

**PHARMACEUTICAL NEEDS
ASSESSMENT (PNA) 2022-25, AND
COMMUNITY PHARMACY
SERVICES UPDATE**



Better for everyone

PNA 2022-25

- HWB is responsible for the publication of a PNA every 3 years, and for monitoring the impact of ongoing changes to NHS pharmaceutical services across the County.

PNA publication (www.durhaminsight.info/pna/):

- A PNA considers the views and health of our residents, the provision of NHS pharmaceutical services that can support these health needs, and whether there are any potential significant gaps in this service delivery over a 3-year period.
- Key conclusion of the PNA 2022-25 is that there are sufficient pharmaceutical services across County Durham, and that widespread provision of ‘advanced’ NHS pharmacy services should be encouraged.

PNA 2022-25

Ongoing changes to NHS pharmaceutical services:

Pharmacies

- Difficult time for the high street (<https://pharmaceutical-journal.com/article/feature/supermarket-pharmacy-closures-a-watershed-moment>).
- There are still sufficient NHS pharmaceutical services across County Durham.

Advanced NHS pharmacy services: When PNA was published October 2022:

- Established services: New Medicine Service, Flu Vaccination Service
- New services were coming up: Blood Pressure Check Service, Smoking Cessation Service (<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/promotional-materials-for-community-pharmacy-services/>)
- Now we also have: Contraception Service, Pharmacy First Service (in addition to ICB commissioned service - <https://northeastnorthcumbria.nhs.uk/here-to-help/common-conditions/>)

Community Pharmacy Services

- Dispensing Medications
- Counselling and Advice (free)
- Vaccinations: flu, covid
- Blood pressure checks
- Minor ailments
- Emergency contraception
- Supervised consumption
- Community Pharmacy Consultation Service referrals from GP
- Stop smoking advice
- Emergency supply of medication
- Returned waste medication
- Inhaler recycling
- Deliver medication (often free)
- New Medicine service
- Discharge Medicine Service
- Alcohol Intervention
- Urine Infection Service
- Compliance aids (free)
- Patient queries and problems (fee)
- Patient Group Directions for anti-biotics (coming soon)
- Independent prescribing (coming soon)
- Pharmacy Services North East Ltd

Exciting recent developments

- National Think Pharmacy First Service
- National Services relaunch
 - Hypertension case finding service
 - Pharmacy Contraception service

A Vision for Community Pharmacy – video clip

- Community Pharmacy England animation
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaGteNR0Ma4>