

Rotherham Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment – Supplementary update

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Context

- A full PNA was conducted in 2022.
- As agreed at Health and Wellbeing Board (H&WbB), RMBC agreed to hold a steering group annually to review any emerging needs or changes to provision and make recommendation to H&WbB (this occurred 05/10/2023).
- NHSE/I will continue to send notification of closures to RMBC public health team.
- The steering group and associated notifications deemed that this supplementary update was required to notify Health and Wellbeing Board of pharmacy changes and highlighted changes that require a supplementary update.
- This update has been done with reference to the 2022 update where pharmaceutical services were deemed sufficient.

Provision of services



As of January 2023, there were 64 Pharmacies including seven distance selling pharmacies in Rotherham.

As of November 2023, there were 61 Pharmacies in Rotherham.

01/01/2023					16/10/2023				
40-hour	100-hour	DSP	DAC	Total	40-hour	100-hour	DSP	DAC	Total
51	5	7	1	64	50	4	6	1	61

Time period	Population*	Total Community pharmacies	Community pharmacies per 100,000 population
January 2023	265,807	64	24.1
November 2023	265,807	61	22.9

There were an average of 21.3 community pharmacies per 100,000 people in the UK as of 2017. This figure has been used as a benchmark.

Despite the closures of the three pharmacies, the included population in a 15-minute walk of a pharmacy, as of November 2023, remains at 85.9%.

Reduced hours

- Three permanent closures (Rotherham Direct Pharmacy, Maltby Pharmacy, and Superdrug Pharmacy);
- Reductions to the core opening hours of four 100-hour pharmacies;
- Reductions to the supplementary opening hours of five 40-hour pharmacies (Pickfords Pharmacy, Well, North Anston Pharmacy, Superdrug Pharmacy (now closed), and Weldricks Pharmacy).

Total opening hours per week (01/01/2023)	Total opening hours per week (16/10/2023)	Reduction in opening hours per week
3291.41	3010.16	281.25

Opening hours

- There are currently four 100-hour pharmacies in Rotherham
- All four 100-hour pharmacies have reduced their opening hours following a valid application to the ICB and
- One 100-hour pharmacy has closed since 01/01/2023 (Maltby Pharmacy (FAA29), 8 Blyth Road, Maltby, Rotherham, S66 8JD closed on 17/09/2023).

100-hour reduction application received with criteria met	100-hour pharmacies that have not applied to reduce core hours	Number of 100-hour pharmacies that have closed since 01/01/2023
4	0	1

Opening times

Opening times	01/01/2023	06/11/2023	Narrative
Later than 21:00 Monday to Friday	5	0	There are now no pharmacies open later than 21:00 Monday-Friday in Rotherham
Later than 21:00 on Saturday	5	0	There are now no pharmacies open later than 21:00 Saturday in Rotherham
Open on a Sunday	9	8	There is a reduction of one pharmacy open on a Sunday.

The role of pharmacies in meeting the health needs of people in Rotherham for Public Health commissioned services – substance use

As of December 2023, there were 60 pharmacy contracts with 'We Are With You':

- 49 of which dispense methadone
- 39 of which provided supervised consumption in the month
- 11 offering needle exchange (a reduction of 1)

For supervised consumption, the total from April 2022 to February 2023 were 1,971.

For May 2023-December 2023, there were 1,582 supervised consumptions. This is in line with the previous year's figures therefore does not indicate a reduction of provision.

The role of pharmacies in meeting the health needs of people in Rotherham for Public Health commissioned services – Sexual health (EHC)

- There were 29 pharmacies signed up to provide free EHC in Rotherham at the time of the PNA, however as of January 2023, this decreased to 28 pharmacies.
- Since then, this has reduced sharply to 15 pharmacies.
- Limited information is available to the sexual health commissioned service as to why 'Well' and 'Weldricks' have not signed up however, it has been noted this may be impacted by resource issues in pharmacies.

Next steps and recommendation

Further work is being explored around access to pharmacies for supervised consumption and needle exchange, and EHC.

Notification of future pharmacy changes will be reviewed by the pharmaceutical needs assessment steering group, chaired by the Public Health Intelligence Principal, and will be notified to the Health and Wellbeing Board as appropriate.

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board note the reduction in out-of-hours pharmacy opening hours, and the reduction in pharmacies providing free emergency hormonal contraception.

