispensed from distance-selling pharmacies between April 2023 and March 2024. For non-distance-selling pharmacies, the delivery of medicines is not an NHS service, therefore not a pharmaceutical service and not within scope for the PNA. Travel times to pharmacies with extended opening hours may be longer in some rural parts of Kirklees, but these areas are more sparsely populated, and residents here are more likely to have access to a vehicle.

Although one respondent did not feel that the PNA provided information to inform how pharmaceutical services may be commissioned in the future, the legislation and process is described in Sections 1 and 2 of the report. In addition, population projections (Section 3.2 and Appendix A8) and planned housing developments (Section 3.7) were utilised in consideration of current provision in relation to future demand.

#### **A17.5 Summary conclusions**

Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Board is pleased to note the majority of responses to the consultation were positive. Following the consultation period, the PNA was revised accordingly and submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board for final approval. The published PNA will be valid for three years from 22 September 2025 to 21 September 2028, when an updated PNA will be produced.

### 3. Appendix A18: Changes in pharmacy provision between draft and final documents

The following changes to pharmacy provision came into effect after the draft document was released for consultation and before the final document was presented for approval to the Health and Wellbeing Board (between March and July 2025).

#### A18.1 Pharmacy closures

Effective from 07 April 2025, two closely located pharmacies were consolidated onto a single site, resulting in the closure of the pharmacy at 8 Market Place, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9EL. The consolidation was onto the site at 1 Bond Street, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9EX, and was not deemed to create a gap in pharmacy provision. The closed pharmacy location is excluded from Figure 28a-c (Appendix A19).

#### A18.2 Changes to supplementary hours

Changes to supplementary hours are shown in the table below; these hours have also been amended in Table 9 in Appendix A11.

Ward	Pharmacy	Postcode	Previous hours	New hours	Effective date
Dewsbury East	Dewsbury Health Centre Pharmacy	WF13 1HN	Mon–Fri: 08:00 -19:00, Sat: 09:00 - 14:00	Mon–Fri: 08:00 - 19:00; Sat: 09:00 - 16:00	01/05/25
Dewsbury West	Westtown Pharmacy	WF13 2QQ	Mon–Fri: 09:00 - 13:00, 14:00 - 18:00	Mon–Fri: 09:00 - 18:00	01/05/25
Newsome	Park View Pharmacy	HD1 5PS	Mon–Fri: 09:00 - 13:20, 13:40 - 18:00; Sat & Sun: 10:00 - 16:00	Mon–Fri: 09:00 - 13:20, 13:40-18:00	01/07/25
Newsome	Tesco Pharmacy	HD1 1RW	Mon–Fri: 08:00 - 20:00; Sat: 08:00 -13:00, 14:00 -20:00; Sun: 10:00 - 16:00	Mon–Sat: 09:00 - 13:00,14:00-19:00; Sun: 10:00 - 16:00	27/05/25

In summary: one pharmacy is no longer open on weekends (Park View Pharmacy, Newsome Ward); one pharmacy has reduced its opening hours by three hours per day, Monday to Friday, and by two hours on Saturday (Tesco Pharmacy, Newsome Ward); and two pharmacies have increased their opening hours (Dewsbury Health Centre Pharmacy, Dewsbury East, by two hours on Saturday, and Westtown Pharmacy, Dewsbury West, by one hour per day, Monday to Friday).

#### A18.3 Consideration of changes between draft and final documents

A review of service provision by Electoral Ward (Section 6) shows that although some of the above changes represent reductions in opening hours, no gaps in service provision have been created.

The above changes are reflected in the Executive Summary, the overall Kirklees pharmacy summary (Table 3, Section 5), relevant Ward tables (Section 6), the summary of provision by Ward

(Table 4, Section 7), the community pharmacy opening hours table (Table 9, Appendix 11) and the summary of pharmacy service provision (Table 10, Appendix 12).

Maps in Appendix 19 have been amended to reflect the pharmacy consolidation described above. All other maps in this document were created from the initial data extract (prior to consultation) and have not been amended.