



Northumberland County Council

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Dear Colleague

Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) Consultation

As you may be aware, each Health and Wellbeing Board has a statutory duty to review and update its pharmaceutical needs assessment at least every three years. Northumberland County Council will therefore publish a new PNA in September 2022 in line with current regulations.

The purpose of the PNA is to identify health needs which could be met by services commissioned from community pharmacies, and to match these against the services currently provided, identifying any gaps. NHS England will use the PNA to determine whether applications for additional NHS pharmacy contracts would fill these gaps.

This letter is to inform you that the draft PNA for Northumberland has been published on the council website and can be viewed at [Northumberland County Council - Public health](#) in the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment section.

The consultation period will run from Monday 16th May 2022 until Monday 18th July 2022. If you would like to respond to the consultation, please complete our survey at [Northumberland PNA Consultation - Have Your Say Northumberland - Citizen Space](#)

or by post to:

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It would be helpful if you considered gaps in service as outlined in the consultation questions on the next page.

Yours sincerely

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Consultation Qs

- Are there any factual inaccuracies or omissions in the draft PNA?
- Do you think the purpose of the PNA has been explained?
- Do you think that the draft PNA accurately describes the range of pharmaceutical services available in Northumberland?
- Does the draft PNA adequately reflect local pharmaceutical needs?
- Are you aware of any pharmaceutical services provided in Northumberland that are not currently included in the PNA?
- Is there any other information which you feel should be included in the PNA?
- How could the process be improved for future iterations of the PNA?
- Is there a need for additional pharmacy services which the HWB has not identified in the PNA?
- Does the PNA adequately reflect the need for community pharmacies to support extended GP hours?
- Are you aware of any future plans which would impact on the need for community pharmacy services
- What do you see as the three priorities for future commissioning of services through community pharmacies?

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